

Court Sports Strategy

Outdoor Tennis and Pickleball Review



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Court Sports Strategy sets the strategic direction for the delivery of services and facilities for outdoor tennis and pickleball over the next 10 years.

The aim of the strategy is to support the Town of Halton Hills in forecasting the ongoing maintenance of existing tennis and pickleball outdoor courts and planning for additional facilities, while ensuring resources are directed towards projects that have the greatest impact.

With supporting information from community research, the following standards and principles have been established and applied in the development of the Court Sports Strategy:

- Shared use of courts has been a good opportunity to provide pickleball play and to optimize existing court facilities. Shared use means that the courts are lined for both sports and portable pickleball nets are used, while permanent tennis nets remain. The challenges with demand for court time and the use of portable pickleball nets is not seen as a long-term option and dedicated courts lined for each sport with permanent nets is the recommended solution.
- Defining the court type as Neighbourhood or Community Club will support the needs of each sport and the expectations of the community.

- Neighbourhood courts are intended for recreational and drop in use and should have dedicated space with permanent nets for each sport.
- Community Club courts are suitable at larger, destination-style parks and have dedicated court facilities for organized club play with some recreational opportunities.



- Standards are established for municipalities to help determine acceptable service levels in the provision of facilities such as parks, sports fields, and courts. The strategy confirms a 1 court per 5,000 population for tennis and pickleball. In addition, the strategy confirms a secondary court standard based on total membership for Community Clubs and set as; 2 courts per 100 members, 4

courts per 200 members and 6 courts per 300 members. Participation rates, comparators, and trends may impact the provisional standards differently than simply population growth. Review and adjustment will be made based on analysis of all.

- Courts will operate based on three models for play. Courts will be made publicly accessible for all residents, permitted play will be encouraged for scheduled use of courts for league play and community club agreements will be available for groups exceeding 100 members.
- The need for tracking and monitoring of indoor participation has been identified and should be incorporated in future studies and development of facilities (e.g., Gellert Phase 2, Community Use of Schools)

Summarized below are the recommended actions for implementation in the short, medium, and long term to guide future capital budgets and forecast:

Short Term Actions (2021-2023)

- Continue to plan for the ongoing repair and replacement of outdoor courts
 - Resurface Prospect Park Neighbourhood Courts.
 - Replace Emmerson Park Court fencing and resurface.
- In the interim and until a “new” Community Club for pickleball can be built, Emmerson will be used as a temporary Pickleball Community Club. This will include the removal of one tennis court and installation of 2 permanent pickleball nets.
- Renew the partnership agreement with the Halton Hills Tennis Club that encompasses community recreational tennis, club activities and utilities.
- Create an agreement for Halton Hills Pickleball Association to use Emmerson Park Courts until such time as “new” Community Club Courts are available.
- Create a sport equipment and net lending program for pickleball and tennis equipment.
- Expand the Gellert Community Park courts by adding a neighbourhood level court (1 tennis 2 pickleball) to accommodate level of use.
- Determine location and design with stakeholders and community input on an 8 court Pickleball Community Club at Trafalgar Sports Park. (Construction in 2026)

Medium Term Actions (2024-2026)

- Work with Community User Groups on a potential fundraising campaign for the new Pickleball Community Club Courts.
- Explore Public/Private Partnerships for additional opportunities to provide Community Club Facilities
- Build and construct an 8 court pickleball Community Club at Trafalgar Sports Park (Phase 6b).

- Convert Emmerson Park to Neighbourhood Court (1 tennis, 2 pickleball)
- Convert Joseph Gibbons Park Courts to a Neighbourhood Court facility (1 tennis, 2 pickleball)

Long Term Actions (2027-2031)

- Convert Prospect Park shared court to dedicated tennis (2) and pickleball (2).
- Add Neighbourhood Courts (tennis/pickleball) within the Vision Georgetown catchment area.
- Consider complementing existing park facilities with associated servicing and infrastructure such as washrooms, water fountains, benches, and lights to existing courts.
- Construct a new Community Club Tennis Court at Vision Georgetown Community Park (4 courts).

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INTRODUCTION

The Recreation and Parks Strategic Action Plan adopted in 2020 identified actions aimed at increasing the ability of residents to live active and healthy lifestyles while being connected as a community through the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks system. Key action items identified in the plan include:

- Providing basic recreation opportunities for all;
- Responding to evolving recreation interests; and
- Supporting the use of new and existing facilities.



The Recreation and Parks Strategic Action Plan provides the Recreation and Parks Department direction for delivery of services, development of partnerships and identification of priorities that benefit the community. Through the consultation process for development of the strategic plan, community advocacy for additional pickleball amenities due to the emergence of the sport was recognized. As a result of this consultation and feedback, a review of outdoor tennis and pickleball was initiated throughout 2021 to ensure a clear understanding of demand, best practices, and the needs of user groups. The focus on outdoor play for this review is because of the current level of outdoor participation, existing amenity availability and increased participation being experienced by both the sports. It is acknowledged that a further review of indoor play is required to confirm indoor facility availability, opportunities for expansion and incorporation of indoor play in the development of facilities.

The outdoor tennis and pickleball review process included an online community survey to gather feedback from the general public and discussions with representatives from the Halton Hills Tennis Club, Halton Hills Pickleball Association, Halton Hills Pickleball Club, Easy Riders Pickleball group and the Georgetown Racquet Club. These consultations were focused on assessment of participation rates, current challenges, consideration of potential opportunities, building capacity for league/club play and planning for future demands to tennis and pickleball. Additionally, research included understanding trends and best practices from national, provincial, and municipal sources as well as a variety of inputs from Town staff.

As a result of the outdoor tennis and pickleball review, the Court Sports Strategy has been developed to support the Town and partners in ensuring a suitable mix of opportunities, planning for growth, justifying needs, identifying priorities for the

revitalization of existing infrastructure and development of new courts to meet the needs of the entire community.

REVIEW PROCESS



SURVEY RESULTS AND FEEDBACK

The initial community feedback was solicited through the Town's online engagement platform 'Let's Talk Halton Hills' for a total of 4 weeks in March 2021 and had a total of 327 respondents.

The results of the community survey can be found on the Let's Talk forum.

HOW PARTICIPANTS PLAY?

Of the respondents, 176 respondents played pickleball and 178 played tennis. There were also respondents that noted participating in both sports.

Many of the respondents stated they mostly played with friends. 62% of respondents would consider themselves intermediate level players of their sport. 26% consider themselves an advanced player and highly competitive. The remaining respondents noted that they are beginners or just trying out tennis and pickleball.

In terms of participating in an official club or league, 71% of respondents were affiliated with a local club or league (49% Pickleball and 33% Tennis). Respondents of the survey noted their membership as follows:

- 129 members of the Halton Hills Pickleball Association
- 115 members of the Halton Hills Tennis Club
- 45 members of the Halton Hills Pickleball Club
- 45 members of the Georgetown Racquet Club
- 18 members of unknown clubs or leagues



90% of respondents would like to join or enjoy being a part of a league or club. Those that responded that they were not interested in joining an official league or club cited reasons being:

- prefer public/general use
- the level of competition is too high and intimidating
- too time consuming

WHERE AND WHEN IS PLAY?

A cross between league play and general recreation use occurs across all days of the week. 37% of respondents play in the evening with the remaining respondents equally preferring to play in the morning or having no set time preference. Only a small percentage play in the afternoon. This could vary based on the weather and warmer temperatures.

46% of the participants play 2-3 times per week followed by 27% who played 4-5 times per week. In terms of facility usage, respondents noted that their play is spread out across all days of the week.

71% of participants use neighbourhood park locations (Emmerson, Joseph Gibbons and Prospect Park) either as their main site for general use or in addition to their club play. Joseph Gibbons Park and Emmerson Park Courts are used mostly for general recreation play.

In addition to the community survey, Town staff observed courts during various times of the day. The purpose was to understand how courts are being utilized for play. Participation was noted in both drop in and casual pickleball and tennis play.

SHARED OR DEDICATED USE OF FACILITIES

Of the feedback observed in the survey, many respondents enjoyed the courts for general recreational use, however it was noted specific pickleball or tennis club use should take place on dedicated separate amenities. 212 comments stated the desire for dedicated pickleball courts with permanent nets.

Respondents said that Gellert Community Park Tennis Courts were fully utilized by tennis participants noting “It is difficult to get public ‘drop in’ playing time at this facility”. Respondents stated that additional tennis courts should be considered in the future.

Although beyond the scope of this strategy, respondents commented that indoor facilities should also be considered in the future as it would allow for both tennis and pickleball to be played year-round.



FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Additional feedback through the survey identified the need for washroom facilities. Respondents noted that this is an important feature to add where desired clubs/leagues play.

In terms of signage, the rules posted were easy to follow for public play. Several respondents requested to change the length of public games from 30 minutes to 45 minutes. It was suggested that this would allow for the public to play a full game before another player comes on the court to play their game.

Although utilized on each day of the week, respondents added that Emmerson Park and Joseph Gibbons Park Courts should be updated with a renewed playing surface and fencing. Note: subsequent to the survey Emmerson Park Courts were resurfaced in July 2021 as part of the 2021 approved capital budget.



It was mentioned that the courts at Emmerson and Joseph Gibbons were also used for ball hockey and lacrosse. Although these sports are provided for on outdoor courts in some communities, it is identified as outside the scope of this review.

LENDING NET AND SPORT EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

Tennis facilities have permanent nets. Currently, to play pickleball at outdoor facilities in Halton Hills, participants require portable nets, apart from Prospect Park where there are 2 permanent pickleball nets. Since almost no households have pickleball nets, the Town of Halton Hills is considering a lending program for pickleball nets, balls, and paddles. For tennis, the Town of Halton Hills would lend out tennis racquets and balls. It was identified in the community survey that members of the public would be interested in borrowing equipment to try tennis or pickleball. The lending of this equipment would remove barriers for participants looking to try out either sport.

COMMUNITY RESEARCH & CONTEXT

TENNIS

Tennis Canada suggests one in four Canadians play tennis and reports experiencing a resurgence in recent years. This is in part to the growing amount of baby boomers, governing bodies and community tennis clubs promoting the sport at the fundamental skill level for children and youth and the popularity and success of Canadian tennis professionals.

The Halton Hills Tennis Club has been in operation for 51 years (since 1970) and has a mission to “encourage and coordinate the development of tennis throughout Halton Hills



by providing the organizational structure, volunteers and instructors to manage a variety of tennis programs and leagues, and by working closely with the Town of Halton Hills Recreation & Parks Department”. The Halton Hills Tennis Club originated as the Georgetown Tennis Club before renaming as the Gordon Alcott Tennis Club in 1979 and in 2012 becoming incorporated as the Halton Hills Tennis Club.

In 1979, the Tennis Club was located at 4 courts behind the Mold Masters Sportsplex. The club executive and volunteers raised funds and purchased a small pre-fab club house that was installed overlooking the four courts to provide washrooms and a meeting place. In 2011, construction of the 6 courts at the Gellert Community Park began with completion in early 2012. These courts replaced the 4 courts Halton Hills Tennis Club was operating on, that were removed during the expansion of Mold Masters Sportsplex. As part of the construction at Gellert Community Park, the club had the original club house relocated to Gellert.

The Town of Halton Hills has maintained various agreements with the Halton Hills Tennis Club throughout its existence. The last renewal took place in 2015 and will expire in November of 2021. The current agreement outlines the Club’s permitted use for the courts, fee for use, utilities charges, insurance requirements, the responsibilities of the Club, other restrictions of use (including general public and school board access), maintenance requirements, and any other terms deemed necessary by the Town for the operation and management of the courts and associated premises.

Also outlined in the agreement between the Town of Halton Hills and Halton Hills Tennis Club, is the requirement to ensure community recreational tennis programming in addition to club play. In 2012, the Town divested themselves of recreational tennis programming as Halton Hills Tennis Club was fully able to provide this service as the subject matter expert and it served as an additional revenue source for the club. Community recreational tennis is focused on participant generation, access, and fundamental skill development. Halton Hills Tennis Club pays additional permitting fees to the Town when providing this type of programming and generating revenue from it.

Review of the organizational health for the Halton Hills Tennis Club indicates that it is stable in its operations and governance structure which is to be expected with an organization that has been in operation for this period of time. The group is incorporated making them eligible for funding and grants opportunities such as the \$60,500 received from Ontario Trillium Foundation for the refurbishment of the Clubhouse in 2013.

The Halton Hills Tennis Club season is usually 6 months spanning from May to October and weather dependent. Upon review of the club use, the Halton Hills Tennis Club utilizes the courts 67% of the time for lessons and league play. Below illustrates the membership and participation in community recreation programs over the last 6 years.

Year	Total Members	Community Recreation Tennis Program	
		Participants in Lessons	Participants in Camp
2016	237	66	222
2017	270	82	216
2018	253	70	196
2019	245	71	240
2020	255	---	NONE – DUE TO COVID-19
2021	332	---	NONE – DUE TO COVID-19

The membership has remained stable for 5 years preceding 2020. Of note, participants in the community recreational tennis program (lessons and camps) are predominantly children and youth that may or may not hold a membership for the Halton Hills Tennis Club.

In addition to the Halton Hills Tennis Club, there are approximately 50 members of the general public that answered the survey that indicated they play Tennis regularly as a drop-in activity at Prospect Park, Joseph Gibbons, Gellert and Emmerson Courts not associated with the club.

PICKLEBALL

Pickleball has become one of the fastest growing sports in Canada and its popularity continues to spread. The rules are simple, and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can also be a fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players. Although this game is played by all ages there is evidence that baby boomers are increasing its participation trends in their pursuit to remain physically active and because of its focus on the social aspects of coming together to play. Pickleball can be played on a modified tennis court, gymnasium or dedicated pickleball court.

The sport of pickleball and need for additional opportunities emerged as a prevalent theme during the Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Strategic Action Plan consultation events and surveys. In addition to general drop in participation, the Town of Halton Hills has been collaborating with pickleball groups to establish opportunities and locations for play since 2014. This has been through memorandum of understanding, permits for league play and support for organized play at various locations such as churches, school gymnasiums, Hillview Active Living Centres and arena floor space at the Acton Arena & Community Centre and Mold Masters Sportsplex. Due to demand for outdoor pickleball courts the Town has added two permanent Pickleball courts at Prospect Park and opportunities for shared use at Emmerson and Joseph Gibbons Parks. Shared use means that the courts are lined for both tennis and pickleball and portable pickleball nets are used while permanent tennis nets remain.



Due to demand for outdoor pickleball courts the Town has added two permanent Pickleball courts at Prospect Park and opportunities for shared use at Emmerson and Joseph Gibbons Parks. Shared use means that the courts are lined for both tennis and pickleball and portable pickleball nets are used while permanent tennis nets remain.

Pickleball play on Arena floor pads has proven to be a strong testing grounds for the sport. Currently, drop-in play organized by the Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department is offered at the Acton Arena & Community Centre and Mold Masters Sportsplex during off-ice seasons. On average there are 200 drop-ins annually for this activity, however in 2020 & 2021 indoor facility use was limited due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The Halton Hills Pickleball Association (formerly Pickleball Players Group of Halton Hills) has been in operation for 6 years (since 2015) and has a mission to “Facilitate the growth of Pickleball in Halton Hills for the enjoyment, health and social engagement of all players by offering organized recreational and competitive play, ensuring there are opportunities for new and existing player development in an inclusive, welcoming environment.” Upon performing an organizational health assessment, the Halton Hills Pickleball Association is in development of its operations and structure. The group has

recently been incorporated (2021) making them eligible to receive additional funding and access grant opportunities.

Throughout its time as a group, the Halton Hills Pickleball Association have organized drop in pay for play and seasonal league play at various indoor facilities such as the Georgetown Alliance Church, Halton Hills Christian School, St. Brigid Catholic School, Silver Creek Public School and Acton District High School. They have also provided introductory and awareness building activities in conjunction with Town of Halton Hills summer camps and Hillview Active Living Centres. This group has been developing its structure in 2021 for organized (indoor and outdoor play) with the goal of continuing its membership-based model.

Below illustrates the membership and participation in Halton Hills Pickleball Association (formerly Pickleball Players Group of Halton Hills) over the last 6 years.

Year	HHPA Members	Community Recreation Pickleball Program
2016	28	* During the summer of 2021 a "Pilot" Learn to Play program was offered at Emmerson and Prospect Park to assess demand to offer pickleball lessons in future
2017	40	
2018	56	
2019	82	
2020	112	
2021	214	100

The Halton Hills Pickleball Club is another organized group of 20 recreational players. The group formed in 2014 with the goal of having regular, permitted time to play on outdoor courts with a small group of non-competitive players. Halton Hills Pickleball Club has an informal structure with a regular group of players and is not looking to expand at this time but would like to maintain the opportunity to permit for their historically booked time in the future. In addition to permitting for outdoor play, this group has also permitted indoor gymnasium space at Halton Hills Christian School for winter play.

The Easy Riders Pickleball Group was initiated in 2019. The group plays at Bethel Church in Acton during the winter and at Fallbrook Trail Farm from April – November. The Fallbrook Trail farm is a private facility that has 4 dedicated pickleball courts. The group has an informal structure with pay per play opportunities several days a week. The group focuses on casual play while integrating a social activity. In 2019, the group was made up of 30 members. Currently, the group has 42 members with no room for additional members based on the facilities they use. The Fallbrook Trail facility is not included in the inventory as it is a private facility.

Although successful in attracting participants and organizing play the pickleball groups are constrained by the availability of dedicated outdoor Pickleball Club courts and limited community use of school gymnasiums. The pickleball groups would like to expand and develop membership with additional opportunities to play, when space is made available. Based on current membership an agreement should be formed with the Halton Hills Pickleball Association to assist in optimizing current outdoor spaces.

GEORGETOWN RACQUET CLUB

The Georgetown Racquet Club has been in operation privately since 1975. The Club is a not-for-profit organization managed by a board of directors and volunteers. The club has over 250 members with a goal to continue to fulfill the recreational and social needs of the community. The indoor facility has 2 International Squash Courts, 2 American Squash Courts and outdoors 2 lit Tennis with 4 shared Pickleball Courts. The membership is for 5 years of age and older and is broken down approximately as follows:

- 200 squash members
- 75 tennis members
- 50 pickleball members



It should be noted that a pickleball membership is only valid for pickleball, however tennis and squash members may play in all three sports and do.

The facility is at capacity therefore without additional facilities the organization is unable to increase its membership. The Georgetown Racquet Club has a desire to grow and expand on the size of the facility. The Georgetown Racquet club facility is located adjacent to the Credit River and further development, or expansion of the site is very limited due to requirements of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. The Georgetown Racquet Club facilities are not included in the inventory or service provision calculations since they are a private club with no connection to the Town.

FACILITY INVENTORY

The Town of Halton Hills has 4 public parks with outdoor courts. The facilities are free of charge and open daily from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. unless reserved for permitted play

or club use through an agreement. All outdoor courts have lights for evening use. The inventory includes:

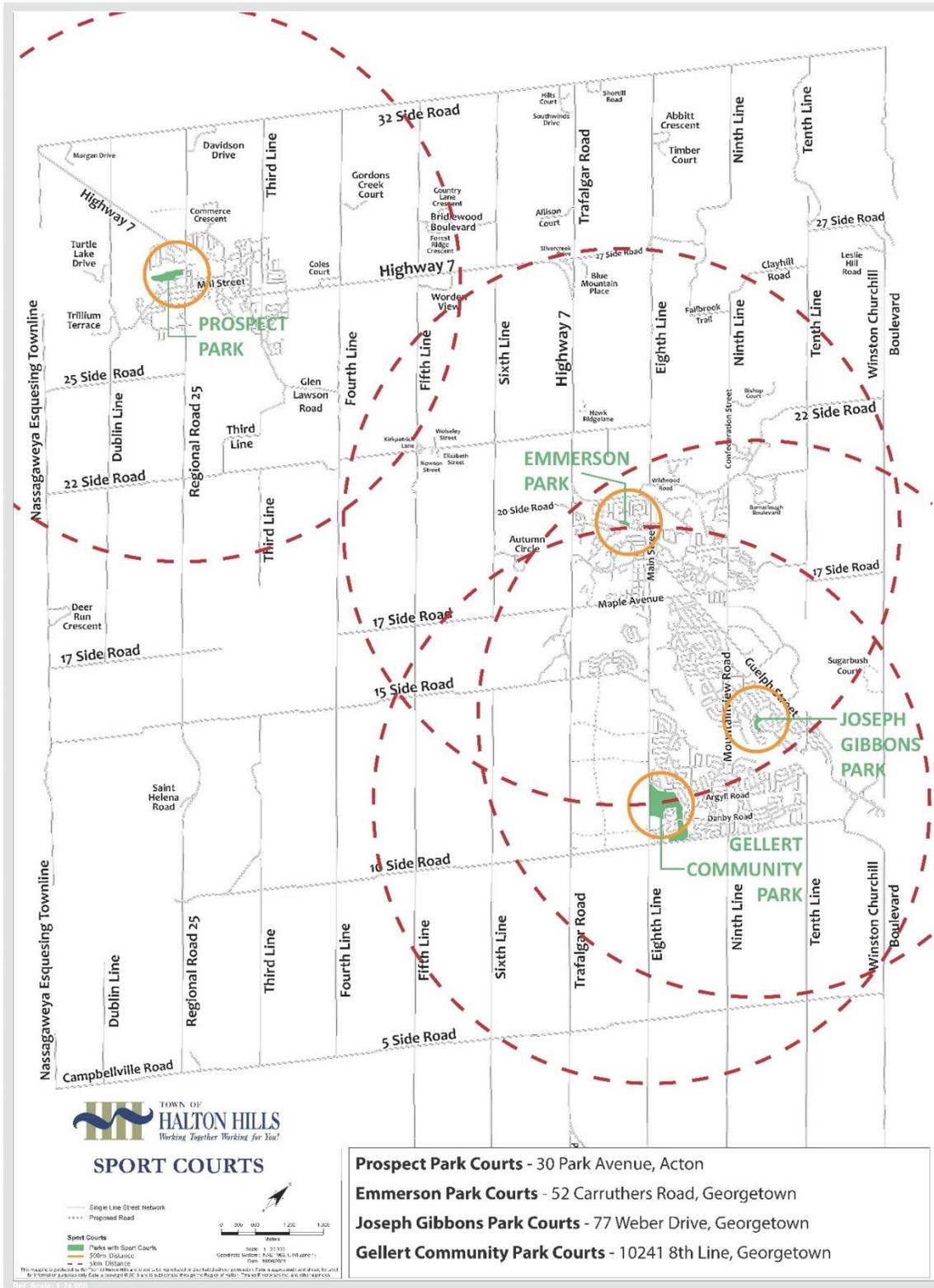
	Joseph Gibbons Park Courts	Emmerson Park Courts	Prospect Park Courts	Gellert Community Park Courts	Total
Number of Dedicated Tennis Courts	0	0	1	6	7
Number of Shared Tennis Courts	2	2	2	0	6
Number of Dedicated Pickleball Courts	0	0	2	0	2
Number of Shared Pickleball Courts	4	6	3	0	13

CURRENT COURT AMENITIES

Location	Asphalt Surface	Acrylic Surface (basic)	Acrylic surface	Permanent Nets	Portable Nets (Required)	Lighting	Portable Toilets	Clubhouse or washrooms	Drinking Fountain/Wat	Off Site Parking	On-Site Parking
Gellert Community Park Courts			X	X		X		X	X		X
Joseph Gibbons Park Courts	X			Tennis	Pickleball	X	X			X	
Emmerson Park Courts		X		Tennis	Pickleball	X	X			X	
Prospect Park Courts			X	Tennis Pickleball	Tennis Pickleball	X		X			X

Tennis and pickleball courts are located at Prospect Park, Joseph Gibbons Park, Emmerson Park and Gellert Community Park. Maps of each of the court layouts can be found in Appendix A.

CURRENT INVENTORY AND DISTRIBUTION



CURRENT COURT CONDITIONS

The Town of Halton Hills inspects and maintains all court conditions. The chart below outlines the condition of these existing facilities. Items that are noted in poor condition are identified in the capital forecast to date. See Appendix C for the preliminary 2022-2031 Capital Forecast.

	Fencing	Surface	Lighting	Equipment
Emmerson Park Courts	Poor	Good***	New	Fair*
Joseph Gibbons Park Courts	Fair	Fair***	Poor	Fair*
Prospect Park Courts	Good	Poor	Good	Good
Gellert Community Park Courts	Good	Good	Fair	Good**

* Joseph Gibbons, Emmerson have only tennis equipment. To play pickleball at Joseph Gibbons and Emmerson, portable nets are required.

** Gellert has only tennis equipment, no pickleball available.

*** Staff are aware of minor surface irregularities at Joseph Gibbons and Emmerson which may impact play.



STANDARDS AND PRINCIPLES

The standards and principles formalize the best practices that the Town of Halton Hills will use to implement the recommendations contained within this strategy.

FACILITY USE – SHARED VS. DEDICATED

Municipalities often overlay pickleball courts with outdoor tennis courts to allow for shared use. This shared use means that the courts are lined for both sports and portable pickleball nets are used, while permanent tennis nets remain, allowing flexibility for both sports to be played at separate times. The space utilized for pickleball play is 1 tennis court which amounts to 2-4 pickleball courts. Co-sharing of courts is a great way to optimize amenities however dedicated courts are desired by participants looking for club play. Dedicated courts mean that courts are lined for only one sport and fixed nets are in place alleviating the need for portable nets. It is noted that with shared use there is added pressure on demand for court time, multiple lines can be a visual distraction, and access to portable pickleball nets can be a barrier. Although shared use has been a good opportunity to provide pickleball play and to optimize existing court facilities, the challenges with demand for court time and the use of portable pickleball nets is not seen as a long-term option and dedicated courts would be considered the preferred solution.



RECOMMENDATION: Endorse dedicated courts that are lined for one sport with permanent nets for both sports.

FACILITY TYPE – NEIGHBOURHOOD VS. COMMUNITY CLUB

It is common for municipalities to allocate a facility type to certain facilities. For example, Ball Diamonds can be classified as minor, major, and premium facilities. In soccer facilities can be classified as sports field and artificial turf. As such, defining court types as Neighbourhood or Community Club can better support the needs of each sport and the expectations of the community. There should be equitable and appropriate

distribution of Neighbourhood and Community Club Courts throughout the Town. Neighbourhood Courts should be multipurpose with a dedicated lines and nets for recreational players of each sport. That said, organized club play requires access to a grouping or hub of single use courts to facilitate programs (lessons, leagues, etc.), tournaments and other club-sanctioned events. Community Club Courts are suitable at larger, destination-style parks that have a broad community or a town-wide catchment area. Locating Community Club Courts in these destination style parks ensure there are related support amenities such as sufficient parking, washrooms, potential for club structures, shelters, and sheds, all with appropriate consideration of adjacent recreational uses.

The chart below provides a general overview of the Neighbourhood and Community Club Courts.

	Neighbourhood Courts	Community Club Courts
Feature:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serves surrounding neighbourhoods Provides multi-sport activities (Tennis, Pickleball) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focused on dedicated club use with some level of public play
Skill Level:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreational and drop in use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreational & Competitive Serves a variety of programs (i.e., camps, leagues, lessons)
Amenities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asphalt court surface/Basic Acrylic Surface Tennis Nets and poles multipurpose facility dedicated lines and nets for both tennis and pickleball Fencing Lighting Capital lifecycle replacement On-street parking at minimum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colour-coated premium acrylic court surface Sport specific nets, poles and windscreens Single use with dedicated lines and nets for one sport. Fencing Lighting Capital lifecycle replacement Parking Lot within park Washrooms within park Shade (possible club house or pavilion) Water (drinking fountain access)



RECOMMENDATION: Endorse definition of Neighbourhood Courts and Community Club Courts.

PROVISIONAL STANDARD

Standards are established for municipalities to help determine acceptable service levels in the provision of facilities such as parks, sports fields, and courts. These are established by assessing trends and other municipal standards in comparison to population. See Appendix B which provides an overview of Municipally owned outdoor courts. Other important inputs such as community and recreation user group consultations, geographic distribution, and analysis of facility utilization rates, are used to confirm these provision standards.

Recreation facility provision standards for Halton Hills were discussed and established as part of the 2007 Recreation and Parks Strategic Action Plan and generally reviewed as part of the update to the plan in 2020. These levels were also reaffirmed as part of the Town of Halton Hills Parkland Policy Review in 2019 and remain in line with standards established in most GTA municipalities.

While tennis facilities, being a long-established sport, have well informed provisional benchmarks, there is no clear standard for pickleball. This is due to the emerging nature of pickleball and the various ways that municipalities are determining how to address the growth and their capacity to introduce the associated shared and dedicated use facilities.

Overall Court Provision

The tennis court provisional standard for the Town of Halton Hills is 1 tennis court per 4,000 population. This is on the upper end of GTA targets that typically range from 1 tennis court per 4,000 to 6,000 population. To be more in line with the GTA targets, it is recommended that the Town of Halton Hills adopt a 1 court per 5,000 population going forward. As noted above, with no clear standard for pickleball, it is recommended to apply the same standard of 1 pickleball court per 5,000 population to ensure a balanced representation of each sport in Halton Hills. This pickleball standard assumes that by factoring in the undeniable growth trend of this sport and if given the appropriate amenities, pickleball participation will expand quickly. There is sufficient rationale to justify equal demand and therefore the same standard is established for both sports when considering dedicated facilities. It is further thought that counting shared courts as .75 equal to dedicated courts a reasonable approach to qualify the impacts of shared facilities, considering there is no clear benchmark for shared amenities.

Community Club Court Provision

A secondary measure can also be applied in communities where tennis and pickleball clubs exist. The need for club courts can be measured using a court per player metric. Based on benchmarking of other Municipalities, this standard also varies (e.g., 1 court per 75 to 100 members or 2 to 3 courts per 100 members). This secondary standard

provides a guide to how many of the total courts provided should be available for Community Club use.

Based on the Town of Halton Hills demonstrated standard and with consideration of other municipal benchmarks, the service level that demonstrates need for Community Club tennis and pickleball courts are recommended as follows based on a per player metric:

- 2 courts = 100 members
- 4 courts = 200 members
- 6 courts = 300 members



SERVICE PROVISION SUMMARY

In consideration of the overall court provision and Community Club provision, the below outlines the service provisions and recommendations. For the purposes of this study, shared courts are considered in the inventory and provision standards as .75 equal to dedicated courts to qualify the shared use impacts to both sports.

Tennis Courts Provision Standard

With a supply of 11.5 tennis courts, Halton Hills' service level is currently 1 tennis court per 5,599 population.

Tennis Court Provision Standard		2021	2026	2031
Overall Court Provision	Population	64,392	77,003	91,885
	Tennis Courts Required at 1:5,000	12.9	15.4	18.4
	Tennis Courts Available	11.5	11.5	11.5
	Tennis Courts Surplus or (Deficit)	-1.4	-3.9	-6.9
Community Club Court Provision	Tennis Community Club Courts Required	7	8.4	10.0
	Estimated Tennis Club Members* (350 Members excluding private clubs)	350	419	499
	Tennis Community Club Courts Available	5	5	5
	Tennis Community Club Courts Surplus or (Deficit)	-2	-3.4	-5.0

*Assumes club participation grows at same rate as population

Pickleball Courts Provision Standard

With a supply of 11.75 Pickleball courts, Halton Hills' service level is currently 1 Pickleball court per 5,480 population.

Pickleball Court Provision Standards		2021	2026	2031
Overall Court Provision	Population	64,392	77,003	91,885
	Pickleball Courts Required @ 1:5,000	12.9	15.4	18.4
	Pickleball Courts Available	11.75	11.75	11.75
	Pickleball Courts Surplus or (Deficit)	-1.1	-3.7	-6.6
Community Club Court Provision	Pickleball Community Club Courts Required	4.4	5.3	6.3
	Estimated Pickleball Club Members* 220 Current Members	220	263	314
	Pickleball Community Club Courts Available	0	0	0
	Pickleball Community Club Courts Surplus or (Deficit)	-4.4	-5.3	-6.3

*Assumes club participation grows at same rate as population

The assumption is made that club participation grows at same rate as population. It is recognized that participation/membership rates, comparators, and trends may impact the provisional standards differently than simply population growth (e.g., the increase of a club's membership may exceed that of what was projected by growth of population).



RECOMMENDATION: Endorse the Service Provision Standard of 1:5000 per population, with review and adjustment made annually based on analysis of participation, membership, comparators, and trends.

MODELS FOR PLAY

Publicly Accessible Courts

A core mandate is ensuring all residents will have ease of access to a very well distributed inventory of courts and services. This means that regardless if a court is deemed a Neighbourhood or Community Club that consideration, planning, permissions, and agreements ensure:

- inclusivity of all people and abilities
- affordability (including no-charge access)
- casual drop in first-come, first served use
- opportunity for fundamental skills development and recreational programming (lessons, camps or house leagues)
- sport awareness and participant generation activities
- non exclusivity of Clubs



Permitted Play

Paid permitted use allows for exclusive use of the facility at allocated times. This permitted use is available for School and Community Groups to accommodate fundamental skills development and recreational league play. Organized groups with less than 100 members may wish to permit tennis or pickleball courts in this way.

Community Clubs and Associated Conditions

The Town owns and maintains all public courts and will partner with community clubs for the operation and management of Community Club Courts and associated premises. Community Clubs offer opportunities for membership-based activity, fundamental skills development, and recreational programming (lessons, camps or house leagues). As informed by the Town’s previous procedures and through research of best practices, the following criteria must be met for a community group to be considered as a Tennis and/or Pickleball Community Club with an allocation of courts at a specific location:

1. Must have a minimum of 100 club members.
2. Clubs must be approved in accordance with Registered Community Group Policy and maintain registered status with the Town in good standing.
3. Clubs must meet and comply with the terms and conditions of the Town’s Agreement(s).
4. Clubs must ensure publicly accessible courts and services as discussed above through guest policies, open houses, participant generation and awareness activities and community recreational programming.
5. Clubs will work in coordination with Recreation and Parks to ensure safe, quality, and accessible community recreational program offerings.



Community Club Agreements

The Club will be required to enter into an agreement for the use of the courts and the associated premises. The agreement outlines the Club's right to use the courts, the responsibilities of the Club, other restrictions of use, signage, maintenance requirements, insurance requirements, facility rate, utilities charges, and any other terms deemed necessary by the Town for the operation and management of the Community Club Courts and associated premises.

Agreements are normally entered into for a period of five years and are approved by Council or under delegated authority by-law, if applicable. Additional agreements or amendments may be required for alterations, amenity upgrades, additions to Club facilities and/or other changes for use of the facilities.

Tennis and/or pickleball community club structures, shelters and sheds

Requests for structures, shelters and sheds will be reviewed on their individual merits, subject to all land use planning policies, regulations, by-laws, and municipal approval processes. Structures, shelters and sheds are subject to the following appropriate site criteria:

- a. Addresses land use compatibility
- b. Addresses Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- c. Maximizes protection of existing vegetation
- d. Meets zoning and Fire & Emergency Services requirements, and
- e. Represents complementary park development with the balance of the park facilities and attributes

Details of the maintenance, minor repairs and major repairs/life cycle replacement obligations for structures, shelters and sheds by the Town and the Clubs will be outlined in the individual agreement.



RECOMMENDATION: Endorse the three models of play for tennis and pickleball.

INDOOR FACILITIES

Although beyond the scope of this strategy, the need for indoor facilities for year-round play was identified. Although pickleball is being accommodated in school gymnasiums, community use of schools is nearing full capacity and any additional growth of indoor play would be challenging. The Town is planning to expand the Gellert Community Centre, adding a triple gym space. One of the factors in providing additional gym space was to accommodate pickleball by lining of the gymnasium floor for multi-purpose play. In the past, the Town of Halton Hills has been approached for the doming of facilities

with private operators. This could be considered for the development of future facilities if the opportunities are presented.



RECOMMENDATION: Track and monitor indoor participation to ensure incorporation in future studies and development of facilities (e.g., Gellert Phase 2, Community Use of Schools)

CAPITAL FUNDING AND OPERATING COSTS

The Town is responsible for identifying, prioritizing, and coordinating the construction and reconstruction of all Neighbourhood and Community Club Courts, including court resurfacing, lighting, fencing and fixtures in accordance with the Town standards. The Town will review opportunities, in consultation with the applicable Club(s).

Funding will be required by the Town to implement the recommended action items and has been identified within the capital budget forecast or will be added for future capital budgets. The capital forecast provides approvals for projected funding of projects such as the outdoor court sport recommendations and actions. Projects approved in the capital forecast are reviewed annually and considered each year at Budget Committee for corporate prioritization and ongoing affordability within the constraints of the Town's Long Range Financial Plan. See Appendix C in reference to the proposed capital forecast.

With Council approval of this strategy, there may be opportunities to work in partnership with community clubs to fundraise and access grants to assist in offsetting the Town's capital cost or to provide additional features. Collaborative partnerships in which community organizations contribute capital help to secure finalized funding for requests contained within the capital forecast. In addition, it would be an option to explore public/private partnership proposals and joint funding models for future projects.

Clubs wishing to construct or make any capital alterations, improvements or additions to Community Club Courts that meet or exceed what the Town provides will require approval from the Recreation and Parks Department and any Town divisions, depending on the nature and scope of the work. This might include structures, shelters, and sheds.

The total cost of the construction of structures, shelters, and sheds, including but not limited to all design and permit fees, will be the responsibility of the Club. Project administration and contracting will be the Town's responsibility, in accordance with the Town's Purchasing By-law, as amended, and will be included in the Club's costs.

In addition to capital costs, operating costs must be factored into the overall ongoing costs of providing the service and partnering with clubs. The current yearly cost to operate a Neighbourhood Court is \$4,000-\$6,000 and \$10,000 to operate the Community Club Courts. These costs are partially recouped through the financial terms of agreements with community clubs.



RECOMMENDATION: Incorporate recommendations into capital and operating forecasts.

COURT SITES

SITE SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

The following site selection criteria have been established for assessing the feasibility of locating courts based on the standards and principles and the findings from the community survey:

- Walkable and Accessible – location can be safely accessed by pedestrians and has supporting infrastructure (sidewalks/walkways).
- Parking – location has appropriate parking based on the size of facility proposed.
- No environmental concerns – location does not conflict with areas of the natural environment that are regulated by a Conservation Authority.
- Noise – consideration is given to pickleball paddle/ball noise and proximity to residents with increased club use.
- Park Harmony – use is compatible with existing park uses both.
- Surrounding Area Harmony – use is compatible with neighbouring properties with opportunity for adequate buffers
- Washrooms – publicly accessible bathrooms available within close proximity.
- Complementary Infrastructure – park has existing infrastructure to support action sports use (ex. beside a Town building, hard surface pathways for access, shade structure).
- Water fountain/vending – Water and/or food is available on-site.

FUTURE COURT OPPORTUNITIES AND SITES

A variety of opportunities were reviewed for suitability against demographic data, site selection considerations, and park land availability. To meet the established provisional standards and principles set out by this strategy the following sites have been determined as the best opportunities for future development of existing and new court facilities.

Emmerson Park Courts

Emmerson Park Courts have been recently resurfaced to accommodate for shared tennis and pickleball facilities. Until a “new” Community Club for pickleball can be established, it is proposed Emmerson Park Courts be operated as a temporary Community Club. This will allow for further growth and development of a Pickleball Community Club (e.g., HHPA) without significant capital investment in a new facility at this time.

One tennis court will be removed to allow for the installation of two permanent pickleball nets, allowing some access for pickleball play without the need for portable nets. These two dedicated pickleball courts combined with the other existing 4 shared pickleball courts (using portable nets) will allow for a hub for Pickleball Community Club play at specified times. These courts will then be able to operate as neighbourhood courts (pickleball and tennis) outside of club play times and remain available for public use. At such time as a pickleball Community Club is established at another location there will be nominal costs in returning the courts to full neighbourhood function.



RECOMMENDATION: Endorse the interim use of Emmerson Park Courts as a Pickleball Community Club.



RECOMMENDATION: Endorse the removal of one tennis court and installation of 2 permanent pickleball nets at Emmerson Park Courts.

Gellert Community Park

Gellert Community Park Tennis Courts have seen an increase in demand for playing time. The Halton Hills Tennis Club fully utilizes 5 courts for play with some public use. The current Community Club Tennis Courts also include a clubhouse with a washroom facility. The court dedicated to public play is often fully used by the public which creates a wait time for the public to play. With an anticipated increase in memberships from the Halton Hills Tennis Club and demand on community recreational tennis programs, there would be a requirement for an additional court for Community Club play. It is noted that, the Gellert Community Park cannot accommodate an additional large community club

facility including a clubhouse. There is also no option for future doming of the existing tennis courts due to the impacts on the proximity of neighbouring homes.

Gellert Community Park will be further developed as a community park as part of the Gellert Phase II Park Expansion. With the expansion of the park, it is proposed an additional neighbourhood court (2 pickleball and 1 tennis) be added. The addition of the neighbourhood court in Gellert Community Park would allow for additional public play, while allowing for HHTC to utilize the existing “public” court for club play. The addition of Neighbourhood courts at this location will also provide opportunities and access for pickleball play within the Georgetown South neighbourhood.

In future years, the Gellert Community Centre will be expanded to include a triple gymnasium and program activity rooms with a focus on programming for youth and older adults. The outdoor Neighbourhood Court in the park would provide opportunities for tennis and pickleball participation that complements this indoor programming.



RECOMMENDATION: Add additional Neighbourhood Courts (2 pickleball and 1 tennis) at Gellert Community Park as part of the Gellert Phase II Park Expansion Project.

Trafalgar Sports Park

The Trafalgar Sports Park Master Plan identifies an area for “court sports”. The type of court sports has yet to be determined and was based on community need. There is a desire to have an open space, playground, and court sports space within the remaining area at the Trafalgar Sports Park. Halton Hills Pickleball Association has developed a proposal for a Community Club style facility to further increase their capacity to provide programs, lessons, leagues, and camps. In consideration of the proposed Pickleball Community Club, the allocated court sports space should be used for a dedicated Pickleball Community Club. Considerations for the site would include parking, washrooms, water and a clubhouse or pavilion.



RECOMMENDATION: Endorse proposed location at Trafalgar Sports Park for a future Community Club for pickleball.

Additional Locations (Vision Georgetown):

With the anticipated development of the Vision Georgetown lands, it is expected that the demographic of residents in that area will be similar to that of the existing Georgetown South area. Community Club and Neighbourhood Courts should be strongly considered and implemented, where reasonable, within new park sites in that development.

The draft land use plan for Vision Georgetown includes a community park, which would be appropriate for a Neighbourhood Court or Community Club Court should the demand be confirmed.



RECOMMENDATION: Consider proposed courts within Vision Georgetown.

In order to have sufficient neighbourhood courts, Joseph Gibbons and Prospect Park Courts should be converted to neighbourhood facilities over time. Each site would be converted to include both dedicated tennis and pickleball court(s). At both sites, the lines would be maintained until the courts are set to be resurfaced. To meet the service provisions, Prospect Park will have two dedicated tennis courts and two dedicated pickleball courts with nets.



RECOMMENDATION: Convert Joseph Gibbons and Prospect Park Courts to neighbourhood facilities.

An opportunity was identified in the last phase of the consultation with Halton Hills Pickleball Association to add two dedicated pickleball courts at Prospect Park without removal of tennis courts at the time of resurfacing. Staff would need to review the project cost and technical layout to confirm if it can be done as part of the capital resurfacing project in 2022. If it is determined to be feasible, the provisional standard and service provision summary will be updated at the annual review.



RECOMMENDATION: Staff will confirm the feasibility of two additional dedicated pickleball courts for the Prospect Park resurfacing capital project.

IMPLEMENTATION & ACTION PLAN

This Court Sports Strategy provides a vision and sets the strategic direction for the delivery of services and facilities for these sports over the next 10 years. The standards and principles of this strategy are applied to the recommended priorities for sustaining existing courts and facilities, as well as providing for future needs as the community grows, as the sports evolve, and within the context of the Recreation and Parks Strategic Action Plan.

Below are listed the actions to date, which took place during the development of the Courts Sports Strategy in support of Tennis/Pickleball activities.

- Resurfaced Emmerson Park Courts for shared use so there is a total of 2 tennis courts and 6 pickleball courts for shared use at that park.
- Resurfaced Gellert Community Park courts as a Community Club for tennis as well as one public court.

The strategy supports the recommendations which are outlined in the standards and principles. The recommendations are:

- Endorse dedicated courts that are lined for one sport with permanent nets for both sports.
- Endorse definition of Neighbourhood Courts and Community Club Courts.
- Endorse the Service Provision Standard of 1:5000 per population, with review and adjustment made annually based on analysis of participation, membership, comparators, and trends.
- Endorse the three models of play for tennis and pickleball.
- Track and monitor indoor participation to ensure incorporation in future studies and development of facilities (e.g., Gellert Phase 2, Community Use of Schools)
- Incorporate recommendations into capital and operating forecasts.
- Endorse the interim use of Emmerson Park Courts as a Pickleball Community Club.
- Endorse the removal of one tennis court and installation of 2 permanent pickleball nets at Emmerson Park Courts.
- Add additional Neighbourhood Courts (2 pickleball and 1 tennis) at Gellert Community Park as part of the Gellert Park Expansion Project.
- Endorse proposed location at Trafalgar Sports Park for a future Community Club for pickleball.
- Consider proposed courts within Vision Georgetown.
- Convert Joseph Gibbons and Prospect Park Courts to neighbourhood facilities.
- Staff will confirm the feasibility of two additional dedicated pickleball courts for the Prospect Park resurfacing capital project.

Summarized below are the recommended priorities for implementation in the short, medium, and long term to guide future capital budgets and forecast. These priorities will be reviewed and adjusted based on updated participant and club membership levels.

SHORT TERM ACTIONS (2021 – 2023)

	ACTIONS	TIMELINE NOTES	FUNDING
General Repairs & Ongoing Maintenance			
1.1	Continue to plan for the ongoing repair and replacement of outdoor courts based on participation, membership, and trends.	Ongoing	Capital
1.2	Resurface Prospect Park Neighbourhood Courts.	2022	\$70,000 Capital
1.3	Replace Emmerson Park Court fencing and resurface.	2023	\$90,000 Capital
Outreach and Capacity Building			
1.4	Renew the partnership agreement with the Halton Hills Tennis Club that encompasses community recreational tennis, club activities and utilities.	November 2021	-----
1.5	Create an agreement for Halton Hills Pickleball Association to use Emmerson Park Courts until such time as “new” Community Club Courts are available.	2022 - ongoing	-----
1.6	Create a sport equipment and net lending program for pickleball and tennis equipment.	2022	\$3,500 from sponsorship
New Capital Projects			
1.7	Install two pickleball dedicated nets at Emmerson Park. Emmerson Park will be used as a temporary Pickleball Community Club.	2022	\$10,000 Capital
1.8	Expand the Gellert Community Park courts by adding a neighbourhood level court (1 tennis 2 pickleball) to accommodate level of use.	2023	\$300,000 Capital
1.9	Determine location and design with stakeholders and community input on an 8 court Pickleball Community Club at Trafalgar Sports Park. (Construction in 2026)	2023-2024	Staff Time

The focus of the short-term actions is to build the model of neighbourhood courts and community club courts. The efforts with the tennis and pickleball community groups will be to build capacity and establish their models of play. The expansion of courts will allow for better optimization of the outdoor court amenities and provide expanded opportunities for club and drop-in play.

MEDIUM TERM ACTIONS (2024-2026)

	ACTIONS	TIMELINE NOTES	FUNDING
General Repairs & Ongoing Maintenance			
2.1	Continue to plan for the ongoing repair and replacement of outdoor courts based on participation, membership, and trends.	Ongoing	Capital
Outreach and Capacity Building			
2.2	Work with Community User Groups on a potential fundraising campaign for the new Pickleball Community Club Courts.	2024	TBD
2.3	Explore Public/Private Partnerships for additional opportunities to provide Community Club Facilities	2024	TBD
New Capital Projects			
2.4	Build and construct an 8 court pickleball Community Club at Trafalgar Sports Park (Phase 6b).	2026	\$800,000 Capital
2.5	Convert Emmerson Park to Neighbourhood Court (1 tennis, 2 pickleball)	2026	TBD
2.6	Covert Joseph Gibbons Park Courts to a Neighbourhood Court facility (1 tennis, 2 pickleball)	2026	\$10,000

In the medium term, the effort will be focused on mobilizing a fundraising campaign for Community Clubs to contribute to the building of a Community Club for pickleball. Town staff will work with the Community User Groups in designing and constructing a facility for use as a Community Club and the public.

LONG TERM ACTIONS (2027-2031)

	ACTIONS	TIMELINE NOTES	FUNDING
General Repairs & Ongoing Maintenance			
3.1	Continue to plan for the ongoing repair and replacement of outdoor courts as required based on participation, membership, and trends.	Ongoing	Capital
New Capital Projects			
3.2	Convert Prospect Park shared court to dedicated tennis (2) and pickleball courts (2).	2027	TBD
3.3	Add Neighbourhood Courts (tennis/pickleball) within the Vision Georgetown catchment area.	2027	\$300-600,000 each Capital Forecast

3.4	Consider complementing existing park facilities with associated servicing and infrastructure such as washrooms, water fountains, benches, and lights to existing courts.	2027	TBD
3.5	Construct a new Community Club Tennis Court at Vision Georgetown Community Park (4 courts).	2031	\$800,000

Long term actions include meeting the service provision standards by adding Neighbourhood Courts, and a Community Club tennis facility within Vision Georgetown and monitoring the ongoing use of the courts to determine associated compliments to the outdoor facilities.

SERVICE PROVISIONAL SUMMARY

With application of the Courts Sports Strategy recommendations and actions, the service provisional standards are projected as shown in the following summary.

Tennis – Overall Courts

Year	Service Standard Required	Service Standard Provided	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Facilities
2021	12.9	11.5	-1.4	
2022	12.9	10.75	-2.1	1 Emmerson Park Tennis Court converted to 2 dedicated Pickleball.
2023	14	11.75	-2.3	1 New Neighbourhood Court at Gellert Park
2026	15.4	11.5	-3.9	Revert 1 Joseph Gibbons Park - Shared tennis court to Dedicated Tennis. Convert 1 shared tennis court to 2 dedicated pickleball courts with dedicated nets (-1).
2031	18.4	17.75	-0.6	Vision Georgetown 6 Courts added (4 community/club and 2 neighbourhood) Convert 1 Prospect Park Shared Tennis Court to dedicated tennis (1).

Tennis – Community Club Courts

Year	Service Standard Required	Service Standard Provided	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Facilities
2021	7	5	-2	
2026	8.4	6	-2.4	Existing Gellert Court #6 converted to Club Court.
2031	10.0	10	0.0	Additional Community Club Facility (4) in Vision Georgetown Community Park

Pickleball – Overall Courts

Year	Service Standard Required	Service Standard Provided	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Facilities
2021	12.88	11.75	-1.1	
2022	12.88	12.25	-0.6	Emmerson used as a 6 court facility with 2 dedicated pickleball courts
2023	14	14.25	0.3	2 Neighbourhood Pickleball Courts at Gellert Community Park
2026	15.40	18.25	2.8	Pickleball Community Club Courts built at Trafalgar Sports Park (8)
				Revert 2 Joseph Gibbons Park Shared Pickleball Courts to Dedicated Pickleball (+2), and convert 2 shared pickleball courts to 1 dedicated tennis (-2)
				Emmerson Park Tennis returned to Neighbourhood Tennis (no shared use) (-4)

2031	18.38	20.75	2.4	Additional Neighbourhood Pickleball Facilities in Vision Georgetown (4 minimum) Convert 2 Prospect Park shared Pickleball to one dedicated Tennis (-2)
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Pickleball – Community Club Courts

Year	Service Standard Required	Service Standard Provided	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Facilities
2021	4.4	0	-4.4	
2022	4.4	6	1.6	Emmerson used as a 6-court facility with 2 dedicated pickleball courts.
2026	5.3	8	2.7	Pickleball Community Club built at Trafalgar Sports Park (8).
2031	6.3	8	1.7	

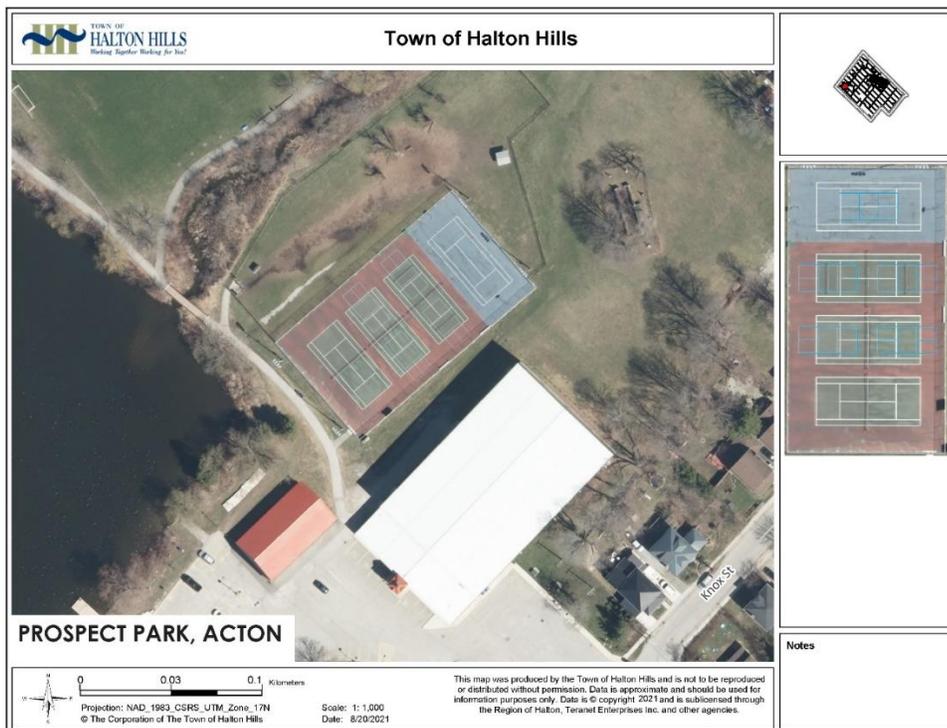
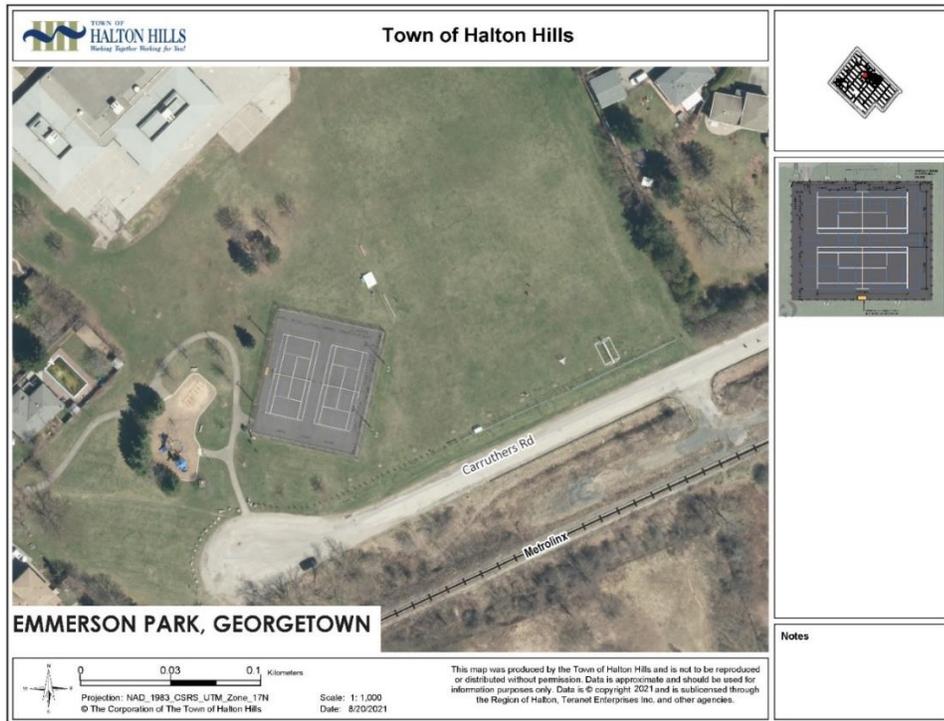
Establishing Pickleball and Tennis Courts with dedicated nets for each sport will lessen the reliance on shared use courts. Service provisional standards for Tennis Neighbourhood Courts and Community Club Courts will be met. There will be a slight surplus of courts for Pickleball at both the neighbourhood and community club levels.

CONCLUSION

The Court Sports Strategy has been developed to support the Town and partners in ensuring a suitable mix of opportunities, meeting community demand, justifying needs and identifying recommendations. The collaboration to implement the recommendations of this strategy will ensure equal access to recreation for all.

APPENDIX A – Court Layout Maps





APPENDIX B – Municipally Owned Courts

Municipality	Population	Total Number of Outdoor Pickleball Courts	Total Number of Outdoor Tennis Courts
Halton Region			
Town of Milton	130,000	0 Dedicated 12 Shared (1:10,800) Overall (1:10,800)	3 Dedicated (1:18,500) 4 Shared (1:32,000) Overall (1:18,500)
Town of Oakville	212,000	12 Dedicated (1:17,600) 26 Shared (1:8,100) Overall (1:5,600)	26 Dedicated (1:8,000) 16 Shared (1:13,250) Overall (1:5,000)
City of Burlington	185,000	3 Dedicated (1:61,600) 12 Shared (1:15,400) Overall (1:12,000)	11 Dedicated (1:16,800) 6 Shared (1:30,800) Overall (1:10,900)
Other Municipalities			
City of Cambridge	140,000	0 Dedicated 3 Shared	11 Dedicated 3 Shared
City of Guelph	131,000	0 Dedicated 12 Shared	14 Dedicated 12 Shared
City of Hamilton	580,000	24 dedicated 0 shared	30 dedicated 0 shared
City of Orillia	32,000	0 Dedicated 3 Shared	6 Dedicated 3 Shared
City of Peterborough	84,000	6 Dedicated 0 Shared	7 Dedicated 0 Shared
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury	38,000	0 Dedicated 0 Shared	8 Dedicated 0 Shared
Town of Caledon	66,000	0 Dedicated 2 Shared	28 Dedicated 2 Shared
Town of Collingwood	25,000	0 Dedicated 0 Shared	5 Dedicated 0 Shared
Town of East Gwillimbury	35,000	2 Dedicated (Proposal Received) 0 Shared	12 Dedicated 0 Shared
Town of Essa	22,000	0 Dedicated 0 shared	3 Dedicated 0 Shared
Town of Goderich	7,600	6 Dedicated 0 Shared	2 Dedicated 0 Shared
Town of Penetanguishene	9,000	4 Dedicated 1 Shared	0 Dedicated 1 Shared
Town of Richmond Hill	200,000	2 Dedicated 0 Shared	80 Dedicated 0 Shared
Town of Orangeville	29,000	0 Dedicated 4 Shared (with ball hockey/basketball)	4 Dedicated 0 Shared
Town of Springwater	19,000	Proposal for 2 Dedicated Court facility.	5 Dedicated 0 Shared
Town of Tecumseh	24,000	14 Dedicated 0 shared	5 Dedicated 0 Shared
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville	53,000	4 Dedicated 16 Shared	6 Dedicated 8 Shared

APPENDIX C – Preliminary 2022-2031 Capital Forecast

The capital forecast provides approvals for projected funding of projects such as the outdoor court sport recommendations and actions. Projects approved in the capital forecast are reviewed annually and considered each year at Budget Committee.

Project Name	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total
Court Revitalization & Repairs	\$10,000	90,000	15,000	-	-	15,000	-	-	15,000	-	135,000
GCC Tennis Court Resurfacing	-	-	-	-	-	-	125,000	-	-	-	125,000
Gellert Park Expansion - Construction*		6,000,000									6,000,000
Gellert Park Expansion - Design Phase	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,000
Multi-Purpose Courts	-	-	215,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	215,000
Prospect Tennis Ct Resurfacing	70,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	90,000	-	-	160,000
Tennis Court Lighting Replacement	-	175,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	175,000
Tennis Court New Facility	-	-	-	-	-	600,000	-	-	-	-	600,000
Trafalgar Sports Park Phase 6b*					5,000,000	5,000,000	4,360,000				14,360,000
Vision Georgetown Parks - Community Park (CP #1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,413,000	5,413,000
	170,000	6,265,000	230,000	-	5,000,000	5,615,000	4,485,000	90,000	15,000	5,413,000	27,283,000