

Hi Jane,

As a resident of Traviss Drive, I am extremely frustrated with the lack of communication and consultation from you as the ward councillor on the matter pertaining to the proposed Pickleball courts at George Richardson Park.

As the ward councillor, your role is to represent the community which voted for you. You have not consulted the surrounding residents pertaining to this matter (prior to the 9th of Dec).

The delivery of a mail package dated the 9th (Sat), outlining the option to attend a council meeting on the 11th is unacceptable, giving us no options or sufficient lead time to make necessary arrangements to attend.

Please be aware that the potential lack of representation by our residents at the Council meeting is by no means a reflection of our consent or agreement, but rather a result of delinquency and intentional neglect on your part.

There are many reasons as to why this is not the appropriate location for the Pickleball bubble, however the primary reason being the extent of noise pollution.

It is obvious (based on the proposal document) that a proper formal study was not conducted. The proposal is by no means comprehensive.

The fact that there are lawsuits in Ontario which have been fought and won by local residents of Niagara Falls and Ottawa against their respective cities, which has caused the cities to remove those pickle ball courts at unforeseen expense, indicates that the town of Newmarket is also about to embark on a huge and costly mistake due to rash decision making.

The fact that the town is attempting to slide this proposal under the radar of the local residents could result in taking this to social media and potential legal recourse, should our ward and town representatives continue to conduct themselves in such an unprofessional manner.

IF pickleball courts are a necessity for this town, then as responsible ward and council representatives, we should plan to build these courts in commercial zones (Such as NTR Rinks, Magna etc.), and not in the heart of a calm residential community.

The town of Newmarket can be traversed end to end in 15 mins. IF the Pickleball association is advocating for courts in Newmarket, then they should be willing to drive a 15 min radius to an ideal commercially zoned location.

Regards,
Anthony Benedict