

From: A Tey
Sent: Saturday, March 5, 2022 12:54 PM
To: Clerks Richmondhill <clerks@richmondhill.ca>
Subject: Support for more outdoor pickleball courts in Richmond Hill, Ontario

Dear sir/madam,

I understand there will be a motion to discuss the installation of more pickleball courts in Richmond Hill on March 9th, 2022 at council meeting.

14.2

[Member Motion - Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli - Pickleball Courts in Richmond Hill](#)

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli

- Whereas the game of pickleball was developed so that all members of a family could participate; and

Whereas pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in North America; and

Whereas Richmond Hill has pickleball courts available at King's College Park, for public use on a first-come, first-served basis and two courts at Town Park; and

Whereas other municipalities such as Markham has 9 courts and 8 more scheduled for this year;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That staff be authorized to take all steps necessary to install 20 pickleball courts by the end of the year,

And that staff report back with progress at the next Council meeting on March 23, 2022.

I am a long time resident of Richmond Hill and my name is Andy Tey, address 48 Penwick Crescent, Richmond Hill Ontario L4C 5B4, email address

I have been playing pickle ball at least 2 to 4 times a week since starting to play about 5 years ago being introduced to it at the community centres here in Richmond Hill and is now totally dedicated to this game having previously been a competitive tennis and badminton player and to keep fit.

As I am now over 60 years old with joint issues, it is no longer feasible to play much tennis or other outdoor racket games as is common with residents my age group.

Pickle ball fortunately is amenable to be played by residents of my age group and it definitely is the fastest growing game here in Richmond Hill and in fact in North America and has caught on with all age group as it is a simple game to pick up without too much out lay in terms of equipments, facilities, cost etc and not even mentioning the social aspects of the game.

Moreover we can usually fit at least 4 pickleball courts into a plot reserved for two tennis courts.

As I am not able to do a in person presentation, I send this email to support this motion and to ask council to seriously consider building more outdoor pickleball courts here in Richmond Hill and especially when the Covid pandemic has not or likely will not completely go away, needing residents to spend more time outdoors.

I understand neighbouring communities like Markham and NewMarket/Aurora have already put up more outdoor pickleball courts in the coming year.

Thank You

Sincerely,

Andy Tey