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Dear Central Saanich Mayor and Councillors,

I urge your support for the development of purpose-built pickleball courts in Centennial Park.

I am among the numerous pickleball players on the Saanich Peninsula who are challenged by the lack of outdoor venues for playing pickleball on the peninsula. Interest in this sport has grown over the last years. Despite this growth, which would indicate a need to increase the number of venues, the peninsula has experienced a decrease in available outdoor venues.

I applaud the proposal to develop outdoor purpose-built pickleball courts. There are no outdoor, purpose-built pickleball courts on the Saanich Peninsula. Currently, pickleball players need to share with other sports. This usually means coping with confusing court markings and tennis nets or temporary pickleball nets that will not be the quality of permanent installations. Sometimes, it also includes a bit of friction between pickleball players and the participants in other sports who are sharing the same court.

Thank you for your consideration.

G. Wayne Lidstone

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