

From: Karen Ashton
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2023 9:37 PM
To: Karen Ashton
Subject: Support for DDOP Pickleball Hub

Good Evening,

This email shows my support for the building of the pickleball hub at the Dunlop Observatory Site. I am confused as to why the site development plan is being considered for re-evaluation. This project was passed in 2022 and should proceed. On Wednesday, July 12, at the Town Meeting, (agenda Item 15.2.3 - Community Pickleball Hub Planning) support the building of the hub.

Pickleball is a quickly growing sport. In the City of Richmond Hill, it is often very difficult to find local courts to play on. Even when my husband and I wake up to register to play in the City of Richmond Hill, if we don't get it done by 7:05 a.m. on Monday mornings, all the spots for the following week are full, especially during prime time. People who work from 9:00 - 5:00 need more places to play. New facilities in our own city are needed. I am tired of driving to other municipalities in order to play pickleball. In particular, this sport is important for our aging population. There are many of us who can not longer play sports like volleyball or tennis, due to issues with joints and mobility. Pickleball is the perfect sport to help older individuals stay active and healthy.

Please make sure that this letter of support is documented for the meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 - Agenda Item 15.2.3 - Community Pickleball Hub Planning.

Regards,
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