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Subject: Community Pickleball Facility" Item 13.13 on the July 6, 2022, Council Agenda

Importance: High

Please accept this note as support for the DDO Community Pickle ball Facility that has been proposed. Please expedite the build to complete in 2023 or 2024 - we need for dedicated pickleball courts today, not four years from now

- In October 2022, a new council will be elected, and we support this council's effort to advance the project and not defer it to the following council term.
- we need the ability to expand the facility - if you build it, they will come! In a few years time, we will need another 15 courts. That is the experience of Hamilton, Kingston, Barrie, Windsor, Tecumseh, Ontario.
- we need indoor courts for winter play (bubble)
- the parks and cash-in-lieu funds have seen a surge in funding (they have the money)
- Pickle Ball has shown incredible growth - a Multi-generational game (spouses, kids, and parents) played by all - we need a lot more courts.

Your efforts to expedite this proposal will go a long way to ensuring there are sufficient opportunities for activity, socialization, and fee generation for residents of Richmond Hill of all ages, but particularly active seniors. In addition it will be another way to showcase the DDO asset.

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