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Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 12:26 AM
To: Clerks Richmondhill <clerks@richmondhill.ca>
Subject: Re: Council Item 14.2 (Pickleball Courts)

To whom it may concern,

This e-mail is being sent in conjunction with the Member motion Pickleball Courts Item 14.2 on this Wednesday's agenda of the councillors.

My name is Danny Pivnick and I live at 259 Ellerslie Avenue in North York.

I began to play Pickleball during the pandemic back in the summer of 2020. I've come to really love the sport and have been playing wherever I am able to find courts in the GTA. I have introduced others to the game as well, and have begun to teach people also. It is a great sport and one that can be picked up easily by many people. It is an extremely popular sport these days, especially those in the 50+ age group. There are NO dedicated Pickleball Courts in Toronto, and only very few outside the city. There are some options to play indoors in community centers but they are often very crowded, and in general the facilities are not great (and lines/courts are shared by other users). There are a very large number of tennis courts/clubs in the GTA, but as stated virtually no Pickleball courts/clubs. The sport of Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in North America, and its popularity is only going to get bigger given its low barrier of entry (racquets are not expensive) as well as its appeal to a slightly older demographic. In conclusion, I sincerely hope that you will seriously consider the construction of some more Pickleball courts in Richmond Hill. It will be of great benefit to the community.

Thanks very much and regards,

Danny Pivnick