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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the conversion of Tennis Court #1 at Centennial Park into four designated Pickleball courts that will have permanent nets and lines for pickleball and, therefore, not having to be shared with other sports. A large vacuum was created with the closure of the courts in North Saanich resulting in a huge demand for pickleball courts. I acknowledge that the building of the multi-sports box in Central Saanich will have some pickleball lines, however, temporary nets will have to be set up and taken down with each play even. Further, access to the pickleball courts will be severely restricted as lacrosse is the primary tenant and they will block out a lot of the available time as will the many other sports and Panorama Programs.

As pickleball continues to grow in popularity, and in fact has recently surpassed tennis in participation numbers in North America, more members of our community are eager to engage in this fun and inclusive sport. The current situation on the Saanich Peninsula has fifteen purpose built tennis courts and none for pickleball. As a result, we are finding the few minimally shared court setups severely limits pickleball access and creates scheduling challenges for players of all skill levels.

By creating dedicated pickleball courts, we can better accommodate the increasing demand while promoting active lifestyles, social connections, and multi-generational participation. Centennial Park is the perfect location for this enhancement, and I believe it will greatly benefit the community.

Further, as the Pickleball Associations and Pickleball Community will finance the conversion, there will be no cost to Central Saanich.

I appreciate your time and consideration of this proposal. I hope to see Centennial Park become a hub for pickleball enthusiasts, fostering recreation and connection throughout the surrounding area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
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