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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express strong support for the development of purpose-built pickleball courts in Central Saanich. Currently, there are no dedicated pickleball courts on the Saanich Peninsula, despite the sport's rapid growth and the recent closure of the courts in North Saanich.

While the new multi-sport box in Central Saanich will include temporary lines and nets for pickleball, access will be very limited due to lacrosse and other scheduled programs. What's needed are courts with permanent nets, dedicated lines, and exclusive use for pickleball—which would provide consistent access and a quality playing environment.

Some key points to consider:

- Pickleball has surpassed tennis in participation across North America.
- The Peninsula has 15 purpose-built tennis courts—and zero for pickleball.
- The pickleball community is prepared to fund the court conversion—at no cost to the District.

This is a growing sport that supports health, social connection, and active living for all ages. We respectfully ask for your support in establishing dedicated pickleball courts in Central Saanich.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important initiative.

Garry Hague

Resident of North Saanich

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