

City Council

Notice of Motion

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Next Steps in Promoting Pickleball: Indoor Tournament Facilities Across the City - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Deputy City Manager, Community and Social Services, in consultation with the Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services, the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, to identify potential suitable areas for standalone, indoor pickleball facilities and report to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee by the end of second quarter of 2025 with a longlist of potential sites that could accommodate such facilities.

Summary

The growth of pickleball in our City has seen rapid expansion and Parks, Forestry and Recreation have been working hard to create public spaces to keep up with the demand. Many of the pickleball courts that have been created are on outdoor Artificial Ice Rinks with painted lines, modified tennis courts or other areas that can be quickly repurposed to create more courts.

The pickleball community is very active in organizing leagues and players and has expressed a need for more dedicated indoor spaces available year-round and locations that can host tournaments to meet the needs of this expanding sport.

While currently Parks, Forestry and Recreation is undertaking upgrading many surfaces for pickleball in every ward of the city, there is one such dedicated location being built in Centennial Park which is very welcome. It would be great to have a dedicated facility in each quadrant of the City.

Background Information (City Council)

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