

**From:** Marina Piao

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 11:03 AM

**To:** Clerks Richmondhill <clerks@richmondhill.ca>

**Subject:** Council Meeting Item 13.4 -more pickleball courts needed in Richmond Hill

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the “Key Findings Report on Parks and Recreation” Item 13.4 on the agenda. My name is Xiaoying Piao, living at 253 Selwyn Road, Richmond Hill, ON, L4E 0P6.

I learned to play pickleball last summer, and have been playing since then. It is the fastest growing sport in North America. I loved it right away and have been playing at least twice a week. Though it is a fun sport, it is so hard to find a court in Richmond Hill. There are only two outdoor courts in Richmond Hill, and these two are shared with tennis players. There are no dedicated pickleball courts in Richmond Hill, unlike Aurora and other cities. We had to buy and use markers to play on the tennis courts.

Other cities not only have more courts, they are also building new ones. For example, our neighbor Markham is building an eight court outdoor facility on top of an existing nine court facility at Cornell.

I love living in Richmond Hill. It would be great to see more pickleball courts built in our city so that I don't need to drive a long way to Aurora or Markham to enjoy the sport.

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<https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/popularity-of-pickleball-surges-in-ottawa-1.5444269>

<https://www.thestar.com/local-newmarket/opinion/columnists/2021/02/19/cuddy-shark-cold-blooded-newmarket-pickleball-crowd-keeps-swinging-despite-winter-s-fury.html>

12 new court in Hamilton - <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/headlines/what-is-pickleball-and-why-hamilton-needs-12-new-pickleball-courts-1.3718538>

Thank you for your consideration.

Xiaoying Piao