



The Corporation of the District of Central Saanich

REGULAR COUNCIL REPORT

For the Regular Council meeting on February 08, 2021

To: Christine Culham
Chief Administrative Officer

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From: Britt Burnham
Manager of Community
Services

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Date: February 02, 2021

Re: Centennial Court #1 Pickleball/Tennis Court Design

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Retain the status quo design for Centennial Park's Court #1 and consider Pickleball recreational user needs during the Parks Master Planning in 2022.

BACKGROUND:

During the month of January 2021, the District has been receiving correspondence, regarding pickleball facility needs and the design/use of Court #1 at Centennial Park which is currently lined tennis and a single game of pickleball. Letters of support and opposition have been received by the District.

In January 2020, Council was presented with a request by the Peninsula Pickleball Association to reline Court #1 for four pickleball. At the time, the staff report outlined that while tennis courts are seen as an affordable way to accommodate the sport, sharing a court is not best practice. Furthermore that the District will update the Parks Master Plan in 2022-2023 and the feasibility of a multiuse facility and partnership opportunities should be explored in the context of all recreation needs of residents being considered.

On January 27, 2020, Council resolved:

That the report and correspondence relating to pickleball courts be referred to the Parks Master Plan and further that:

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1. *Panorama Recreation be encouraged to consider coordinating the development of pickleball facilities on the Peninsula, and*
2. *That the pickleball community be invited to look at potential locations for facilities and for fundraising and grant opportunities.*

Upon receipt of the correspondence, staff contacted the Peninsula Pickleball Association and the association has suggested a relining of Court #1 for two pickleball courts and storage for portable nets (still shared with tennis).

DISCUSSION:

Given the upcoming Parks Master Planning process in 2022 and the current restrictions and unpredictable course of adult sport restrictions in the near future, this may not be the most opportune time to revisit the design of Court #1.

Parks Masterplan

Establishing outdoor courts suitable for pickleball on the Peninsula is a challenging task that requires the right location and funding. Staff believe the upcoming Parks Master Plan is the best time to identify community recreation priorities.

COVID-19 Restrictions

The current Public Health Orders restrict adult outdoor group sport to 4 players with a 3 m distance requirement; as a pickleball doubles team are not be able to maintain the 3 m separation, outdoor pickleball is limited to singles (except where members from one household can play against two members from another household).

CONCLUSION:

Given the current restrictions and unpredictable course of adult sport restrictions in the near future, staff do not see a need to revisit the previous direction of Council at this time. As per the previous Council direction, the District will look at pickleball needs during the update to the Parks Master Plan, which begins in 2022.

Respectfully Submitted

Britt Burnham
Manager of Community Services

<p><i>Administrator's Recommendation:</i> <i>I concur with the recommendations contained in this report.</i> <i>Christine Culham</i> <i>Chief Administrative Officer</i></p>
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