

Deputation:

Change/Addition of recreational space to
accommodate year-round pickleball play

January 23, 2023



AGENDA

- Brief Introduction & Background
- Survey Methodology
- Highlights of Survey Results
- Proposed Motion

INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

- Fastest growing sport
- Supports active lifestyle
- Low barrier to entry
- Youth: Pros, Olympics



Special Olympics teams Thornbury Thunder vs. Huronia Power Picklers
Photo Credit: Collingwood Today

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

- Survey Monkey collection tool
- 7 questions, 2 min. estimated completion time
- Dec 12, 2022 – Jan 11, 2023
- Email, Facebook, Blue Mountain Review
- 362 Responses: 81% TBM residents



SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **65-67%** play at BVCC and/or Tomahawk
- **87%** support bubble for Tomahawk
- **80%** want to play multiple times per week
- **Lack of court time (66%), waiting lists (53%)**
greatest barriers
- **288 respondents** have additional household
members who also want to play

PROPOSED MOTION

THAT staff develop options to provide four (4) to eight (8) full-year pickleball courts no later than summer 2024 and report back to Council by the end of March 2023 with the best analysis available and their recommendation of the most viable option; and

FURTHER THAT the options consider:

- Building types including a temporary removable and permanent bubble domes as well as a conventional sustainable building;
- Ownership including by:
 - private business or not for profit (both with a Town multi-year municipal financial incentive) and
 - by the Town; and
- Consultation with local tennis groups such that the facility could include dedicated courts for both sports;

AND FURTHER THAT the 2023 Draft Town Budget include a placeholder or access to Reserve Fund such that in April 2023 Council will have the resources available to take action in 2023.

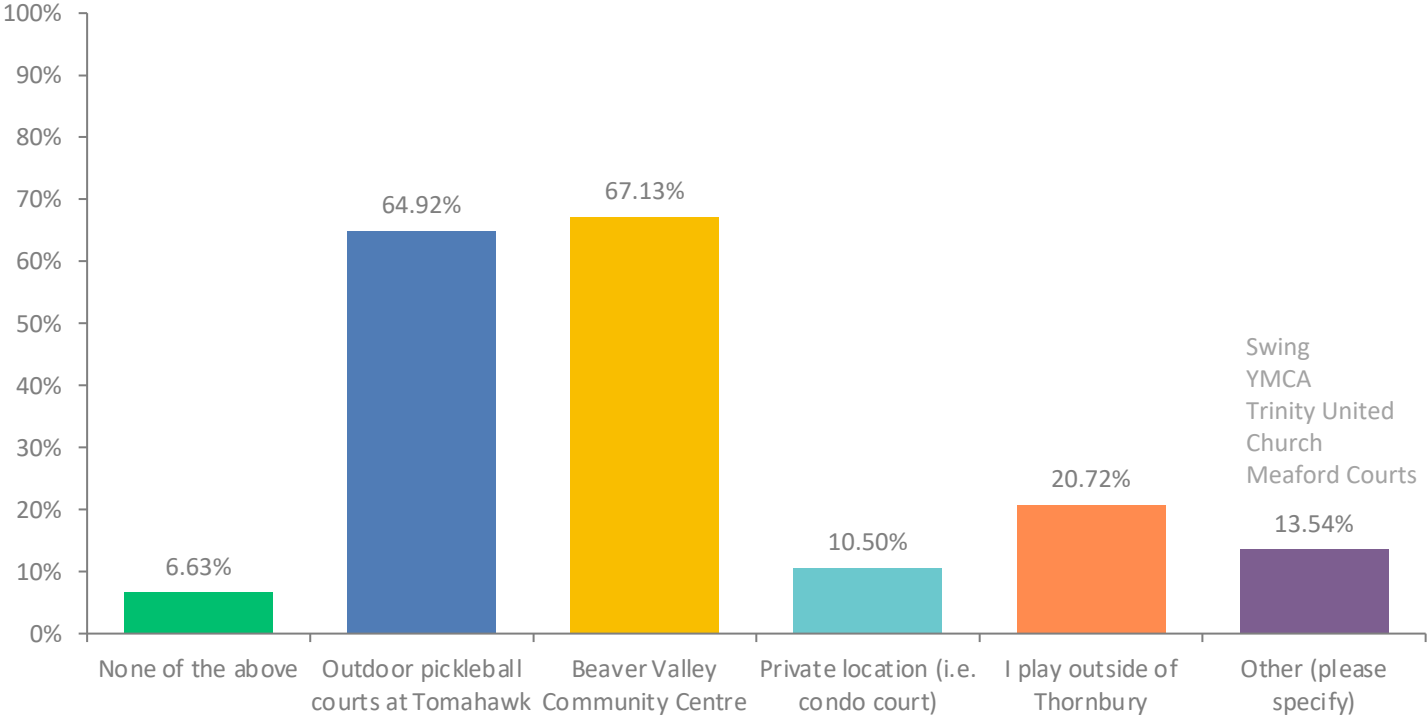
Appendix:

**Survey about Pickleball
in
Town of The Blue Mountains**

Results as of:
Wednesday, January 11, 2023

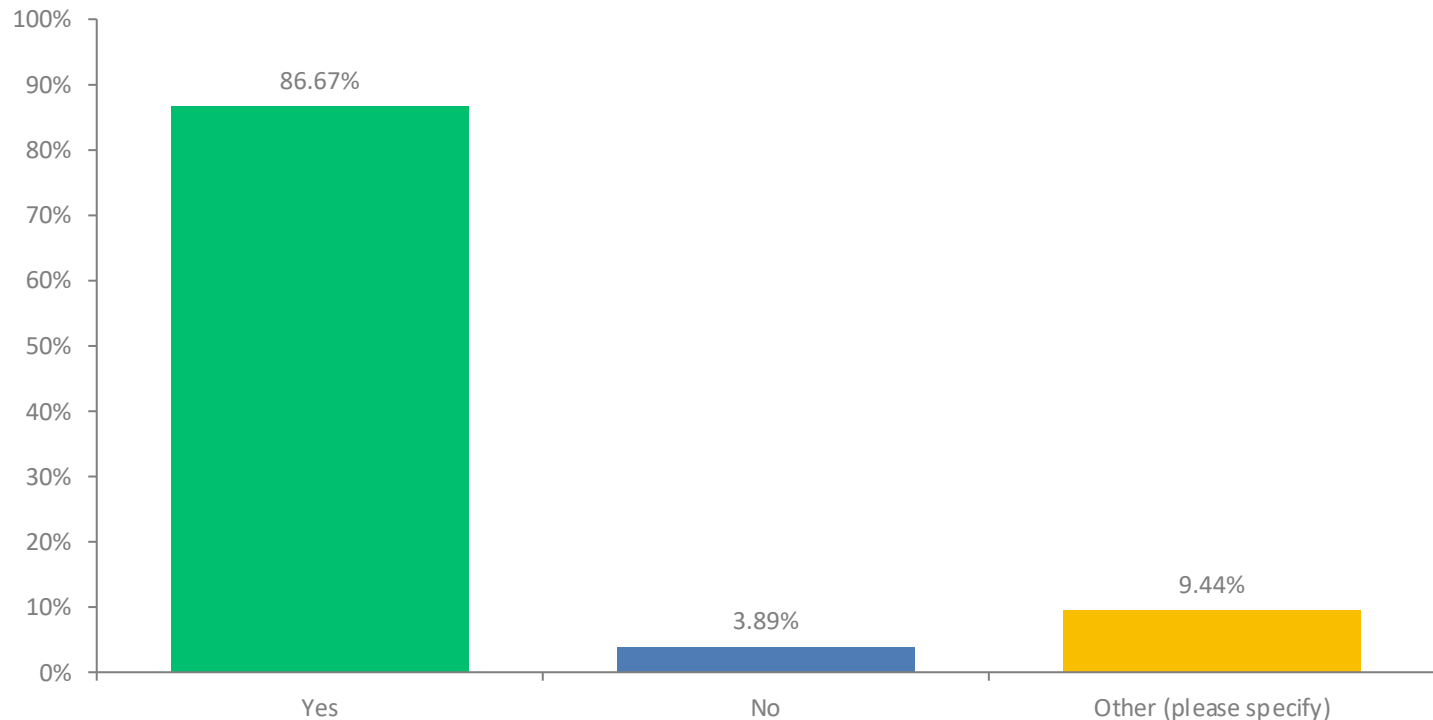
Q1: Where do you play pickleball in TBM?

Answered: 362 Skipped: 0



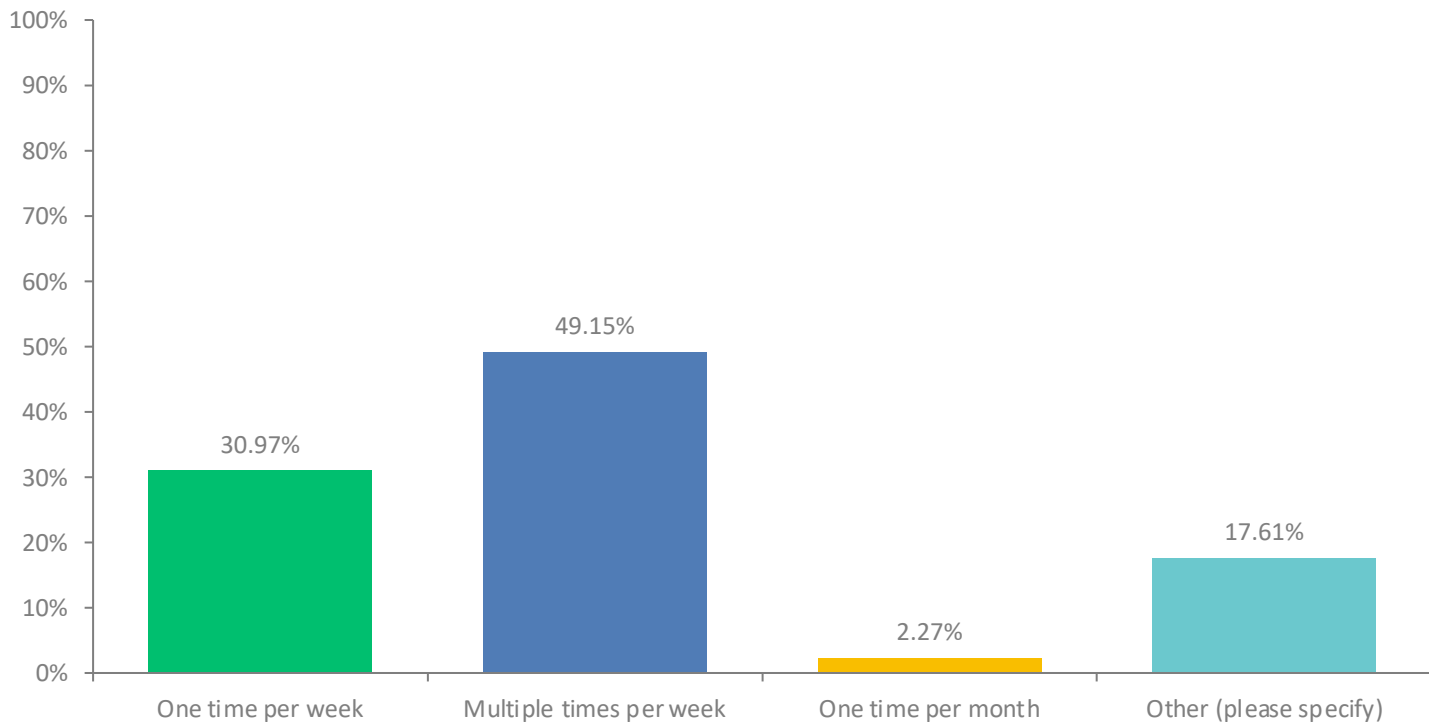
Q2: Are you in favour of TBM putting a bubble (either seasonally or permanently) on the outdoor courts at Tomahawk?

Answered: 360 Skipped: 2



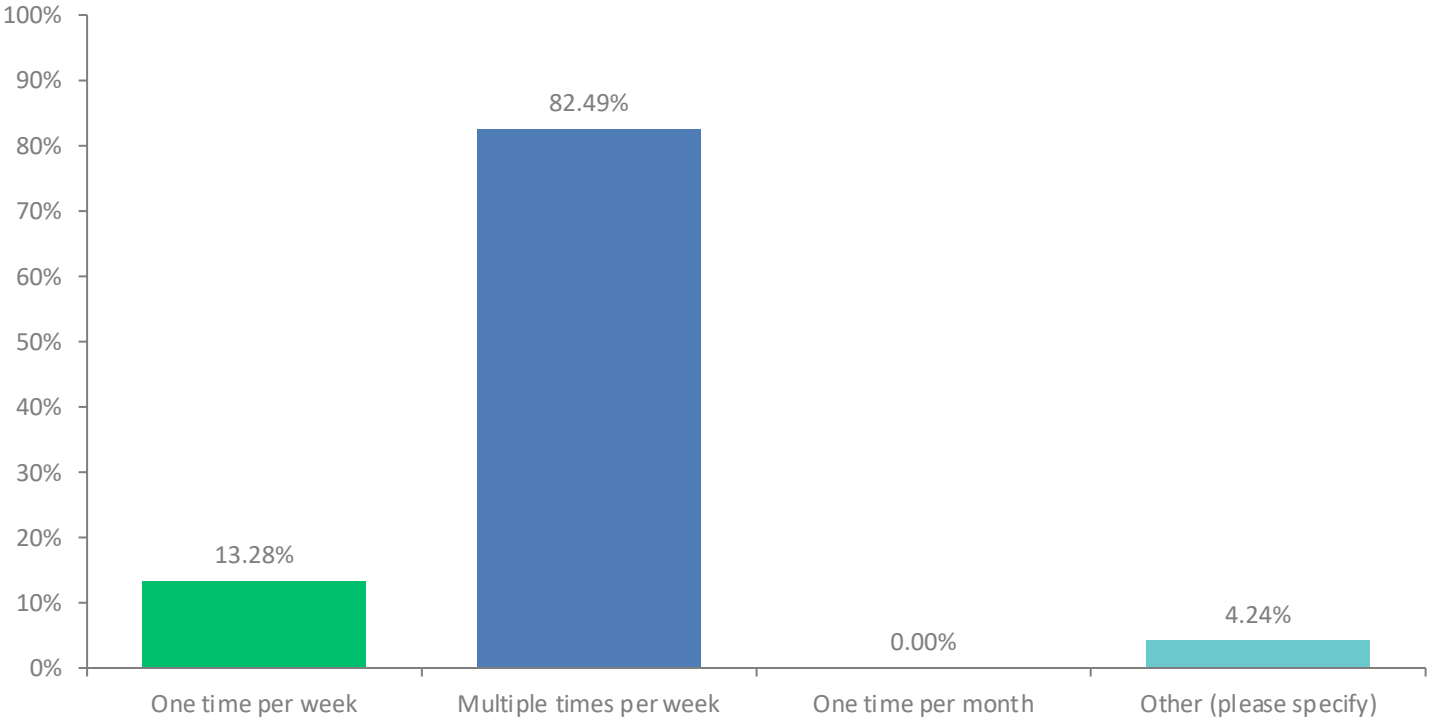
Q3: How often do you play?

Answered: 352 Skipped: 10



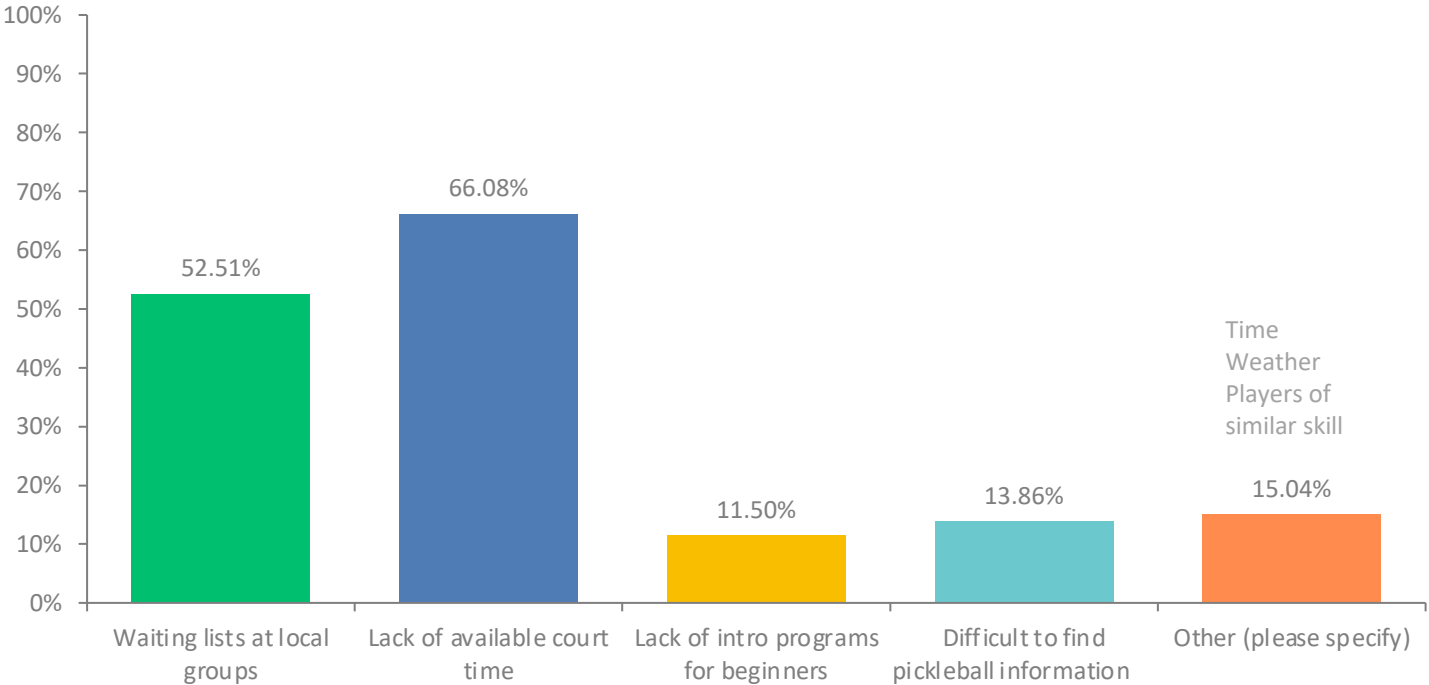
Q4: How often would you like to play?

Answered: 354 Skipped: 8



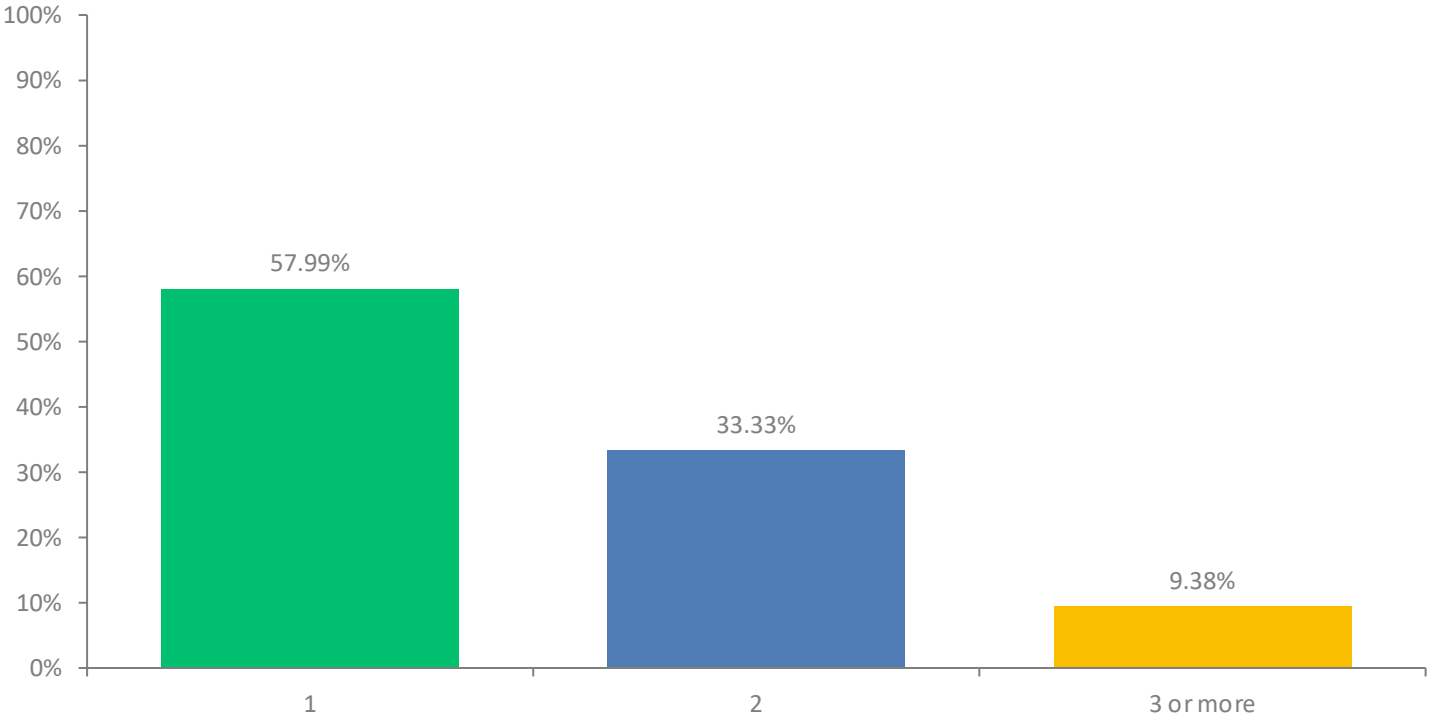
Q5: What barriers prevent you from playing pickleball?

Answered: 339 Skipped: 23



Q6: How many other people in your household would like to play pickleball?

Answered: 288 Skipped: 74



Q7: Where do you reside?

Answered: 357 Skipped: 5

