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**To:** Clerks Richmondhill <clerks@richmondhill.ca>  
**Subject:** Pickleball Courts - Item 14.2 on the Agenda

Good morning,

Writing this email today in support of the motion calling for the city to build a 20 court pickleball facility (<https://pub-richmondhill.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=3915ef93-0cb5-442b-b241-66b58081b0c2&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English>). I have been a resident of Richmond Hill since 1990 residing in both the Doncrest (parents) and Langstaff areas (own home). Born and raised a tennis player, picked-up pickleball as it is a phenomenal social activity and something very easy to learn. For the last two summers, I have been an avid pickleball player showing up multiple times a week to Kings College Park. The pickleball community (atleast at KCP) is second to none. 99.9% of my experiences with the people there have been fantastic, and they are always welcome to new players. The only issue.. there are only two courts in Richmond Hill, and on weekends there can be upwards of 30-40 people there at any given time. As the sport continues to grow across North America, hoping the city would consider an additional outdoor facility so that residents don't have to go to Markham to play.

Here are some articles that show the growth and popularity of pickleball

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

<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>

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

If there are any questions/comments that you have, please reply to this email and I will respond at my earliest convenience.

Regards,

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