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Subject: Pickle ball Courts Needed Immediately in Richmond Hill

To Whom It May Concern:

The time is now to bring dedicated pickle ball courts to Richmond Hill, not 2031. as indicated in the Key Findings for Parks and Recreations Item 13.4 in the Agenda for February 23, 2022.

After joining the Global Pickleball network in July of 2021 and playing at Town Park last summer, with painted lines added to 3 existing tennis courts, I see a need for proper, dedicated courts to be established in Richmond Hill as soon as possible.

The King's Court location is an excellent example of the potential quality and type of location needed. It is difficult to get space there in the spring and summer as well, that only serves 8 players at a time.

I have spent the last fall and winter trying to sign up for drop in space at Rouge Woods community center. It is competitive and difficult to get 1 spot out of the 16 made available for a session. Therefore, I have resorted to going out of area, as a non-resident to find space to play elsewhere, namely in private spaces in Vaughan and Markham.

As I make plans to play this Spring and Summer, I am considered joining the Markham Pickleball organization as they have build 8 outdoor courts for Pickleball because the space is not available in Richmond Hill.

There are so many locations outside of Richmond Hill that have the space, clinics and tournaments that will serve the need of many and lead to drawing residents away from our area to play.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and invite you to join our network and get playing now.

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