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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing in strong support for the installation of four purpose-built pickleball courts on Court #1 of Centennial Park. As a regular player at Centennial for years, the lack of facilities throughout the peninsula (and Victoria in general), has long been a concern. The two temporary pickleball courts appear in constant use, with group bookings before I play and another group coming afterwards. Meanwhile, the two tennis courts beside are typically empty and unused. The temporary nets we are required to set up and take down each day are of poor quality, amateurish, and not once has there been a request for tennis players to use this shared court area. There are currently 15 dedicated tennis courts in Central Saanich and 0 dedicated pickleball courts, despite the surging popularity of the latter, now the most popular racquet sport in North America.

I understand there will be no cost to the Municipality for this conversion as costs are to be borne by local pickleball stakeholders. This makes it an obvious win-win for Central Saanich, as no tennis will be impacted but hundreds of pickleball players will benefit, contributing to a healthier community.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,
Elaine Wooster

Sent from my iPhone

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