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**Subject:** Member motion Pickleball Courts item 14.2 on the agenda

To the personnel at Richmond Hill's clerk office,

Hello, my name is Brian Donghui Rim. I reside in Benjamin Hood Crescent in Concord, Ontario.

I am writing to speak on the item 14.2 on the agenda - member motion Pickleball Courts.

I've been playing pickleball for about 5 years - I teach professionally at Donalda club and compete internationally in the United States.

Last summer during the pandemic, we had only two dedicated courts available in Richmond Hill at King's College park. The wait time to use the courts was 1 hour after a 15 minute game. There were more than 50 players waiting lined up around the courts.

It is a cheap, low access to entry, social, and intergenerational sport that everyone can enjoy. No matter the skill or age level. I have made life long connections through pickleball and I plan to incorporate pickleball as a part of a physical, social, and emotional self care of my future life.

I will be travelling to Las Vegas and Naples this year to compete - plus many more. If we were to build more courts - we could easily host Canadian Nationals and make Richmond Hill a spotlight for tourists as well.

Here are more articles for you to read - I'm sure many people will forward this information to you.

<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>

Let me know if you have any comments or questions,

Sincerely,

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**Brian Donghui Rim, RMT**