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Subject: Pickleball Courts - Item 14.2 on the Agenda

My name is Ron Li and I live at 25 Kew Gardens, Richmond Hill. I am writing to follow up my earlier email asking the City to reconsider the immediate need to provide more pickleball court facilities in Richmond Hill. I want to share the following points to support your final go-ahead decision.

1) Richmond Hill built 2 designated pickleball courts at King College Park 2 years ago, being the first York Region city to pioneer constructing designated outdoor pickleball courts. These courts have demonstrated popularity by the residences as the courts are always busy and we have to wait in long queue for our turn to play. What is the City not taking the pioneering momentum to build more pickleball courts in the immediate recreation plan but defer to a 10 years Parks and Recreation plan? We need more pickleball courts NOW, not in 10 years.

2) Pickleball is enjoyed by a wide range of ages. Young kids at 12 years old and elderly at 75 years old can play pickleball with great fun. I don't recall the City planning to offer any recreational facilities targeted for elderly. Googling at Florida has found out lots of pickleball court facilitates for the snowbirds. Should the City re-prioritize the recreational plans to DO something for the young and elderly to engage in more enjoyable physical exercises?

3) Usage of pickleball courts can be extended to longer hours with overhead lights. Similar to tennis, overhead lights will provide more play time at night for those who work during the day.

Please bring up my needs to this week Council meeting. Thank you.