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As a recently retired Family Physician from Shoreline Brentwood Bay, I am writing to support the conversion of court #1 at Centennial Park to 4 permanent pickleball only courts. The cost of this conversion will be financed by the pickleball association and pickleball community with no cost to Central Saanich.

My experience in health care stresses the importance of maintaining physical exercise as well as social connections, especially as we age. The loss of the four courts in North Saanich potentially affects both these objectives as there are no longer any purpose-built pickleball courts on the Saanich Peninsula.

Unfortunately, the proposal to share the multi-purpose sports box currently being built in Central Saanich, is unlikely able to support the increasing demand of pickleball players. Access to these courts will be limited and will require temporary net setup each time. Lacrosse will be the primary tenants of this "box" and will likely block out most of the allotted time. Other sports' programs through the Panorama Recreation Centre will require significant time allotment, especially during summer student programs.

I strongly support the establishment of a permanent purpose-built pickleball court with permanent nets and single line markings for pickleball only.

Thanking you for consideration,
Yours

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