



REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: January 24, 2022

TITLE: Public Delegation – Parkland Pickleball Club

DIVISION: Community & Protective Services

SUMMARY:

Mr. Garand Jones, President of the Parkland Pickleheads Society is appearing before Council to present plans for development and further expansion of pickleball courts within the City of Spruce Grove.

PROPOSED MOTION:

A motion is not required.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

As one of the top clubs in Canada, the Parkland Pickleball Club is well positioned to host events of a national and international scale but cannot at this time due to the limited number of courts available for competition.

The club's membership base has grown substantially from its first year of existence and currently sits at 460 members. In addition to weekly house, ladder and drop-in play, the club has successfully hosted the Alberta provincial championships on four previous occasions. Members have also volunteered countless hours in instructing the sport to various groups and individuals including introductory play for grade school students. The Parkland Pickleball Club is sanctioned under both Pickleball Alberta and Pickleball Canada.

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

Engineering commissioned the services of ISL Engineering in an effort to better understand the impacts and verify the possibility of building the new courts. Two (2) options were looked at the Henry Singer site including the top of the new reservoir and open field immediately to the

south of the new reservoir and north of the Elks Hall. ISL Engineering was asked to review the possibility of building new courts on the reservoir by reviewing any issues with structural concerns of adding more load to a structure that provides potable water for the residents of the City of Spruce Grove. In addition the open field area south of the reservoir was studied as a potential location. The report indicated that both locations will support the construction of pickleball courts. The green field location will support a shelter if one is required; the reservoir will not.

Study and analysis of the new reservoir option was brought forward due to a lack of structural knowledge to the original (old reservoir) location. A lack of specifications, as-built drawings, for the roof structure on cell #1 renders any surface work not possible at this time.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT:

With the Parkland Pickleball Club announcing that it had successfully secured grant funding through the Province, preliminary discussions began between the Parkland Pickleball Club and City Administration around the principles for a potential 'Facility Use Agreement'. The intent was to begin a high level conversation around terms for use of the courts including, but not limited to, spontaneous community use and exclusive club use, tournament play, typical court maintenance and lifecycle, insurance & indemnification, risk & legal, termination and dispute, and future development.

No consultation with other users of the area (i.e. Minor Ball) have taken place at this time.

IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION:

Further work on the proposal, including City commitment and negotiations on a 'Facility Use Agreement' would require Council direction.

IMPACTS:

n/a

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

n/a

STRATEGIC VISION ELEMENT:

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RELATED GOAL:

Spruce Grove has leisure, recreational and sporting amenities and activities that reflect the interests and needs of the community.