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Hello,

My name is Catherine Pawlick-Grimes residing at 30 Geranium Court, Richmond Hill. I am speaking to the member motion pickleball courts item 14.2 on the agenda.

Pickleball is the fastest growing and most popular sport in North America. I have been playing pickleball since October 2019 and enjoy the sport as it encourages physical activity, the opportunity to meet new members of our community and is a sport for the 55 plus group to engage in safely but also appeals to people of all age groups.

I joined the The Richmond Hill Pickleball Club in July of 2021 and in a few months, membership grew exponentially. Our members continued to play outside late into the fall, sweeping off the leaves and light snow off the Town Park courts for their love of the game. It has been a challenge to play in peak times due to the fact that there are only two outdoor courts and limited indoor courts to accommodate the growing number of members in the Richmond Hill Pickleball Club and the public interest. Unfortunately, I was forced to play in Markham, Aurora or Newmarket over the last while as there were not enough courts to facilitate the number of people who wished to play.

We must build outdoor pickleball courts to be able to have more members and the public come out and play. Being part of a community is important and provides us with a wonderful experience. EVERYONE who wants to play pickleball should have a court to play on at the level they are comfortable with. Our city is growing in leaps and bounds and building additional courts is a necessity.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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