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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am a Central Saanich resident who has played tennis in the community and on Vancouver Island for several years. I have regularly block booked courts through the Central Saanich Municipal Hall system and currently hold a weekly block booking on Court One at Centennial for tennis which is valid until the end of September. The three court tennis facility **which was built for tennis** on Hovey Road after considerable debate, consultation, and municipal funding is a first class recreational asset to the community and one to be proud of.

As a tennis player, I was very disappointed when a decision was made several years ago to add Pickle Ball lines to Court One. Court One was the prime tennis court in the Greater Victoria area, at the time, because of the careful consideration and planning that went into its siting and additional features like privacy fencing, top grade surfacing and "California Corners". Seemingly, staff recommended several viable options to satisfy the lobbying from Pickle Ball players for court space at that time, but the resolve resulted in Pickle Ball lines being added to Court One which obscures the Tennis boundary lines for both seasoned and novice players. This action eliminated Court One from being able to facilitate tournament tennis play, rendering it for recreational tennis only.

The persistent lobbying for Pickle Ball has continued and as a result, a temporary set of additional lines have been added to Court One at Centennial (increasing confusion and frustration for tennis players) in order to facilitate an additional Pickle Ball court until the four courts which are a part of the new Multiplex Sports Box at Centennial Park are completed. I applaud the decision to create Pickle Ball courts as part of the new facility, and I hope that they will be well received.

I am surprised that as a paying tennis patron, with a valid block booking for Court One Centennial, for tennis, I was not informed of the recent motion before Council to convert Court One at Centennial into a Pickle Ball only court and wonder what, if any, notification process or consideration to tennis players was in place by the Municipality.

More importantly, I would appreciate an answer as to why, even before the new facility has been completed, and a scheduling module has been tested to collect the necessary data to determine access and play at the new facility, a motion can be considered to convert Court One at Centennial into a permanent Pickle Ball only court? The potential loss of a tennis court hangs in the balance.

I am an advocate for sport and recreation of all kinds and recognize that Pickle Ball is a fine sport and widely popular, however, **all** proponents of sport and recreation need to be **respected equally** and the needs and wants of one sport should not take preference over another simply due to their numbers. Please ensure that Court One at Centennial remains playable as a tennis court as it was originally intended. Thank you.

Respectfully,  
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