

Date: August 11, 2025

To: Mayor and Council

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RE: Kingsville Pickleball Inc. Licence Agreement

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That Council **authorizes** the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Licence Agreement with Kingsville Pickleball Inc. for designated rental time of the pickleball courts located at the Kingsville Recreation Complex.

BACKGROUND

In 2020, the Town of Kingsville ("the Town") and Kingsville Pickleball Inc. ("KPI") partnered through a contribution agreement to build eight (8) pickleball courts located at the Kingsville Recreation Complex. The pickleball courts were fully constructed and open to the public in May of 2021. Pickleball continues to be one of the fastest growing sports in Canada and a popular sport in Kingsville. To build on and fulfill the contribution agreement and support the sport's continued success in Kingsville, the Town and KPI have agreed to proceed with a Licence Agreement.

DISCUSSION

Kingsville Pickleball Inc. was founded in 2013 and has been very successful in promoting the sport locally. The sport of pickleball is recognized as one of the fastest-growing sports, with participation across all age levels. Since the construction of the pickleball courts, KPI has successfully organized games, welcomed new members, and ensured the courts are well-used and cared for.

The Licence Agreement provides KPI with access to the pickleball courts during designated times, allowing the club to run its programs. The term of the agreement is the entire rental season from April 15 to October 31 for a total of fifteen seasons starting in 2025 and ending in 2040. KPI will have access to the courts following the schedule outlined below:

Monday	6 am -1 pm 4pm – 9 pm	8 Courts 6 courts
Tuesday	6 am -1 pm 4pm – 9 pm	8 Courts 6 courts
Wednesday	6 am -1 pm 4pm – 9 pm	8 Courts 6 courts
Thursday	6 am -1 pm 4pm – 9 pm	8 Courts 6 courts
Friday	6 am -1 pm 4pm – 9 pm	8 Courts 6 courts
Saturday	7 am – 1 pm	4 courts
Sunday	7 am – 1 pm	4 courts

The agreement also confirms that this access will continue even if the courts are relocated or reconstructed in the future. The Town will continue to support KPI in their mission to grow the sport and maintain a welcoming space for Kingsville residents to play.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The original 2020 contribution agreement indicated that KPI would be responsible for a portion of the ongoing maintenance costs of the courts. Under the proposed licensing agreement, KPI has agreed to contribute \$3,000 per year to satisfy this commitment.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

None.

CONSULTATIONS

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