

NOTICE OF MOTION**An Updated Pickleball Play Assessment****Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Malik

Seconded by: Councillor Fletcher

SUMMARY:

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in Toronto. Its courts are in high demand, with hundreds now across our city.

In 2023, City Council directed a report back as part of the reassessment of the Parks and Recreation Facilities Plan a review of the need for pickleball provision across the City, this work is underway.

Since this direction, other groups, including the City of Ottawa and British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association have developed their own pickleball strategies which have included noise mitigation efforts, due to the loud and frequent sound of the hard plastic ball hitting a solid paddle. As pickleball popularity grows, City Councillors offices are receiving more frequent complaints related to noise from these courts. To address these concerns holistically, implementation of the Parks and Recreation Facilities Plan's recommendations on Pickleball should include considerations for noise impacts generated by this activity.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council request the General Manager of Parks and Recreation to review other jurisdictions and include best practices and directions for noise mitigation, including setback distances, noise barriers and court surfacing options related to temporary and seasonal Pickleball facilities through the Parks and Recreation Facilities Plan Implementation Strategy.

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