

TO Pickleball Advisory Group


Meeting 2 – Wednesday, June 12, 2024

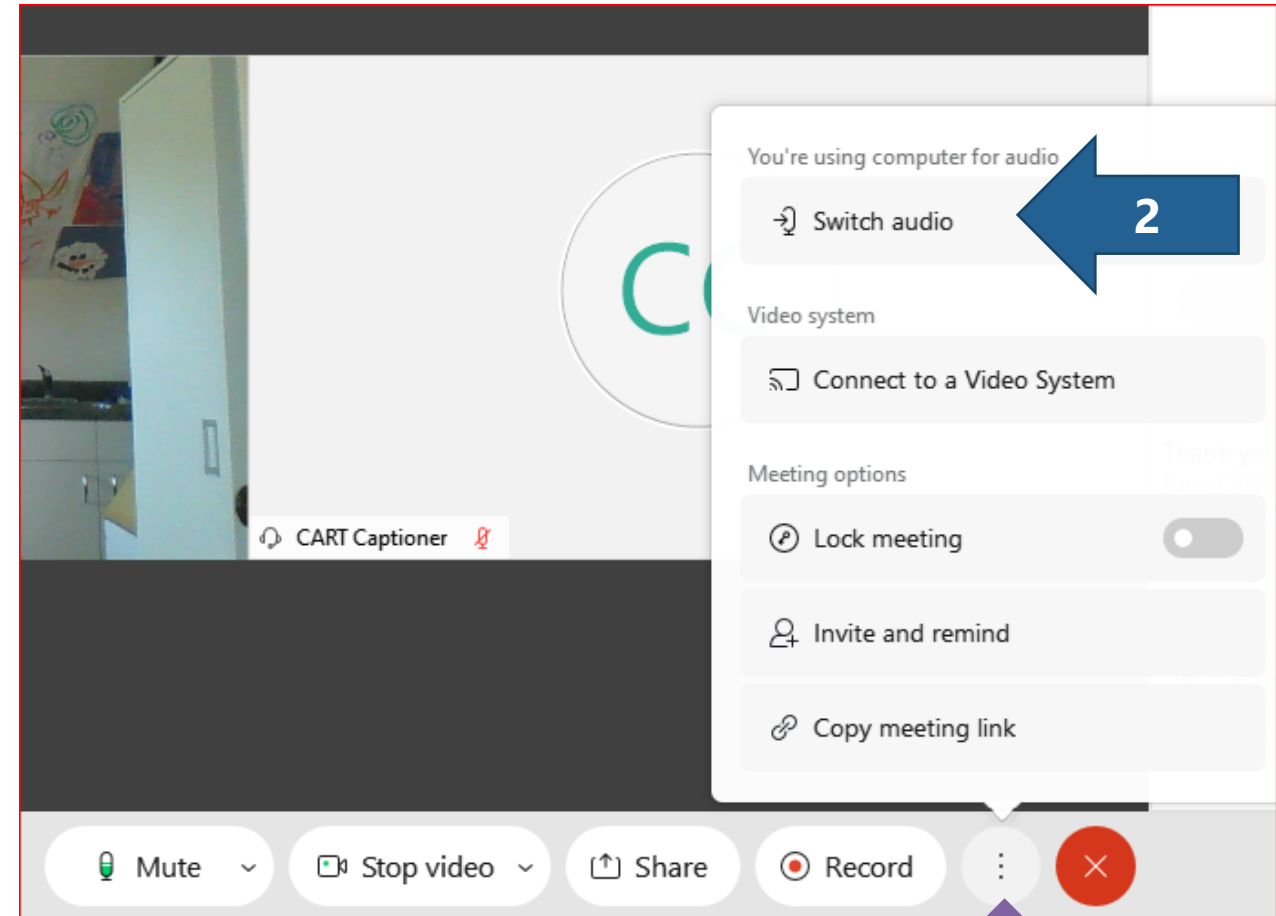


Pickleball Advisory Group Mandate

The Pickleball Advisory Group members will offer perspective, guidance and advice to the City of Toronto Parks Forestry and Recreation (PFR) Division to inform and advance the development of short and longer-term plans for more pickleball access across the City of Toronto for all ages, and to guide policy development and program considerations

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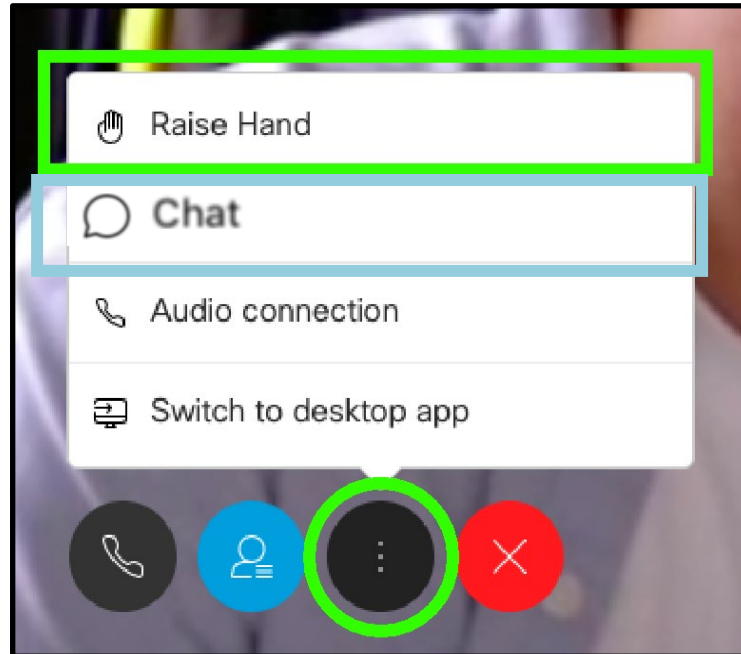
To ask a question and share feedback, you can virtually raise your hand.

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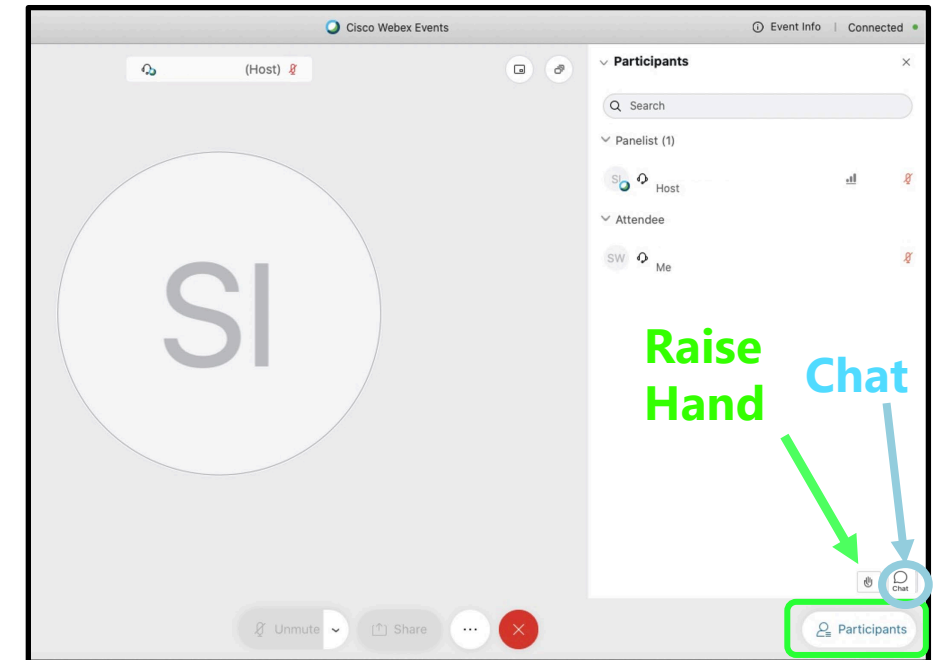
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Via the Webex App

Click the Participants button at the bottom of the video (the Participants panel will open to the right). Then click the "Raise Hand" or "Chat" button at the bottom right.



Agenda



Welcome



Review and approval of minutes



Review and approval of Terms of Reference



Recreation Programs Overview



Next Steps



Announcements

thank
you!

Adjourn



Land Acknowledgement

I'd like to begin by honouring the land that I'm on. If you are not currently in Toronto, I encourage you to learn about the lands you're on.

We acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.



African Ancestral Acknowledgement

The City of Toronto acknowledges all Treaty peoples – including those who came here as settlers – as migrants either in this generation or in generations past - and those of us who came here involuntarily, particularly those brought to these lands as a result of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and Slavery. We pay tribute to those ancestors of African origin and descent.



Codes of Conduct

As a meeting participant, you agree to:

- Be an active listener and keep an open mind by valuing a diversity of views and opinions.
- Treat all participants with kindness and respect.
- Critique ideas, not individuals.
- Avoid cursing as well as language or behaviours that could otherwise be considered rude or offensive.
- Abide by the City's Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination policy by refraining from making racist, xenophobic, misogynist, homophobic, transphobic, anti-Indigenous, ableist, ageist, or other forms of discriminatory, prejudicial, exclusionary or hateful comments and questions. These will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or process.

As City staff & process stewards, we commit to:

- Maintaining an atmosphere that is respectful of all participants and other staff members.
- Ensuring that that project outcomes and/or staff recommendations are informed by participants' concerns, interests, and desires.
- Being advocates for the integrity of the public process and ensuring it reflects as much as possible directions contained in relevant Council-approved strategies.
- Undertaking and encouraging actions by other City staff that build trust and credibility for the process among all participants.
- Providing the information participants need to meaningfully participate.



Meeting Participation



All participants are currently muted for the presentation.



You will be able to participate in discussion by using the raise hand and unmuting when called on, or through the chat bar.



Make space to hear from and listen to all participants. **Share speaking time** and do not talk over others.



Thank you for being with us!

Parks Forestry & Recreation Staff

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Park Planning and Strategic Initiatives

Matt Bentley, Senior Project Manager, Facilities Master Plan

Vanessa Cipriani, Planner

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Stakeholder Members

Advisory Group

Annette Sonneveld – Probus Club of North York
Albert Benudiz – Toronto Gay Pickleball Association
Anthony Cromwell – South District Community Player
Carolyn Curren – Ramsden Park
Daniela Cella – West District Community Player
Ed Mark - Scarborough Seniors Games
Jeff Van Duynhoven – Leaside Pickleball Association
John Cameron – Etobicoke Pickleball Association
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Katherine Rizza - East District Community Player
Margaret James - Probus Club of Etobicoke
Maria Lindgren – South District Community Player
Mark Jennings - Passion for Pickleball
Mary Beth Denomy – East Toronto Pickleball Association
Mike Khang – North District Community Player
Sara McInnes – Toronto Pickleball Club
Selina Luo – East District Community Player
Sharon Chan – North District Community Player
Sid Ingham – Baldwin Village Pickleball Club



Pickleball Advisory Group Meeting Goals and Outcomes

	May 15	June 12	July 17	September 11	October 23	November 27
Meeting Focus	Beginning	Programs	Outdoor Courts	Permits	Supporting Pickleball	Year End Review
Discuss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Building PAG and Terms of Reference ✓ Setting the Agenda and Meeting Dates ✓ Policy & Program Context overview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm Terms of Reference • Demand and supply of programs • Drop in protocol • Gym permits • Equipment • Ideas to improve player experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities Master Plan Update • Court provision • Design standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permit Allocation Policy • Permit process • Competing demands • Ideas to improve player experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pickleball at Community Tennis Clubs • Outstanding issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Year End Report outline • Identify outstanding issues for 2025 discussion • Review Terms Of Reference

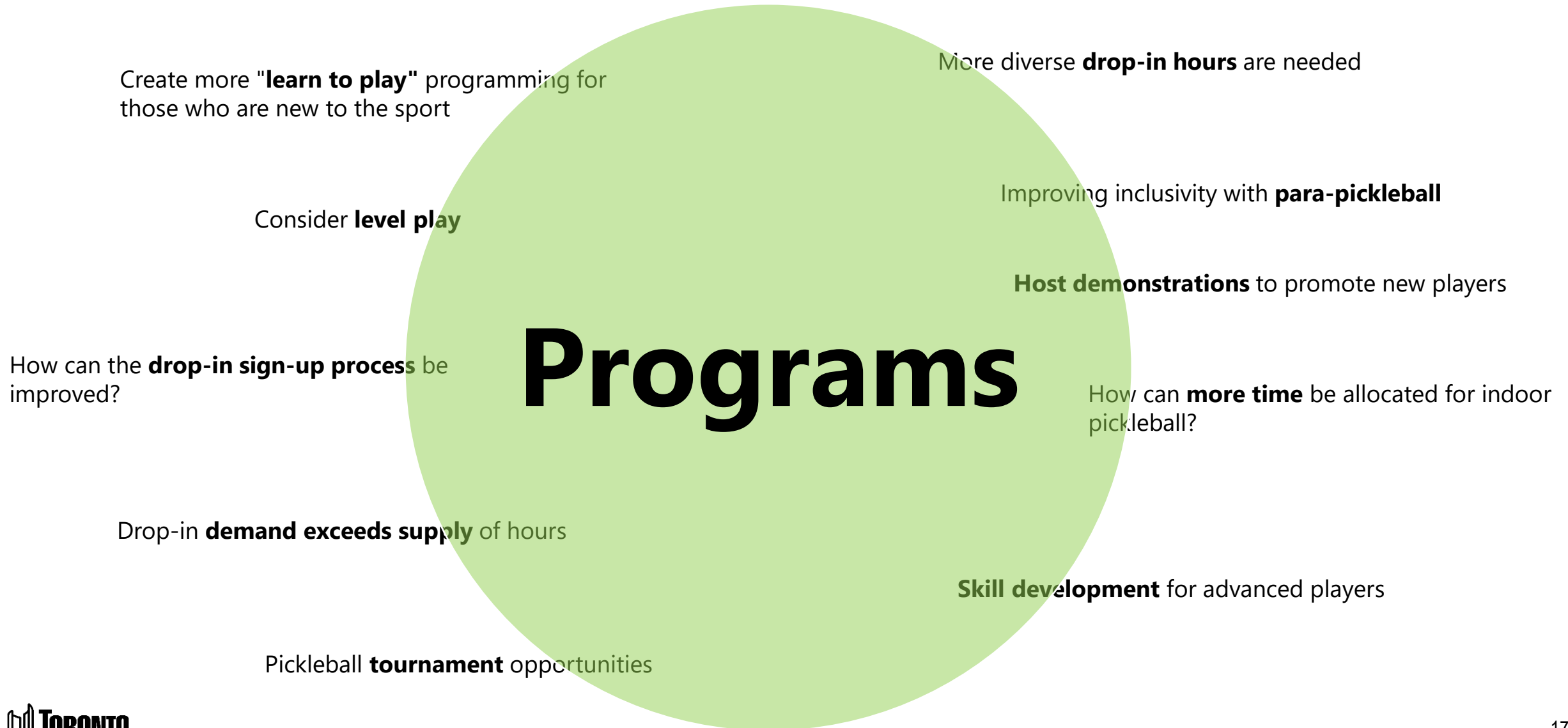


Confirming May 15 2024 Meeting Notes

Confirming 2024 Terms of Reference

Pickleball Programs

Programming and Indoor Court Feedback



Pickleball Programming

	2022	2023	Difference
Programs	270	460	190
Program Hours	9,097	15,715	6,618
Drop-In Visits	48,954	51,705	2,751
Registered Visits	4,490	9,545	5,055
Total Visits	53,444	61,250	7,806

Pickleball Play in Toronto

- Pickleball Play in Toronto (2023.IE4.5) report included recommendation to:
 - City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report back, as part of the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan and 5-Year Review, on how the City is **providing introductory pickleball opportunities through outreach, programming and access to affordable equipment in City parks and recreation facilities.**

Discussion:

Target age groups

Program design and delivery

- Program length

- Duration

- Structure

- Key skills

- Number of participants

Instructor Qualifications

- Length of training

- Certifications

Drop-in Program Process and Design

Drop-in recommendations:

Capacity limits

Must vary by location based on operational feasibility and equipment

Rotation management

Outcome: consistent practice across indoor locations

Equipment

Basic equipment available for number of active players

Discussion:

Level programming

Updates and Announcements & Next Steps

Opportunity for all members to share pickleball news

Updates & Announcements

- **Back on Track Funding** – Matt Bentley
- **June 21** - EPA will run an Etobicoke York (District 17) Regional Qualifying Tournament for the Ontario Senior Games Association at Etobicoke Olympium.
- **McCowan District Park** – four new courts have been painted – lit, bring your own nets



Next Steps

- Provide any additional program feedback to pickleball@toronto.ca
- Next Meeting:
Wednesday July 17th, 7 pm
Agenda: Outdoor Courts



HAVE A NICE DAY

 **TORONTO** Parks & Recreation

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