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Dear Central Saanich Mayor and Council:

Please support converting tennis court #1 at Centennial Park to 4 permanent pickleball only courts.

Pickleball is a wonderful sport for ALL ages! I'm a senior now... I never thought I would be this physically active at this age... and I have Pickleball to thank!

Demand for pickleball courts is huge... the number of players have surpassed the number of tennis players in North America and the growth curve will continue to rise!

I look at all the support for other sports... which is great! Lacrosse (the new Sport Box building at Centennial is wonderful but pickleball access will be minimal), hockey rinks, Indoor Tennis courts at Panorama... the list goes on. Let's think about making pickleball a priority too. The cost per person per square foot to build and maintain pickleball facilities is VERY LOW compared to (e.g.) a hockey rink.... And note, this tennis court conversion will allow 16 people to be playing pickleball on the space that originally enabled only up to 4 tennis players.

Please consider enabling pickleball players to have real courts to play our beloved game!

Thank you,  
Cheers,  
Alison Crone

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