



## **The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle**

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council

**Prepared by:** Patti Funaro, Director of Culture and Recreation

**Department:** Culture and Recreation

**Date of Report:** January 3, 2023

**Report Number:** CR-2023-04

**Subject:** Indoor pickleball update

### **Recommendation**

That the report of the Director of Culture and Recreation dated January 3, 2023(CR-2023-04) regarding information and updates on indoor pickleball be received and that the drop-in fee of \$5.00 (per person, per two-hour timeslot) be approved.

### **Report**

A community open house to view the pickleball and tennis courts at the event centre took place on Wednesday, December 7 from 4 to 6 pm. An email invitation was sent to approximately 200 people who had expressed interest. Approximately 80 people from across Essex County attended the open house to see the courts, ask questions, provide feedback and in some cases, try the courts.

Administration met to review the feedback provided and to develop a strategy that balances community wants with a manageable plan to deliver the program. Details are as follows:

- All level drop-in play will be on a first come, first served basis with a maximum of 36 players per drop-in session. Players will be required to exit the facility at the end of their time slot and may only return to play a second session in the same day if space permits.
- Play will be offered on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from January 25 until March 30.
- Two sessions of play will be offered daily. Session 1 will run from 9:00 am until 11:00 and session 2 will run from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm. Additional timeslots will be considered if there is demand and staff availability permits.

- The cost to drop-in is \$5.00 per person (tax included) for a two-hour session. Players will be expected to take turns using a standard pickleball rotation system that will be outlined by Town staff. (paddle system)
- The nets and temporary lines (using tape) will be set up and taken down by Town maintenance staff. Providing taped lines for players is based on feedback from the community.

Administration will review the program on an on-going basis and make every effort to adjust the program as needed to meet public expectation.

## **Consultations**

CAO/Deputy CAO

Public Works/Facilities

Strategy and Engagement

## **Financial Implications**

Estimated program revenue from January 25 to March 30 is \$10,440.00

Estimated direct program costs (program staff) \$3410.00

Additional costs for setup and tear down as well as increased cleaning costs are difficult to estimate at this time. It is anticipated that costs will increase as more events are scheduled and the courts require regularly set up and tear down. A full report will be provided at the end of the session with more accurate financial data.

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## **Link to Strategic Goals**

1. Enhancing organizational excellence - Not Applicable
2. Strengthen the community's engagement with the Town - Not Applicable
3. Grow and diversify the local economy - Not Applicable

4. Build on our high-quality of life - Yes
5. Sustaining strong public services and infrastructure - Yes

## Communications

N/A

## Notifications

N/A

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:



Chief Administrative Officer

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