

The Corporation of the Town of Tillsonburg

Recreation and Sports Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENDA



Thursday, June 6, 2024

5:30 PM

Boardroom CSC

10 Lisgar Ave.

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

THAT the agenda as prepared for the June 6th Recreation & Sports Advisory Committee be adopted.

3. **Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

4. **Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

THAT the minutes from the May 2 meeting be adopted.

5. **Presentations**

6. **Information Items**

6.1 **Introduction - Julie Dawley, Acting Recreation Programs & Services Manager**

6.2 **Dressing rooms policy**

<https://www.cbc.ca/sports/hockey/hockey-canada-dressing-policy-supervision-attire-requirements-1.7077563>

6.3 **State of showers in dressing rooms**

6.4 Hall of Fame - post event

6.5 Pickleball report to council

7. General Business & Reports

8. Next Meeting

September 5, 2024

9. Adjournment



DRESSING ROOM POLICY

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| Classification: | OPERATIONS | | |
| Policy Section/Contact: | Sport Safety | Approved By: | ELT |
| Effective Date: | September 12, 2023 | Next Review Date: | September 12, 2026 |

PURPOSE

Hockey Canada firmly believes all participants (athletes, officials, coaches, team staff, etc.) have a right to access safe, inclusive, and equitable dressing spaces. In this regard, all participants have the right to utilize the dressing room or appropriate and equivalent dressing environment based on their gender identity, religious beliefs, body image concerns and/or other reasons related to their individual needs.

Hockey Canada believes in balancing the safety, privacy, modesty and wishes of our participants without compromising the aspects of camaraderie, social integration and bonding inherent in a team sport. This Policy attempts to meet these goals while providing a safe and respectful environment for participants.

This Policy represents a shift in philosophy from previous dressing room regulations. As will be further explained below, this new model is based upon creating safe, inclusive and equitable dressing room environments that are designated team spaces for everyone, while providing proper supervision.

SCOPE

The Dressing Room Policy applies to all minor hockey teams sanctioned by Hockey Canada and its Members.

DEFINITIONS

- **“Dressing rooms”** – officially designated spaces for changing in and out of gear. Mostly, these are men’s and women’s, multi-stall spaces and occasionally can be all-gender, multi-stall spaces.
- **“Dressing environments”** – spaces beyond dressing rooms (in close proximity to them) that can be temporarily repurposed to provide a space for a small number of participants to change in and out of their gear (e.g., official’s room, multi-purpose room, meeting rooms, single-unit washrooms).
- **“Policy”** – means this Dressing Room Policy.

PROCEDURE

The Minimum Attire Rule

To best promote inclusion and to respect the privacy of all participants on a team, Hockey Canada requires all participants to wear ‘minimum attire’ at all times in a dressing room or in dressing environments where more than one participant is present. This means that participants should arrive at the rink wearing a base layer (e.g., shorts and t-shirt, compression shorts and shirt or sports bra). A participant not arriving at the rink wearing their base layer can use an appropriate private space (e.g., private restroom stalls or empty/unused dressing rooms) to change into the base layer and then enter the team dressing room with the other participants.



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It is the responsibility of all coaches and team staff to instruct players regarding the minimum attire rule and ensure that players are complying with this Policy.

Hockey Canada recognizes the physical limitations of some facilities and encourages associations to work creatively and proactively, using an athlete-focused, ethical, and values-based approach, with local facility management to ensure that appropriate and equivalent dressing environments are available to all participants who would prefer not to get dressed in the team dressing room.

Team Talks

Hockey Canada stresses the importance that all participants are treated as valued members of a team. Therefore, coaches and team staff should only engage in pre- and post-game talks when all athletes are present in the dressing room.

Use of Showers – Recommended Best Practice

As outlined in the purpose section, there are many reasons why athletes may require privacy (religious reasons, chronic conditions, body image, gender). The following guidance around the use of showers, is an additional step in creating environments within which athletes feel safe and secure. It is recommended that when showers are not private stalls, that these be used in a manner that respects the privacy of all participants. When in open concept showers, it is encouraged that all athletes wear certain “minimum attire” at all times, including swimwear. In order to facilitate this, participants could use a private restroom stall to change out of their base layer and into their swimwear prior to using the shower. Similarly, they could dress in a private restroom stall after they have completed their shower. Coaches and/or team staff should ensure they are able to supervise the dressing room while participants are showering, following ‘Rule of Two’ guidelines below.

Officials Dressing Rooms

Given that dressing room spaces for officials and officiating teams are often shared by officials of a wide variety of ages and genders and may be used by different sports at the same time, safety and privacy are of the utmost importance. To create a safe and welcoming environment for everyone who uses an officials dressing room space, the minimum attire rule and shower recommendations described should be applied.

Applicable Laws

Hockey Canada Members that have mediated human rights settlements within their Province/Territory with respect to specific dressing room parameters are exempted from this Policy within their jurisdictions, but solely to the extent required so that they may continue to adhere to such settlements.



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Rule of Two

To best ensure safety for all participants, all minor hockey programs sanctioned by Hockey Canada and its Members are required to implement the 'Rule of Two' for all dressing rooms. The 'Rule of Two' requires two trained and screened adults to be present in the dressing room or immediately outside the dressing room with the door propped open to monitor the environment and ensure it is free of any discrimination, harassment, bullying, or other forms of maltreatment. The Rule of Two remains in place when showers are in use.

Prohibition on Violent Activities in Dressing Rooms

To ensure the safety of all participants in the dressing room, no type of violent conduct of any kind (including locker room boxing) bullying, or hazing is permitted. It is the responsibility of coaches and team staff to ensure that no such violent behaviour is taking place in dressing rooms or dressing environments. Should anyone experience maltreatment in violation of this section of the Policy, a complaint may be submitted to Hockey Canada's Independent Third Party.

Prohibition on Recording in Dressing Rooms or Dressing Environments

To respect the privacy of participants, no videos, still photos, or voice recordings of any kind may be taken using any device with recording capabilities in a dressing room or dressing environment. Cell phones are only permitted to be used in a dressing room or dressing environment for the purposes of controlling music played in those spaces.

RELATED POLICIES & DOCUMENTS:

Hockey Canada Dressing Policy FAQ (Located on Hockey Canada Website)

Hockey Canada Dressing Room Implementation Guide (Located on Hockey Canada Website)

Hockey Canada Gender Expression / Identity Policy (Located on Hockey Canada Website)

Hockey Canada Gender Expression / Identity Policy FAQ (Located on Hockey Canada Website)

Hockey Canada Screening Policy (Located on Hockey Canada Website)

Hockey Canada Maltreatment Complaint Management Policy (Located on Hockey Canada Website)

Revision History

| Date | Version # | Change |
|----------------|------------------|--|
| Sept. 12, 2023 | 2.1 | Updated language regarding use of shower section from required to recommended. |
| June 19, 2023 | 2.0 | Major revisions and updates |
| Mar. 29, 2021 | 1.1 | Updated to new template and reflect new age categories. |
| Jan. 1, 2010 | 1.0 | New |

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS GUIDE



Background

The THREE (3) Hockey Canada Members in Ontario - Hockey Eastern Ontario (HEO), Hockey Northwestern Ontario (HNO), the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF), have had a dressing room policy since 2009 and was updated in 2016. Both policies were created in conjunction with the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal. The Policy is being updated to reflect the changes to Hockey Canada's Dressing Room Policy beginning with the 2023-24 season.

Moving Forward

Hockey Canada and the 3 Ontario Members have worked together to draft a new policy that meets both the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal requirements and satisfies the new Hockey Canada Dressing Room Policy. The new Ontario Dressing Room Policy applies to Minor Hockey Associations at both recreational and competitive programming. Effective February 1, 2024, the hybrid policy is in place and is another step towards creating welcoming and inclusive spaces for all players, while enhancing the safety of Minor Hockey participants through proper supervision and minimum clothing expectations.

Policy Rationale

Why is Ontario Hockey and Hockey Canada updating its Dressing Room Policy?

- The Dressing Room Policy is focused on enhancing inclusion and safety for all participants on any team or officiating team across the province. Dressing rooms are designated team spaces for all team participants to use and interact in on a welcoming, equitable, inclusive, and safe basis. In addition, to minimize occurrences of maltreatment, bullying, and harassment in the dressing room these spaces now come with minimum attire and supervision requirements, and a requirement to accommodate individuals if they require additional measures or supports.

Rule of Two & Enhancing Dressing Room Supervision

What is the Rule of Two?

- The Rule of Two means that all interactions with athletes need to be conducted in open, observable, and justifiable environments, which applies to dressing rooms. More information on the Rule of Two is available in the Hockey Canada Screening Policy.

What are open, observable, and justifiable environments?

- Sport environments that are open, observable, and justifiable refer to those that occur that are normal to a sport environment (i.e. arena, workout facilities, dressing rooms, bench, ice surface) that allow individuals to view the environment and do not typically occur behind closed doors. The idea is that all interactions with athletes occur in a location that someone could interrupt if necessary.

How does the Rule of Two work within a dressing room environment?

- The Rule of Two is designed for all communication and interaction to be conducted in an open, observable, and justifiable environment. The dressing room, by its design, is not always open or observable, but the environment is justifiable in the sport context. To abide by the principles of the Rule of Two, interaction with participants can occur within the dressing room if two screened team



officials, volunteers and/or parents/guardians are present with the dressing room. This rule is based on the policy on Dressing Room Supervision.

What is a screened individual?

- Screened individuals have passed a thorough background check, which can include items like criminal record checks, interviews, and reference checks.

Why should the Rule of Two be implemented?

- The Rule of Two is designed to provide greater protection to both athletes and team staff/coaches by never leaving two individuals where there is a power imbalance present alone.

Doesn't the Rule of Two require more work of our coaches, team officials and volunteers?

- This Rule of Two will potentially require an additional individual to be present in situations where they were previously not present. Although there is an increase in the number of individuals, it is imperative to have this second person to increase the safety of the environment, especially in situations where individuals may be vulnerable and environments where sensitivity is needed. In hockey – this means the dressing room.
- In situations where teams may be using multiple dressing rooms, dressing room supervision and the Rule of Two still applies. Teams should endeavour to have coverage for all dressing room spaces.

I am concerned that the Rule of Two is difficult to learn and implement, is there any education available on this subject?

- Yes, the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) has developed a bilingual e-learning module that is free and takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. The link for the training module is [here](#).

Base Layer

What does minimum attire/base layer mean?

- Minimum attire covers from the upper thigh to the shoulder area. The minimum attire rule ensures that there is no nudity in the dressing room. A base layer is intended to cover an individual's pelvic region and torso. The baseline level of attire in the common area of dressing rooms should be like the minimum standard of what would be acceptable in a public area of the arena.

What are examples of base layers?

- Shorts, compression shorts, a t-shirt or sports bra.

Do you need to wear wet equipment or base layer home?

- Everyone may get changed out of their equipment after practices and/or games. There is no requirement that equipment must be changed at home. Athletes may change out of their wet base layer into new clothes or clothes that they wore to the rink. The Dressing Room Policy requires that if needing to get fully undressed, to do so in a private area, like a washroom stall.

Can you still shower at the rink?



- Yes. Participants who wish to shower at the rink, are still allowed. The policy includes a recommendation for a base layer when using open concept showers.

Dressing Room Management

What if an athlete shows up to the rink not wearing their base layer?

- Team officials should instruct the athlete to use the washroom or a private changing area to put their base layer on before joining the team to put on their remaining hockey equipment.

What happens when an athlete that does not use a base layer under their equipment?

- Team officials should instruct the athlete to put their equipment (including pelvic-area protective gear) in the private washroom stall within their dressing room (if one is available) before putting their remaining equipment on with the rest of the team.

What are examples of what could be an appropriate alternative dressing room?

- In the most ideal scenario – a changing area that is near the ice surface as the team dressing room, with a washroom and shower is the best option. However, this may not always be available, so other options may include an officials' room, meeting room or staff room.
- If your program requires an alternative dressing room, team officials or local hockey associations should be proactive in contacting facilities they will play in to discuss what options are available and how to gain access to those spaces, should the need to use them arise.

Setting up an equitable schedule with a multi-gendered team with athletes who prefer to shower at the arena after practices and games.

- Please refer to the Ontario Hockey Dressing Room Policy Implementation Guide for examples of equitable dressing room schedules.

How to best support an athlete who requires an alternative dressing room arrangement, so they are welcomed and included.

- Speak with the athlete and/or their parents/guardians (if the athlete wants their parents/ guardians involved) and ask how to best include them. Listen to them and respect their needs, even if you do not fully understand them. All requests for accommodation are to remain confidential.
- Teams and associations should attempt to be proactive in finding solutions or alternative dressing room arrangements before a request for accommodation is made, to simplify and expediate the process.
- Conduct periodic check-ins to see how the accommodation is working for them and if any adjustments need to be made.
- Ensure that no pre- or post-game meetings in the dressing room occur without the athlete.
- Ask the athlete and/or their parents/guardians (if the athlete wants their parents/guardians involved) if they require support for alternative dressing room arrangements when playing in away facilities. However, it is preferable to have information available about away facilities to share in advance of travel, if possible.



- There may be situations in which teams will need to develop tailored solutions with the participant using an athlete/participant-focused, ethical, and values-based approach to guide them to a common sense and inclusive resolution.

Policy violation

Will there be guidelines around a standard disciplinary process for those who violate the policy?

- The Minor Hockey Association is required to support the coaches in the implementation process and to ensure that the coaches have a process for accommodations in their Team Policies that complies with the confidentiality requirements. As an Association, if a coach is deliberately disobeying the direction, they have a responsibility to address the code of conduct of the coach on a complaint-by-complaint basis. As the policy is aligned with the Ontario Human Rights Code, the expectation is that Associations make best efforts to follow the policy in place. The policy is intended to create a safe and healthy environment for the Association and its registered participants.

Is the expectation that our Minor Hockey Association policy be updated to reflect the new Ontario Hockey policy?

- The Ontario Hockey Dressing Room Policy and related policies must be followed by Members and their Associations. There is no need for a Minor Hockey Association to further develop their own policy but rather refer to the policy in place.

Junior Hockey

Does the Dressing Room Policy apply to all Members of the Ontario Branches?

- The Dressing Room Policy applies to Minor Hockey Associations, including recreational and competitive teams. The policy does not apply to Junior Hockey teams.



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IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE



INTRODUCTION

The Hockey Canada Dressing Room Policy is a guiding document intended to provide the standards and guidelines necessary to ensure the safe, inclusive and equitable participation of all participants. This implementation guide, directed toward team officials, functions as a practical accompaniment to the Dressing Room Policy and should additionally be read with the Hockey Canada Gender Expression/Identity Policy. The implementation guide is divided into preparation and application steps to safety, equity and inclusivity.

RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All participants of Hockey Canada member associations have the right to be respected and be equal participants in their member organization. Respecting the rights of athletes, staff and the parents/guardians of participants to inclusion and equal treatment (including the removal of any discriminatory requirement, factor or other barrier), may need no accommodation at all. However, if a participant has a human rights-related need (such as requesting separate changing facilities due to religious reasons or gender identity), then every attempt will be made to accommodate, limited only by undue hardship. Additional information on human rights, protected grounds, duty to accommodate and undue hardship can be found on the [Canadian Human Rights Commission website](#).

HOW TO ACCOMMODATE

A participant on a team may request accommodation assistance with respect to the dressing room for a number of reasons, including but not limited to:

- Gender identity
- Need for privacy
- Body image concerns
- Religious reasons
- A combination of any of these reasons

Knowing the reason(s) behind an accommodation request is not necessary for providing accommodations and respect. It is the choice of the participant as to whether or not they disclose the reasons for the accommodation request.



| Preparation | Application |
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| <p>Anticipate barriers to inclusion and equity and take actions to address them to the best of your ability, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create or amend any team codes of conduct that includes information on the Hockey Canada Dressing Room Policy and the process required request an accommodation. • Inquire about empty dressing rooms available with the facilities manager before the season begins. • Inquire about appropriate and equivalent changing areas, such as meeting rooms, all-purpose rooms, officials' rooms, etc., before the season begins. <p>Raise Awareness about the Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak with parents/guardians during a pre-season talk to discuss the Dressing Room Policy • Speak with all participants during the pre-season talk about the Dressing Room Policy when discussing respect and anti-bullying/hazing. • Communicate alternative options available and how to access them. | <p>Responding to request for accommodation such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer alternative options explored in preparatory steps. • Design an equitable dressing schedule, if necessary. |

STEPS TO PREPARE

1. Increase awareness and understanding.

- a. In pre-season meetings, ensure participants and parents/guardians are aware of and understand the Dressing Room Policy. It is crucial that all team staff across the country take opportunities to affirm their commitment to dressing room safety, equity and inclusion.
 - I. Discuss with participants and parents/guardians the Dressing Room Policy and the Rule of Two.*
 - II. Discuss with participants and parents/guardians the Dressing Room Policy when discussing respect and anti-bullying/hazing.*



2. Provide information to participants and parents/guardians about how to request dressing room accommodation.

- a. Communicate in writing to all participants how to request dressing room accommodation; an example of a process is below:
 - I. Participant or their parent(s)/guardian(s) submitting the request on their behalf to provide a written request to their local hockey association (LHA)*
 - II. The individual(s) requesting dressing room accommodation are entitled to the following:*
 1. A confidential meeting, with date, time and space relayed in advance to discuss the accommodation request with an LHA representative.
 2. Bring a support person (parent/guardian or supportive adult) to the meeting.

3. LHAs should work with their local facilities each season to understand what alternative and equivalent dressing room options are available to be best prepared should an accommodation request come from their program or a visiting program.

STEPS TO APPLY

If a participant requests a dressing room accommodation regardless of the reason, some options, although not the only options, include:

1. Offering alternative and equivalent dressing room options.

- a. During the timeslot needed, inquire if an empty dressing room is available.
- b. If there is no empty dressing room, inquire about appropriate and equivalent dressing room areas that are available and take into consideration the distance to the ice surface. These may include:
 - I. Officials' rooms*
 - II. Meeting rooms*
 - III. Another team's currently unused dressing room*

2. Implementing an equitable dressing room schedule.

- a. An equitable dressing room schedule must ensure all participants have access to dressing rooms by designing a schedule with an order that reflects that all participants have access to using the dressing room space first and in a timely fashion in alternating manner.
- b. Team staff must ensure no pre- or post-game team activities occur in the dressing room without all participants of the team present.
- c. Examples of equitable dressing room schedules could reflect the schedules below:



| | Pre-Game | Post-Game | Next Pre-Game | Next Post-Game |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1st Shift | Shared/ Group | Individual/ Private | Individual / Private | Shared/ Group |
| 2nd Shift | Individual/ Private | Shared/ Group | Shared/ Group | Individual / Private |

| | Pre-Game | Post-Game | Next Pre-Game | Next Post-Game |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1st Shift | Girls'/Women' Shared | Boys' / Men Shared | Individual / Private | Girls'/Women' Shared |
| 2nd Shift | Individual / Private | Girls'/ Women' Shared | Boys' / Men Shared | Individual/ Private |
| 3rd Shift | Boys' / Men Shared | Individual / Private | Girls' / Women' Shared | Boys' / Men Shared |

PROVIDING ACCOMMODATIONS

Hockey Canada recommends all organizations that become engaged in an accommodation process follow the below principles:

1. Ensure the participant who is requesting the accommodation is allowed to share their concerns and the need for the request.
2. Summarize what the participant discussed in reference to their accommodation request and ask for confirmation of the accuracy of what has been understood.
3. Confirm with the participant that an accommodation will allow them to feel safe and be able to participate fully.
4. Ensure the participant is engaged in brainstorming potential solutions.
5. Ensure the participant is comfortable with all potential solutions, and if not work with them to continue brainstorming additional solution options.
6. Set up a mutually agreeable time with the participant to present and brainstorm accommodation options.
7. Allow the participant to choose which option is most comfortable for them.
8. Allow the participant to decide which team official(s) may need to be notified of the decision, who will help secure changing spaces and the logistics of any accommodation.
9. Ensure the participant knows that if the accommodation needs adaptation or additional needs present that they can re-engage in the accommodation.

ADVOCACY

A participant may require their LHA or team official(s) to assist in advocating on their behalf to ensure an appropriate and equivalent accommodation request is implemented in a timely and confidential manner. Advocacy can take many forms, including but not limited to the following:

1. Speaking with facility management on the participant's behalf, respecting the confidentiality of the participant.
2. Speaking with a tournament or league organizer to discuss the availability of additional dressing room options and/or appropriate and equivalent changing spaces.
3. Upon the participant's request, disclose private information about the participant to authorized individuals approved by the participant and/or their parent/guardian, only when necessary.



Subject: Tennis Court Resurfacing Project

Report Number: RCP 24-024

Department: Recreation, Culture and Parks Department

Submitted by: Andrea Greenway, Director of Recreation, Culture & Parks

Meeting Type: Council Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday, May 27, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT report RCP 24-024 titled “Tennis Court Resurfacing Project” be received as information; and
- B. THAT Council maintains the project scope for the tennis resurfacing project and approve the designation of separate tennis and pickleball courts for the 2024 season; and
- C. THAT Council directs staff to monitor and collect data on court usage and to solicit community feedback on multi-use courts; and
- D. THAT the issue of multi-use courts be referred to the Recreation and Sports Advisory Committee

BACKGROUND

During the 2023 budget process tennis court resurfacing and new pickleball courts were approved capital projects. The items were combined into one project and carried forward to 2024 for completion. Court Surface Specialists was awarded the contract and the project is underway and expected to be complete in early July, 2024.

At the May 13, 2024 Council meeting a delegation was received by John Verbakel, a member of the Tillsonburg Pickleball Club. The request brought forward to Council was to have pickleball lines be included as part of the tennis court resurfacing project. The club is interested in a minimum of 1 pickleball court on each of the tennis courts for a total of 3 multi-use courts. The following resolution was passed by Council at the conclusion of the presentation:

Resolution # 2024-215

Moved By: Councillor Parker

Seconded By: Councillor Rosehart

A. THAT the delegation from John Verbakel, Tillsonburg Pickleball Club Re: Optimizing Pickleball/Tennis Facilities be received as information; and

RCP 24-024 Tennis Court Resurfacing Project

B. THAT staff be requested to provide a report to Council regarding the change order costs and processes to include Pickleball lines within the new Tennis Court construction.

Carried

DISCUSSION

The project scope did not include pickleball lines as part of the tennis court resurfacing. The Recreation and Sports Advisory Committee has had delegations from both tennis and pickleball groups and it was not recommended that the groups share courts. With the building of 3 new pickleball courts both sports would have the same number of courts (3) with a dedicated facility for each. The separate facilities would mitigate any usage conflicts between the two groups.

The 2024 draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan has also addressed this issue. The Plan notes that “With the resurfacing of the existing tennis courts and the addition of three new pickleball courts, the Town has a balance in the supply of both types of formal facilities.” The plan notes that the courts should remain separate for each sport and that a monitoring program should be put in place to track use on the courts. Any recommended changes to the courts should be based on data collected.

Since the May 13 Council meeting, the following has been confirmed by Court Surface Specialists; the contractor for the project:

- Pickleball lines can be added to the court at any time and adding them after the fact will not impact the court surface negatively.
- Tennis court lines cannot be added to the pickleball courts due to the size of the courts.
- If the decision is to go with multi-use courts, the recommendation by Court Surface Specialists is to add 2 pickleball courts per tennis court. This is the most common option and maximizes court space.
- The cost to add pickleball lines is \$850 + HST per court.

After the Council meeting there were several tennis players that provided input by email to express their concern that their voices have not been heard in the consultation process (11 individual emails and 1 email with a list of 57 names opposed to adding pickleball lines). There were several areas of concern that tennis players cited with adding pickleball lines onto the resurfaced tennis court:

- Conflict of use between pickleball and tennis players

RCP 24-024 Tennis Court Resurfacing Project

- Maintaining a “tennis first” option on the tennis courts being difficult to enforce and intimidating for those who encounter the courts being used by pickleball players
- Pickleball lines provide a visual distraction for tennis players
- Distress on nets and posts when height is being adjusted for each sport

There was also a general sense from tennis players that the information provided at the delegation was inaccurate and one sided. It was noted that the Town should consult with tennis players before making a final decision on adding pickleball lines to the resurfaced courts.

Due to the urgent timing of this report there was no opportunity to call a Recreation & Sports Advisory Committee meeting. Staff took the initiative to solicit individual member’s feedback by email as the Committee could not render a decision in the absence of a meeting. The feedback returned from individuals on the Committee, for the most part supported separate courts for tennis and pickleball, with a few individuals being okay with multi-use courts but wanting more data to support the need.

Given that pickleball lines can be added to the resurfaced tennis courts at a later date, that Town staff require time to collect data on court usage, and that tennis players were not consulted about adding lines for multi-use courts; staff recommend that the project scope is not adjusted at this time to include pickleball lines on the tennis courts. Once data is collected over the 2024 season, a report will be provided to the Recreation and Sports Advisory Committee to make a recommendation to Council on sport court use.

CONSULTATION

Court Surface Specialists (contractor for pickleball/tennis court project), Feedback from Tillsonburg residents

FINANCIAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

Adding pickleball court lines is \$850 + HST per court. The cost would be \$2550 to add 3 courts and \$5100 if 6 courts were added. Of note, the Tillsonburg Pickleball Club said in the presentation that the club would cover the cost of the lines being added to the tennis courts.

CORPORATE GOALS

How does this report support the corporate goals identified in the Community Strategic Plan?

Lifestyle and amenities

RCP 24-024 Tennis Court Resurfacing Project

- Customer service, communication and engagement
- Business attraction, retention and expansion
- Community growth
- Connectivity and transportation
- Not Applicable

Does this report relate to a specific strategic direction or project identified in the Community Strategic Plan? Please indicate section number and/or any priority projects identified in the plan.

Goal – Within the community, Tillsonburg will strive to offer residents the amenities, services and attractions they require to enjoy balanced lifestyles.

Strategic Direction – Update municipal sports facilities consistent with modern standards.

Priority Project – N/A

ATTACHMENTS

N/A



tion of the Town of Tillsonburg / Advisory Committee Meeting MINUTES

Thursday, May 2, 2024
5:30 PM
Boardroom CSC
10 Lisgar Ave.

ATTENDANCE: Scott Gooding
Chris Parker
Deb Gilvesy
Scott Vitias
Stephen Gradish
Andrew Gradish
Kristy Milmine
Christian Devlin

Regrets: Taylor Campbell
Joe Sym
Carrie Lewis
Susie Wray

Staff: Andrea Greenway
Margaret Puhr

Regrets: Julie Ellis

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- 1. Call to Order**
The meeting wa
 - 2. Adoption of Agenda**
Resolution # 1

Moved By: Scott Vitias

Seconded By: Christian Devlin

THAT the agenda for the May 2nd Recreation & Sports Advisory Committee, be adopted with the following amendment:

the addition of item #6.4 titled Draft Parks By-law

Carried

3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution # 2

Moved By: Andrew Gradish

Seconded By: Kristy Milmine

THAT the minutes as prepared for the April 4th meeting, be adopted.

Carried

5. Presentations

6. Information Items

6.1 Hall of Fame event update

Andrea provided update.

Dress code information will be sent.

The event is ready to go.

6.2 Tillsonburg Pickleball Club update

Per Andrea's memo, update was provided.

The court resurfacing will take approximately 3 weeks, at which time the tennis courts will not be available. The outdoor rink will be adapted for that time for tennis use.

6.3 Summer Camp update

Update provided by Andrea.

6.4 Draft Parks By-law

7. General Business & Reports

8. Next Meeting

9. Adjournment

Moved By: Kristy Milmine

Seconded By: Andrew Gradish

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:20pm.

Carried