

Town of the Blue Mountains
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Attn: Mayor Andrea Matrosovs and members of the Council of Town of Blue Mountains

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Re: Pickleball courts at Beaver Valley Community Centre and letter from
Laureen Fisher

Dear Sir/Madam

We are all pickleball players at BVCC and wish to address Ms Fisher's
prior correspondence, of which we have been made aware.

We use the pickleball facilities at the BVCC on a regular basis. In
conversation, amongst ourselves and with other community users, we are
happy with the layout of the pickleball courts, have not experienced any
safety issues over many hours of play. In fact, these courts are better laid
out and safer than some other community facilities we have used for
pickleball games in the South Georgian Bay region.

In direct response to Ms. Fishers comments: The courts are not dangerous,
there is no need to go off court to get shots, and we are not on other
peoples courts during the games. There are inherent rules that include:
wait for play to halt prior to entering the space in order to cross behind the
game/court to get to your booked court, a common courtesy on both indoor
and outdoor courts due to the nature of multiple courts being enclosed
within spaces. Again, as per inherent rules, if a ball bounces into another
court, an intermittent occurrence in many indoor and outdoor courts (both
private and community), the appropriate response is to shout, "Ball on
court", play is stopped and then is resumed when the ball is recovered. If

requested, we are happy to share the names of private courts with similar standards and layouts.

Perhaps the most important issue is that BVCC provides a place for recreational play at low cost for our community. Decreasing by a third the court time and/or availability would be a major disadvantage to our community, further limiting access and exercise for a community which is already underserved. Pickleball is the fastest growing exercise and constitutes an important form of social interaction for our community. Although we have no data, this is observed to of particular importance to our senior and retired communities.

And finally, we wanted to share that these courts are used for recreational play. We are not using these courts for tournaments and thus do not require “perfection” but rather safety and availability of good facilities.

We hope that this letter is helpful and will be strongly considered as coming from a large group of regular court users. We are happy to send a representative to the board to further discuss this and/or send additional signatures. We look forward to stability in the layout of this set of courts and to further expansion of facilities as possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and your ongoing work for the community.

Communications if required can be sent to

1. Elaine Kilmer-Choi Email: 

Kind regards,

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