



方卓怡 市議員 **Paula Fletcher**

City Councillor | Ward 14 Toronto-Danforth

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Chair Jennifer McKelvie
Infrastructure and Environment Committee
City Hall, 100 Queen Street W
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in North America and Ward 14 Toronto Danforth is no exception. It is a game for all ages but is especially popular among seniors because it affords a great opportunity for exercise as well as the health benefits derived from remaining active.

The number of facilities currently available do not come close to serving the demand and the number of players.

Altering outdoor tennis courts and ice rinks to accommodate pickleball is a relatively inexpensive and quick task and would allow for both indoor and outdoor play year round.

Doing so would provide a great, inexpensive and accessible recreational opportunity for many residents and I would like to explore the opportunities to expand the sport in my ward.

RECOMMENDATION:

Request the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to report to the first I and E meeting of the next term of Council on the fast growing sport of pickleball including:

1. the distribution of current pickleball facilities across the city by ward and opportunities to add more
2. an assessment of demand for pickleball
3. a review of the current scheduling of pickleball with a view of expanding the hours of play offered at city run recreation centres.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Councillor Paula Fletcher
Ward 14 Toronto Danforth