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**From:** Municipal Hall  
**Subject:** FW: Recent Council Motion/Resolution Regarding Centennial Tennis Court One

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Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Dave Scott; current President of the Peninsula Tennis Club (PTC). We have just been informed about your recent Motion and Direction to Staff regarding the conversion of Centennial Tennis Court #1 into 4 Pickle Ball Courts. This leaves us wondering how this could have happened without any consultation with the local tennis community.

As background; in 2022 Central Saanich staff brought together both the Pickleball and Tennis communities and negotiated an agreement that would see a jointly supported application to obtain a 2 Million Dollar Sport Grant that would be used toward the building of the new MultiPlex Box; which included 4 pickleball courts.

The agreement, at that time, was as follows and was subsequently shared with and supported by our club members.

The following comes directly from a 2023 Staff Report in which Council voted to install temporary pickleball lines on Court 1 at the Centennial Park tennis courts. The intent, as outlined in the report, was to accommodate court space limitations during the construction of the Multi-sport Box, with the understanding that once construction was completed, the courts would revert back to tennis use. Additionally, the report noted that if the Multi-sport Box did not meet expectations, the pickleball lines on Court 1 could remain as an alternate solution until such time as a new solution had been worked out.

We understand that the new CRD Multi-sport box will include lines to support four pickleball courts and that it has limitations. Furthermore, the overall demand for pickleball and other recreational needs is currently being assessed through the CRD's Peninsula Recreation Needs Assessment; which I know they are trying hard to address the need for a **dedicated** pickleball facility in our area which we also support.

With that said, I would anticipate many of our members will not be happy when they hear about your recent, and sudden, change in direction and will be asking me why the Municipality has reneged on their commitment after receiving the funding.

Further, and in an effort to work collaboratively together, we really wonder, if in fact the current size and configuration of Court 1 can truly accommodate and support a proper 4 pickleball court configuration and

layout without incurring significant additional costs; not to forget the possible need for the installation of noise mitigation. This all said, we are quite willing to continue to work together toward a joint beneficial solution not just a quick fix.

It is as a result of the aforementioned that we, PTC, would respectfully request that Council table and/or amend the current Motion and allow us to work together to see how best to help the Pickleball Community.

Sincerely,

Dave Scott

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