

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
April 8, 2025**

**Pickleball Court Design Project Report**

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	
THAT the April 8, 2025 report, Pickleball Court Design Project Report, be received for information.	
<b>REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION</b>	Information only
<b>STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT – BUILDING OUR TOMORROW, TODAY</b>	An economically prosperous and financially sustainable community to last generations. Future-proof growth for a safe, inclusive, and vibrant community.
<b>COUNCIL BYLAW, POLICY, MASTER PLAN</b>	Recreation, Parks, and Facilities Master Plan: Our Places and Play
<b>COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE HISTORY</b>	<p>December 10, 2024 Council received the Pickleball Courts Siting Options report as information.</p> <p>December 10, 2024 Council approved the 2025 Capital Budget.</p> <p>November 27, 2024 THAT by the end of Q1, 2025, Administration provide a report on the siting, scoping, engagement, and design for the Pickleball Courts as described on page 38 of the budget document.</p>

**Report**

Council approved siting, scoping, engagement and design of pickleball courts as part of the 2025 Capital Budget. The scope of work for this project included the siting, design and costing for eight pickleball courts to serve as an unprogrammed site for local pickleball enthusiasts.

Engagement efforts identified the most desirable location for this facility as Ruisseau Park directly east of the Ecole Quatre-Saisons school and west of Four Seasons Park and Don Sparrow Lake. The conceptual design and layout of the pickleball courts is provided in Attachment 1.

A summary of the design features is provided below:

- This site is not available for development until 2026.
- The courts will be designed to have an expected service life of 20+ years to ensure many years of recreational enjoyment for residents enjoying the sport of pickleball.
- The design satisfies commercial design standards and criteria for public use including asphalt, acrylic paint surface, and base foundation design. The netting materials and infrastructure are designed for use in publicly accessible courts and are permanent in nature.
- The proposed site currently has ample on-street parking adjacent to the park for the courts.
- Noise mitigation elements have been included in the design scope for the pickleball courts due to the proximity of the courts to housing. The court location within the park provides the furthest

distance from neighboring homes but will still require engineered noise attenuation techniques to maintain community harmony.

- The design does not include lighting, electricity infrastructure, washrooms or storage facilities.

The estimated cost to construct eight Pickleball Courts is \$920,000 based on site specifics, calculated quantities and previous projects completed of a similar size and scope. The estimate is considered a Class "D" estimate based on the now completed conceptual design. Detailed design work will continue, and project costs will be refined throughout 2025, allowing the project's construction to be considered during the 2026 budget deliberations.

The estimated timeframe to construct this facility would be five months with the most suitable duration to complete this work occurring between the months of June and September 2026.

#### Site selection:

Initially the Recreation and Cultural Advisory Committee was presented with two options; West Recreation Site and Coloniale Park. The Committee initially chose the West Recreation Site; however, once a third option of Ruisseau Park became available, the Committee much preferred the Ruisseau site due to central location and access.

Prior to identifying the Ruisseau site as their preferred option, the other two sites were not ideal. Where the Colonial Site lacked accessible parking and was located too close to residences, the West Recreation Site was not ideal due to challenges related to accessibility given that there are no immediate plans to develop the road network around the site and the uncertainty around the long-term suitability of pickleball courts at this location. The West Recreation Site would also require that a pathway be constructed from the current parking area to the back of the site for access, further increasing costs.

#### Other considerations:

The Le Reve developer plans to build two pickleball courts in Le Reve Park this year, and the final drawings are currently undergoing the City's approval process. Construction is expected to begin later this summer and be completed by 2026.

Additionally, the City is in discussions with another developer regarding the future installation of two more courts in the northeast.

Currently, Beaumont has two of the four tennis courts east of Gobeil Parc marked with pickleball lines, offering four pickleball courts and are used as a shared space. The three outdoor rinks have been used for courts during summer months in the past. There are no exclusively dedicated outdoor pickleball courts. There are also indoor facilities available for pickleball.

#### Recommendation:

Considering the City's competing financial pressures and the upcoming developer-led pickleball court construction, Administration does not recommend proceeding with the construction of additional pickleball courts at this time.

### **Financial Analysis**

Construction of the eight Pickleball Courts is estimated at \$920,000 (Class "D" estimate) based on the conceptual design parameters. In addition to the capital cost to construct the courts, an ongoing operating cost of \$12,500/year is required to ensure line marking, maintenance and repairs are completed on the courts moving forward. Operating costs must be considered in addition to the overall capital cost to construct to ensure proper upkeep of the facility.

If Council wishes to proceed with pickleball courts, Administration recommends evaluating this capital project alongside the broader 10-year capital plan during Council's 2026 budget deliberations, considering overall funding availability and project prioritization.

### **Risk Analysis**

Proceeding with this project would limit funding available for other capital projects.

The estimated costs for this project are based on a Class "D" estimate and actual tender pricing could substantially differ from the estimated pricing provided herein. Additionally, construction of this facility increases pressures on the annual operating budget and could impact operating funding for other operating projects.

### **Community Insight**

Engagement with the Recreation and Cultural Advisory Committee was completed prior to development of the scope and concept designs and feedback from engagement efforts was used to aid in the development of the siting and concept design. Due to time constraints, and other limitations, engagement was not completed with residents in the surrounding neighbourhood or with the public.

If Council wishes to proceed with this project, additional engagement would be recommended along with development of a comprehensive communication strategy.

### **Attachments**

- 1 Pickleball Court Design Concept