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Dear Mayor and Council

We are proud residents of Central Saanich and active members of the Peninsula Community Pickleball Club. We understand that a motion was recently made to council to convert tennis court #1 at Centennial Park to 4 permanent Pickleball only courts following multiple requests and proposals made by the PCPC. We write in support of this motion that is coming up for a vote on May 26.

We understand that currently there are no purpose built Pickleball courts on the Saanich Peninsula. With the closure of the courts in North Saanich, the demand for courts is huge and growing as the popularity of the sport of Pickleball only continues to grow.

We understand that the multi-sports box being built in Central Saanich will have some Pickleball lines and temporary nets will have to be setup. However, we are concerned that access to use these Pickleball courts will be severely restricted as lacrosse is the primary tenant and they will block out a lot of time along with other sports and panorama programs.

A purpose-built Pickleball court has permanent nets, lines for Pickleball only, and not shared with any other sports. Pickleball recently surpassed tennis in participation numbers in North America. At present, there are 15 purpose built tennis courts on the Peninsula and zero for Pickleball.

I understand that the Pickleball associations and the Pickleball community will finance the conversion; thus no cost to Central Saanich.

For these reasons, we ask that council approve this motion to promote access to the fun and community friendly sport of Pickleball.

Thanks for your consideration,

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