



Staff Report

Community Services

Report To: COW-Finance, Admin, Fire, Legal, Community Services
Meeting Date: June 26, 2023
Report Number: CSOPS.23.025
Title: Pickleball Capacity Report
Prepared by: Ryan Gibbons, Director Community Services

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.23.025, entitled "Pickleball Capacity Report";

AND THAT Council direct staff to include an indoor racquet facility for consideration within the Multi Use Recreation Facility, Feasibility study.

B. Overview

This report reviews local capacity for pickleball and recommends that consideration of any additional indoor facilities be within the Multi Use Recreation Facility feasibility study.

C. Background

Following a deputation from a resident, Council directed staff to provide a report that indicates demand for indoor pickleball facilities within the region.

Staff have communicated with both local municipalities, and commercial businesses to get a better sense of capacity for residents interested in pickleball.

Currently the Town of The Blue Mountains has 4 (four outdoor courts) and 6 (six) indoor courts. 2 (two) indoor year-round courts are available in the large hall of the Beaver Valley Community Centre and 4 (four) additional courts have been made available on the arena floor until September.

The current challenge facing pickleball participants is access to courts during the winter. There appears to be availability to play during the spring, summer and Fall (weather pending) but as the weather changes and arenas begin to use their facilities for the ice season, access to pickleball surfaces becomes limited.

There are 2 (two) commercial operators in the area that provide indoor year-round play. Blue Mountain Resorts and Swing courts in Collingwood. Although Swing has not responded to a staff inquiry at the time of writing this report, their website indicates that there is capacity for

year-round indoor play. Blue Mountain Resort staff have responded and indicated that they do have capacity for year-round pickleball.

The Town has recently went through 2 (two) surveys of residents requesting information related to recreational opportunities. The Leisure Activities Plan and the Resident Satisfaction Survey. Both surveys indicate that the number 1 (one) request from the community is a pool.

D. Analysis

At this time, staff believe it is most appropriate to complete the Multi Use Recreation Facility feasibility study prior to making any formal decisions on additional pickleball facilities. Staff will continue to direct inquiries for pickleball to the commercial operations that have availability at this time.

E. Strategic Priorities

1. Communication and Engagement

We will enhance communications and engagement between Town Staff, Town residents and stakeholders

2. Organizational Excellence

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

3. Community

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

4. Quality of Life

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

F. Environmental Impacts

None at this time.

G. Financial Impacts

None at this time.

H. In Consultation With

Town of Collingwood

Grey Highlands

Town of Meaford

Blue Mountain Resorts

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Ryan Gibbons, Director Community Services directorcs@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

None

Respectfully submitted,

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