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**Subject:** Save DDOPs 16 Pickleball Courts

Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councilor,

I am writing this email on behalf of my whole family to request the Richmond Hill Government to keep the DDOPs 16 Pickleball Courts plan active and make it come true to our lives.

We are residents of Richmond Hill since the year 2006. We started pickleball activity in the year 2021 and two of us in the year 2022. Only for about two to three years, we have seen this sport growing so fast and popular. Now all our family members four are playing pickleball, including two parents, my son 26 years old, and my daughter 19 years old. But it is very hard for us to get the outdoor pickleball courts to play. Now we are having lots of neighbors and friends in Richmond Hill playing this sport and hard for us to get courts to play, the KCP is always very busy.

In the past four years, we traveled to New Market, Aurora, Markham, and Thornlea for playing pickleball in their outdoor courts. Pickleball is a good sport that can play by parents and kids and even can play by three generations. Easy to learn, lots of fun by progressing step by step, and less injury compared with tennis and badminton. That is why this sport become so popular in North America in the past couple of years.

In Richmond Hill, we only have two dedicated pickleball courts in King College Park (KCP), with no lights. Other courts are temporarily popping up on the poor ground with no lights and no shelters. Two or three tennis courts with pickleball lines are in poor play conditions and create conflicts with tennis players. We want dedicated pickleball courts, similar to the Markham Cornell Park pickleball courts. And we believe the Richmond Hill government can build it!

Richmond Hill is a city in the central and northern area of North York, our outdoor pickleball courts are so important for getting the York Region pickleball players together to host pickleball events and can boost our local economy. Also, it will become a good pickleball hub for new generations to learn and play pickleball in Richmond Hill! We must keep our DDOPs 16 Pickleball Courts plan active! This is our dream, our more than one thousand pickleball player's dream in Richmond Hill!

We are requesting you keep the DDOPs plan alive and hope to see it coming to our life in the year 2025!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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