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Dear Mayor and Councillors of Central Saanich,

I am not a resident of Central Saanich, but I do live on the Peninsula in Sidney. I am submitting this letter to you to ask for your support of the proposal to build Pickleball facilities in your community.

I am a 75 year old male who tries very hard to maintain my health through active participation in various sports. Recently it has become more difficult to achieve this aim due to the loss of some facilities on the Peninsula. Having been an active member of the Glen Meadows Curling Club I now have to drive to Victoria and Esquimalt to keep active in that sport. Same applies regarding golf, I now have to go to Oak Bay or Victoria to play since Glen Meadows GC closed. To augment the lessening of my access to curling and golf I took up Pickleball a few years ago. The facility in North Saanich on Wain Road was excellent and convenient for me; alas I was deeply saddened and disappointed when North Saanich closed the Pickleball courts to appease a few neighbours who complained it was a nuisance due to noise. As a result, I started playing Pickleball at Centennial Park. It is not the most convenient due to it being a makeshift setup for Pickleball on a single Tennis court. But it allows me to remain active in a great sport which is so essential to my aim of keeping fit as I age. I applaud Central Saanich for allowing Pickleball to be played on Tennis court #1 to alleviate the lack of other available facilities on the Peninsula.

I understand that Central Saanich is now considering creating 4 dedicated Pickleball courts at Centennial Park. I fully support this proposal and encourage your Council to approve building the courts. And if possible, perhaps the single Tennis court #1 which is being used on a shared basis for Pickleball could also remain available for us avid players. As I am sure you are aware, the sport of Pickleball is growing rapidly, and 4 courts will probably be oversubscribed in no short order. Thank you for your support of the hundreds and hundreds of Pickleball players in Central Saanich and throughout the Peninsula.

I urge you to favourably consider and approve this vitally important proposal for Pickleball facilities at Centennial Park.

Yours sincerely,

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