

June 22, 2021 Parks committee motion re: Pickleball Letter of Support

WHEREAS in the draft Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan (which is going to the Community and Protective Services Committee and City Council in September, 2021 for approval) City staff are recommending that pickleball court lines be added on all existing and new public tennis courts; and

WHEREAS the Ottawa Pickleball Association (OPA) has requested a letter from the Glebe Community Association (GCA) in support of its efforts to work with the City of Ottawa to make the sport of pickleball more accessible to communities around the city, and in particular through the painting of pickleball lines on the tennis courts at Chamberlain Park at 80 Chamberlain Avenue; and

WHEREAS this letter would help the OPA obtain a Community Partnership Minor Capital Grant from the City to help pay for the paint as part of the OPA's proposal to use volunteers from their association to facilitate this process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GCA grant the OPA's request for a letter of support, on condition that no further modifications be made to the court other than the new lines (i.e. net heights); and

that the City first take into account the very close proximity of houses next to and directly across the street from the Chamberlain courts in deciding whether or not this is a reasonable location for pickleball, given the louder noise created by the sound of the pickleball racket and ball in comparison to those of tennis.