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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I would like to voice my support for the approval by Council for the conversion of tennis court #1 at Centennial Park to 4 permanent pickleball only courts. I am a member of the Peninsula Community Pickleball Club (PCPC), and the Club has been working on this project since September 2024.

Currently there are no purpose built pickleball courts on the Saanich Peninsula and with the closure of the courts in North Saanich the demand for pickleball courts is huge.

The multi-sports box being built in Central Saanich will have some pickleball lines and temporary nets will have to be setup; however, access to use the 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. There are 15 purpose built tennis courts on the Peninsula and zero for pickleball.

The pickleball associations and the pickleball community will finance the conversion; thus there will be no cost to Central Saanich to do this project.

It is my view that in approving this project, the Council can demonstrate a balanced approach to recreational activities and the supply of associated facilities in a way that respects the interests of many diverse groups of residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Linda Shore

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