

November 19, 2021

Town of Halton Hills
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Attention: Mandy Keller, Senior Manager of Community Development

RE: Court Sports Strategy

On behalf of the Halton Hills Pickleball Association (HHPA), thank you for the opportunity to participate in the process to develop the Court Sports Strategy. We appreciate the time and effort taken by staff to conduct research, site visits, surveys, interviews and contact comparator municipalities to assist in informing the Strategy. HHPA has provided written comment to Town staff on Version 1 and Version 2 and attended a meeting to review the final draft document that will be presented to Council on December 13, 2021.

HHPA is very appreciative of the plans to convert one tennis court at Emmerson Park to pickleball as part of the 2022 budget. This will be very helpful in accommodating interim Community Club play until such time as the Trafalgar Sports Park facilities become a reality.

While we are generally in agreement with the recommendations contained within the Strategy, please note the following:

- HHPA suggests that for the Service Provisional Standards for pickleball only should reflect the 75% discount due to the inequitable access to pickleball courts. The percentage has been applied to both tennis and pickleball, although participants cannot easily access a pickleball court at any location in Halton Hills (other than Prospect Park) without bringing with them portable nets. While this inequity will be addressed as new dedicated courts are provided, as a baseline, HHPA feels that the 75% should be reflected for pickleball only.
- The courts at Prospect Park are identified in the 2022 Forecast for resurfacing at an estimated cost of \$70,000. HHPA request that the facility configuration be reviewed with the potential to add additional permanent pickleball courts by shifting the court layout slightly south. As this adjustment may require an incremental budget amount, if feasible, could the budget identified for court revitalization in 2023 be moved ahead to 2022 to complete the work and maximize the facility layout for both tennis and pickleball?

HHPA has appreciated the efforts of Town staff to work collaboratively with user groups and complete this comprehensive Court Sports Strategy. We look forward to continuing to work together in future to address the needs of pickleball and to help in growing the interest and participation in pickleball for all ages in future.

Thank you again.

Yours truly,

Marc Surette, President
HHPA