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To: Mayor and Council

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RE: Pickleball Contribution Agreement

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AIM

To seek Council approval to enter into a contribution agreement with Kingsville Pickleball, Inc. for the construction of an eight (8) court pickleball facility located at 1741 Jasperson Lane.

BACKGROUND

The sport of Pickleball combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong that is suitable for all ages and skill level to which has become increasingly popular amongst active seniors. The sport is described as a lower intensity paddle sport that can be played on dedicated courts or modified tennis courts and is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players.

At present, there are no dedicated pickleball courts in the town, although pickleball users have previously shared space with the Kingsville Tennis Association (KTA). The 2013 Parks and Recreation Master Plan recommended that pickleball be accommodated on the existing tennis courts as a pilot program to gauge interest and determine whether permanent outdoor courts were warranted. In 2018, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan was reviewed and updated which recommended to venture into constructing dedicated pickleball courts accompanied by a healthy fundraising campaign.

Due to the growing interest of pickleball, promotion of an active lifestyle amongst seniors, and the absence of designated pickleball facilities, the Town submitted a grant application in the Fall of 2019 under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) in support for the purpose of constructing a new designated facility. The Town recognizes the importance and need for connectivity within the community that encourages physical activity and is committed to improving recreational opportunities.

DISCUSSION

The Kingsville Pickleball, Inc. (KPI) is in support of the contribution agreement and eager to begin solidifying fundraising efforts to fulfill the financial requirements associated to the project of constructing eight (8) new dedicated pickleball courts.

Attached in Appendix A of this report is the proposed contribution agreement prepared by the Town.

Highlights of the contribution agreement are as follows:

- Construction of eight (8) pickleball courts located at 1741 Jasperson Lane.
- The project will proceed once a minimum contribution of \$10,000 has been deposited with the Town by Kingsville Pickleball, Inc. (KPI).
- Kingsville Pickleball, Inc. (KPI) to pay a minimum of \$75,000 or 50% of the costs associated with the project whichever is lower; and to pay 50% of the costs associated with ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the courts.

Several locations were identified and explored as suitable sites to construct new pickleball courts, however, the location at 1741 Jasperson Lane situated within the northeastern area of the Arena complex was most favourable as it encompassed amenities including adequate parking, washroom facilities and a central location that is easily accessible in which provides synergies with the existing surrounding land use. The existing bocce courts on site will be repositioned to accommodate the new pickleball courts as part of the overall project scope.

Attached in Appendix B of this report is a map outlining the location and approximate area for reference.

The Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture Committee (PRAC) endorsed the recommendations contained in this report at the monthly meeting held on June 18th, 2020. Attached in Appendix C is a letter from the Kingsville Pickleball, Inc. (KPI) indicating their support of the proposed contribution agreement.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Improve recreational and cultural facilities and opportunities within the Town of Kingsville.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The estimated cost for this project is \$275,000.00 (Excluding HST).

If the Town is successful in its grant application, the funding allocation would be as follows:

| | Amount |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Federal Contribution | \$110,000.00 |
| Provincial Contribution | \$91,657.50 |
| Town of Kingsville | \$36,671.25 |
| Kingsville Pickleball, Inc. (KPI) | \$36,671.25 |
| Total | \$275,000.00 |

The Town of Kingsville portion noted above has been incorporated into the 2020 budget, with \$25,000 coming from funding that was previously set aside in reserves.

If the Town is not successful in its grant application, the funding allocation would be as follows:

| <i>Town of Kingsville</i> | Amount |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2019 Pickleball Reserve | \$25,000.00 |
| 2020 Budget Allocation | \$24,171.00 |
| 2021 Budget – Pre-approval | \$150,829.00 |
| Kingsville Pickleball, Inc. (KPI) | \$75,000.00 |
| Total | \$275,000.00 |

CONSULTATIONS

Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture Committee
Kingsville Pickleball, Incorporated
Administration Management Group

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the contribution agreement with Kingsville Pickleball, Inc. to construct a new eight (8) court pickleball facility located within the lands of 1741 Jasperson Lane;

And That, if the Town is unsuccessful in its ICIP grant application, Council pre-approve an additional \$150,829, which amount is to be included in the 2021 Parks capital budget for the construction of Pickleball Courts.

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