

Hi Jane

I received the package outlining the proposition to build Pickleball courts at the North End of George Richardson Park.

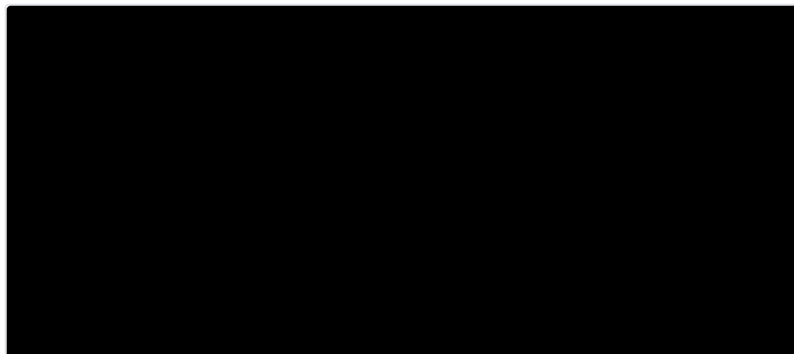
I wanted to let you know that we are very opposed to this proposal for numerous reasons.

The main reason is the extreme noise generated by the sport, as well as the hours of operation that it would entail. I assume they courts would be used from early morning to late at night, everyday both summer and winter months.

The courts would be better suited in an area away from a residential neighborhood for these reasons as the noise pollution is too great in my opinion and not reasonable.

Here are some of the numerous articles and links found online outlining the extreme noise created by the sport and the impact it has on those living nearby.

This one in particular resonates with me as it is in Ottawa Ontario and the Park has shut down the pickleball courts due to noise complaints from residents. [The pickleball noise debate has landed in Ottawa. Here's the score | CBC News](#)



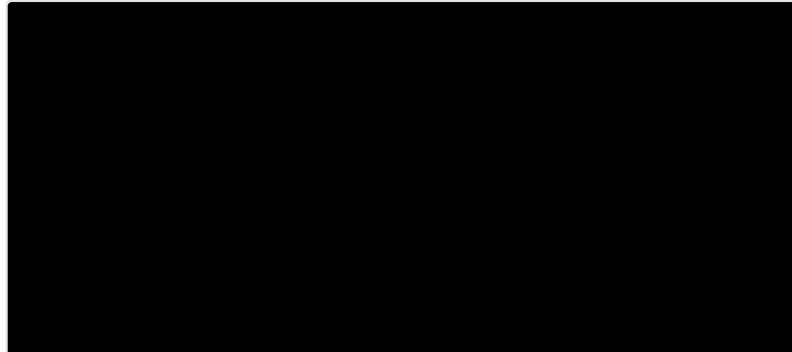
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But after nearby residents complained about the penetrating sound of players' paddles and hard plastic balls, the City of Ottawa has told the club that outdoor pickleball at the park will no longer be permitted.

Here are more articles and links to back up how extremely noisy the sport is.

[Noise about pickleball: Communities object to sound of game \(thestar.com\)](#)



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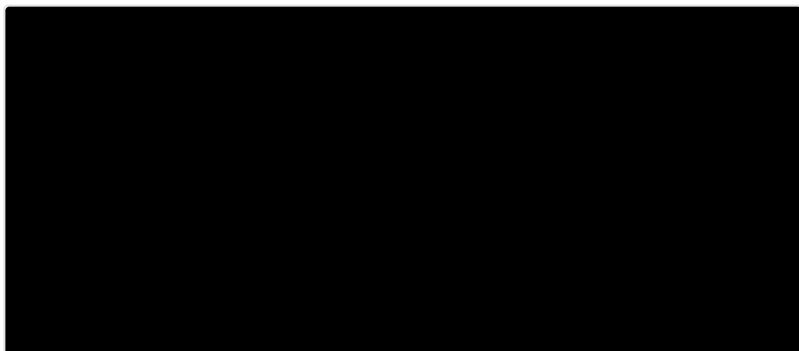
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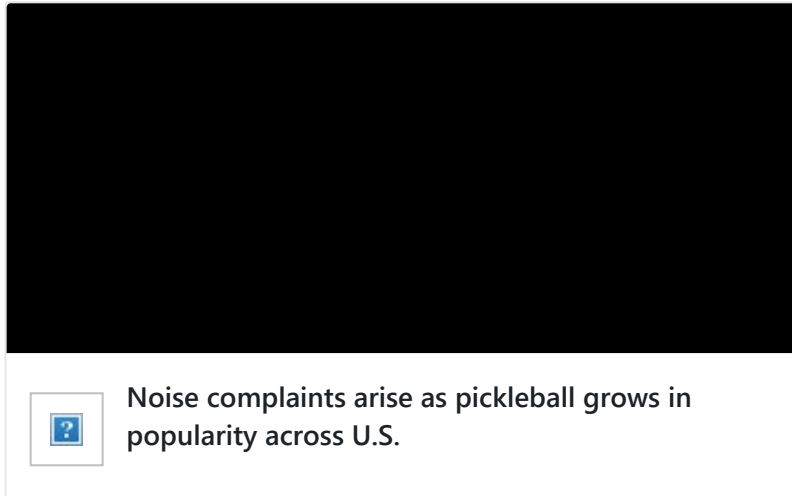
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Living next to six pickleball courts with a capacity of 24 players proved to be a nightmare for Scafesi, and eventually she filed a private complaint under the Provincial Offences Act against the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and the local pickleball club for breach of the town bylaw.

[Noise complaints arise as pickleball grows in popularity across U.S. - YouTube](#)



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A quick google search of "Noise Complaints of Pickleball Courts" or similar gives countless complaints, again too numerous to list. These few articles pretty much speak to the issue.

This is a very known and disturbing side effect that can't be ignored and it is disappointing that the town council would even consider putting the courts near residential homes.

I would hate to see more money of tax payers wasted by building these courts only to have them be removed because they weren't placed in the appropriate area. And 20 courts emitting up to 70 decibels of sound or more is asking a lot for neighboring residents to bear.

Speaking of wasting tax payers dollars, I am extremely disappointed that the town is even considering this proposal, whereas they just finished the work they started in 2020 releveling, sodding and putting in an irrigation system which cost over \$100,000 for the soccer club. To now rip it up and spend more money is ludicrous.

With the short notice, I am not sure I will be able to watch the live stream on Monday but wanted you to know how opposed we are...