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Subject: Member motion Pickleball Courts item 14.2 on the agenda. Council Meeting
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2) Been Playing Pickleball for 4 years both indoor and outdoor when courts are available. Unfortunately very few courts in Richmond Hill therefore it is very difficult to play regularly. (only 2 outdoor courts in RH), and this is said to be the fastest growing sport in North America, a wonderful opportunity to connect socially. Pickleball encourages active community, courts are full the whole day, appeals to older demographic but gaining appeal with younger, Markham has a nine court facility at Cornell and is building an eight court outdoor facility etc

3) Some articles that may be of interest.:-

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/article-move-over-tennis-players-pickleball-people-are-taking-over-the-courts/>

<https://montrealgazette.com/health/diet-fitness/fitness-canadians-cant-get-enough-of-pickleball#:~:text=Today%2C%20pickleball%20has%20been%20dubbed,Canadians%20playing%20pickleball%20at%20350%2C000.>

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

<https://www.thespec.com/opinion/contributors/2021/12/13/clearing-the-air-on-pickleball-in-hamilton.html>

<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>

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