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Subject: "Key Findings report on Parks and Recreation" Item 13.4 on the agenda - Pickleball Courts

I am writing to express my disappointment with one of the key findings reports put forwarded by Parks and Recreation to plan for more pickleball court facilities only after 10 years later.

My name is Ron Li and I live at Kew Gardens in Richmond Hill, very close to Kings College Park with 2 outdoors pickleball courts. I have been playing pickleball at the Park since 2 pickleball courts were built. I like playing pickleball. However, pickleball has become VERY popular and the courts usage is so demanding that I have to wait in long queue for my turn to play. With my heavy property tax I pay to the City, Parks and Recreation tells me to tolerate and wait for another 10 years to resolve this pickleball high demand problem.

I have retired and found playing pickleball not intrusive to my knees. I need the City to plan for demographic aging population to facilitate residences to do more physical exercises outdoors in the summer and indoors in the winter. 10 years later, I may be on a wheelchair, if not enough pickleball facilities are provided to keep myself in good shape.

I also play tennis and is a member of Blackmore Tennis Club. However, I can barely book a tennis court to play in winter. Blackmore has declined new members registration due to high demand.

I see Markham going to build a large pickleball facility in Cornell in 2022. Markham has Angus Glenn Indoors Tennis and PanAm Centre. Richmond Hill has nothing. Richmond Green is hardly suitable for tennis nor pickleball. Why is Richmond Hill so far behind from Markham's sports facilities planning?

I'd like the City to reconsider Parks and Recreation recommendations and address the residences' needs for more and sooner pickleball facilities. Not until 2031 PLEASE.