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Subject: Community Pickleball Hub Planning (agenda item 15.2.3) Wednesday July 12 @10 am City Hall

Please file on record my statement as a citizen of the town of Richmond Hill in support of the building of new pickleball courts at David Dunlap Observatory Park

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RE: Community Pickleball Hub Planning (agenda item 15.2.3) Wednesday July 12 @10 am
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City Council members

I have lived in Richmond Hill for over 20 years and had never participated in any programs, organizations, clubs, or events ...that is until I found Pickle Ball in Richmond Hill. I love Richmond Hill...its a great place to live, but I never felt like I had anything in common with my community. Then, last March, a friend invited me to play pickle ball for the first time. I was hooked on the game for sure ...but more importantly I met my people! Pickle Ball brought together so many of us from all corners of the city. Young, old, couples, singles...really everyone can participate at any time. That is the beauty of the game...it provides a platform for meeting people, creating friendships and keeping fit ! Unfortunately, the lack of available spaces to play poses a huge challenge, even more so in the summer months. Richmond Hill is a beautiful city! Let's provide the spaces for Pickle ball to grow out in the community, especially in southern Richmond Hill. We need the city to provide the facilities to support the demand and the ever expanding player base. Pickle Ball courts at The David Dunlap Observatory Park would repurpose an underused area into a dynamic outdoor space for fitness, and community integration on so many levels. It's the perfect opportunity for the city to make a mark on community engagement!

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