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Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 7:58 PM
To: MB-townclerk@milton.ca <Townclerk@milton.ca>
Subject: Website Delegation Request - Annie Lu - Milton Pickleball Association

Hello Town Clerk's Staff,

Please note the following response to Delegate Request Application has been submitted at Thursday November 14th 2024 7:53 PM with reference number 2024-11-14-098.

<https://forms.milton.ca/Management/Response/View/ec6b7d67-c428-4ae5-8d0d-b229ca9de4ff>

Application Information

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- **Street Address:**
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- **Town**
Milton
- **Postal Code:**
[REDACTED]
- **Are you representing a group?**
Yes
- **Group Name**
Milton Pickleball Association

- **Town**
Milton
- **Council Meeting Date**
12/2/2024
- **Please indicate how you intend to participate during the Council Meeting**
In person
- **Please describe the issue you intend to present:**
I would like to confirm the approval of the budget for additional pickleball courts in Milton, specifically the conversion of multi-use courts in Coates Neighbourhood Park North to dedicated pickleball courts and the addition of lit courts in Bristol Park. This expansion is essential due to the high demand for pickleball in our community, demonstrated by a petition with over 500 signatures and a membership base of over 500. Currently, there is insufficient court time to meet this demand, resulting in waitlists of over 40 people at public courts and drop-in sessions that fill up within one minute of registration.
https://www.change.org/p/expand-pickleball-facilities-in-milton-for-a-healthier-and-more-sociable-community?utm_source=miltontoday.ca&utm_campaign=miltontoday.ca%3A%20outbound&utm_medium=referral

As the fastest-growing sport in the country, pickleball offers significant health and social benefits, making these improvements a valuable investment for our community. I hope to discuss opportunities to collaborate with the Town of Milton to address this high demand and explore additional ways to expand pickleball access in our community.

Here's a list of the many benefits of pickleball:

Physical Fitness: Pickleball provides a great cardiovascular workout, improving endurance, balance, and agility while being low-impact on joints.

Mental Health: Playing pickleball can reduce stress, improve mood, and enhance cognitive function.

Social Connections: The sport encourages social interaction and community-building, as it is commonly played in doubles and promotes

a friendly, inclusive environment.

Accessibility: Pickleball is easy to learn and can be played by people of all ages and fitness levels, from youth to seniors.

Affordable Recreation: It requires minimal equipment and can be played on a variety of court surfaces, making it an affordable sport.

Skill Development: Pickleball helps players develop coordination, reflexes, and strategic thinking skills.

As of 2024, Milton, Ontario, has an estimated population of 158,249 residents. With a growing base of over 500 members in the local pickleball community, this puts the player-to-population ratio at about 1 in every 316 residents—a significant proportion given the rapid growth and popularity of pickleball in town. Many of these members are playing everyday for several hours a day.

This statistic highlights both the strong local interest and the need for adequate facilities to accommodate the demand. As you present this to the council, emphasizing the high participation ratio relative to the population can reinforce the case for expanding court availability, thus supporting more accessible recreational opportunities in Milton.

- **Please describe specific actions you want Council to take:**

Here's a list of specific actions we'd like Council to take:

Confirm Budget Approval: Verify and confirm the approval for converting multi-use courts in Coates Neighbourhood Park North to dedicated pickleball courts and for adding lit courts at Bristol Park.

Accelerate Court Conversion Timeline: Expedite the timeline for these conversions to address the immediate need, helping to alleviate waitlists and high demand as soon as possible.

Allocate Funding for Additional Courts: Consider allocating funds for further expansion of dedicated pickleball courts in other high-demand areas across Milton.

Increase Access to Drop-In Sessions: Adjust scheduling to allow for more frequent drop-in pickleball sessions at Town of Milton facilities, potentially expanding registration limits or adding extra time slots.

Collaborate with Milton Pickleball Association: Work closely with Milton

Pickleball Association and community members to understand ongoing needs and to support the development of programs that enhance access, such as beginner clinics, league play, and community events.

- **Please provide your comments in support of or in opposition to the staff recommendation:**

I fully support the staff recommendation to convert the multi-use courts in Coates Neighbourhood Park North to dedicated pickleball courts and to add lit courts in Bristol Park. This recommendation addresses the significant and growing demand for pickleball facilities in Milton. With over 500 members and strong community interest demonstrated by a petition of 500+ signatures, additional courts are essential to accommodate current demand and prevent long waiting times. Expanding pickleball access promotes physical health, fosters social engagement, and enriches our community's recreational offerings.

- **Do you give your permission to be audio and video recorded on the Town of Milton's live Council meeting stream?**

Yes I give my permission

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