

Expanding Access to Pickleball in Saanich Parks

Public Open House

The public open house (September 24, 2024) presented a high-level overview of the results of the Pickleball Strategy for Victoria, Oak Bay and Esquimalt, 2024, and Parks' response to its recommendations. It also presented proposals for accommodating tennis and pickleball in the outdoor parks system (including Copley West, Fowler, Hampton, Majestic, McMinn, Prospect Lake, Rosedale, and Tolmie Parks - all subject to funding).

The event was attended by approximately 65 people. A questionnaire ran till October 15, 598 people responded.

Questionnaire Results – Summary

General

Q2 Do You Play PB or Tennis:

49% of respondents play PB, 16% play tennis, 15% play both, 14 % play neither

Q3 What are Your Favourite Places To Play:

- McMinn Park is overwhelmingly popular for its features and community feel.
- Indoor options like Pearkes cater to all-season play, while outdoor courts are preferred in warmer months.
- Accessibility, court conditions, and additional amenities are pivotal in determining preferred locations.

Q4 Do You Play indoors or outdoors:

- 44% play outside 75 – 100% of the time
- 39% play outside 50-75% of the time
- 41% play outside 25 - 50% of the time
- 17% play outside 0- 25% of the time

The strong majority of players play outside at least half of the time.

Q5 Proximity to favourite courts:

66% live within a 10 minute drive or walking distance of their favourite place to play.

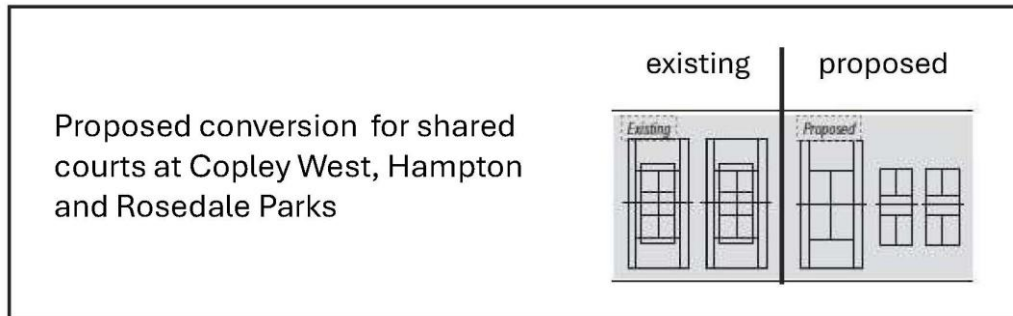
Q6 Proximity to pickleball courts:

28% of respondents indicated that they were within a 10 minute walk of a PB court.

Copley West, Hampton, and Rosedale Parks

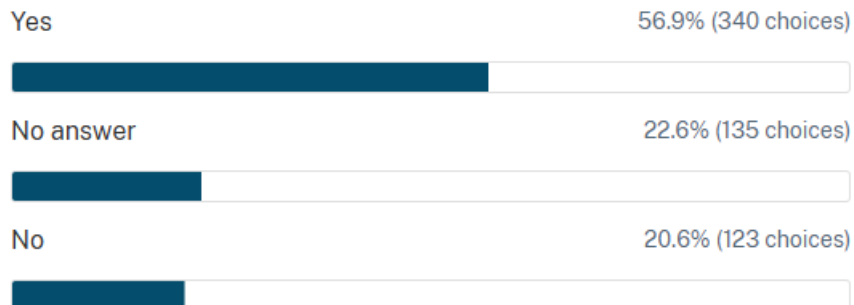
Q7 – 13, Q27 – 30, Conversions at Copley West, Hampton, and Rosedale Parks:

We proposed to convert the existing 2 shared courts at Copley West, Hampton, and Rosedale Parks to: one (1) dedicated tennis court and two (2) dedicated pickleball courts.



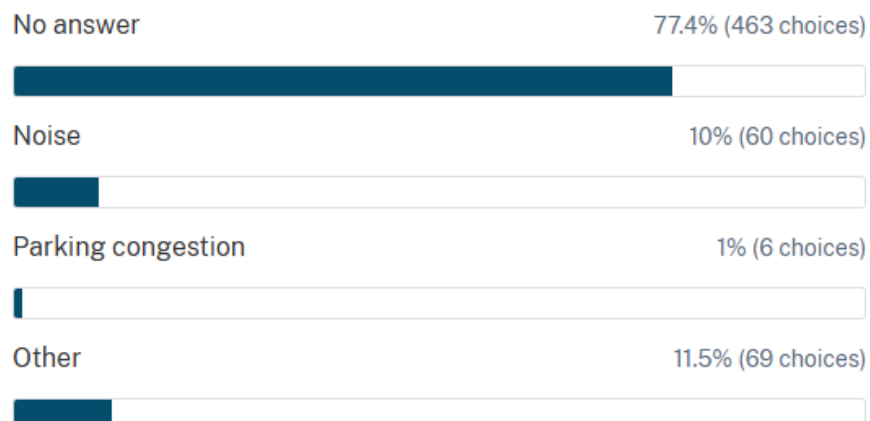
Copley West – Do you support the proposed plan?

463/598 - Multiple choice - choose one - optional



Copley West - If you do not support the proposed plan, why not?

135/598 - Multiple choice - choose one - optional



Hampton Park – Do you support the proposed plan?

453/598 - Multiple choice - choose one - optional

Yes 55.7% (333 choices)



No answer 24.2% (145 choices)



No 20.1% (120 choices)



Hampton - If you do not support the proposed plan, why not?

123/598 - Multiple choice - choose one - optional

No answer 79.4% (475 choices)



Noise 9% (54 choices)



Parking congestion 1% (6 choices)



Other 10.5% (63 choices)



Rosedale Park – Do you support the proposed plan?

404/598 - Multiple choice - choose one - optional

Yes 49.2% (294 choices)



No answer 32.4% (194 choices)

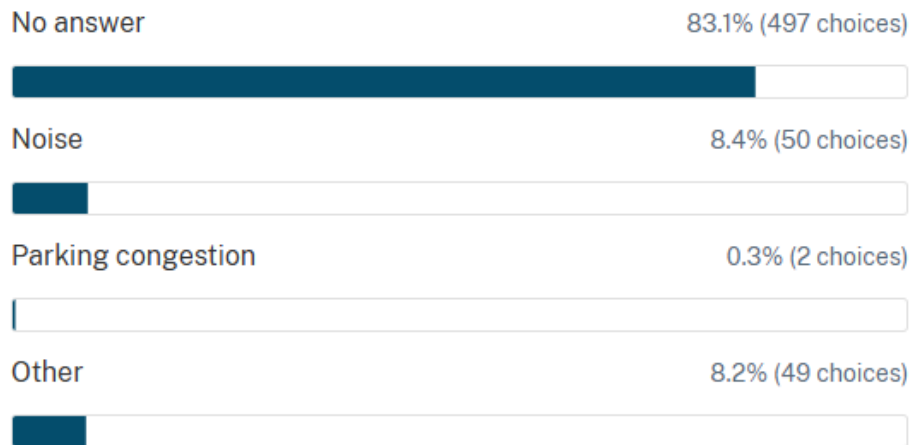


No 18.4% (110 choices)



Rosedale - If you do not support the proposed plan, why not?

101/598 - Multiple choice - choose one - optional



Do Not Support For 'Other' Reasons

Comments from those who did not support the proposed plan at Copley West, Hampton, and Rosedale for 'other' reasons have been grouped into themes:

1. Tennis Court Availability and Demand

- High Demand for Tennis Courts: Concerns about the already limited availability of tennis courts, especially for leagues, group play, and local accessibility.
- Importance of Multiple Courts: Respondents emphasize the need for at least two courts at a location to accommodate larger groups and events.
- Impact on Tennis Leagues: Reducing courts would negatively affect league play, competitive events, and casual users.

2. Pickleball Court Demand and Expansion

- Growing Popularity of Pickleball: Many respondents acknowledge increasing demand and overcrowding at existing pickleball courts.
- Separate Facilities Preferred: Strong preference for dedicated pickleball courts, located away from tennis courts to minimize conflicts.
- Skepticism About Pickleball Growth: Some respondents view pickleball as a "fad" and are hesitant to prioritize its expansion over tennis.

3. Shared Courts and Compatibility

- **Mixed Opinions on Shared Courts:** While some see shared lines or multi-use courts as a way to maximize usage, others argue that the differences in play style, equipment, and court layout make sharing impractical.
- **Conversion Concerns:** Resistance to converting tennis courts to pickleball courts, as tennis players cannot use converted spaces.

4. Noise Concerns

- **Noise as a Major Issue:** Pickleball is viewed as too noisy, particularly in residential areas, leading to tension between players and nearby residents.
- **Suggestions for Noise Mitigation:** Recommendations include sound barriers, quieter equipment, or relocating pickleball courts indoors or to industrial areas.

5. Cost and Resource Allocation

- **Concerns About Financial Efficiency:** Respondents question the costs of converting courts or creating new ones, suggesting funds could be better spent on other community priorities like affordable housing or park improvements.
- **Preference for New Locations:** Many respondents suggest building new pickleball courts instead of repurposing tennis courts.

6. Location Accessibility and Parking

- **Proximity to Homes:** Tennis courts are valued for their accessibility within walking or biking distance, while some suggest relocating pickleball courts to industrial or non-residential areas to reduce noise.
- **Parking Challenges:** Concerns about increased congestion and inadequate parking at busy park locations, especially if more pickleball courts are added.

7. Support for Tennis

- **Preference for Preserving Tennis Facilities:** Strong advocacy for maintaining or increasing the number of tennis courts to meet demand for this established and enduring sport.
- **Impact on Tennis Community:** Many respondents argue that reducing tennis courts will diminish opportunities for local players and disrupt the community's engagement with the sport.

8. Support for Pickleball

- **Calls for Expansion with Caveats:** Support for adding more pickleball courts exists but with the condition that these courts are sound-mitigated and located separately from tennis courts.

- Improved Management: Respondents suggest clear rules for shared courts and dedicated time slots to minimize conflicts.

9. General Opposition to Changes

- Frustration Among Tennis Players: Perception that pickleball is encroaching on tennis facilities and causing tension between user groups.
- Saturation of Pickleball Courts: Some feel there are already enough pickleball courts and oppose further expansion.

10. Miscellaneous Suggestions

- Innovative Court Design: Ideas such as converting underutilized spaces, arranging courts differently, or adding temporary pickleball courts to manage demand.
- Neutral Responses: A small number of respondents express indifference or lack personal investment in the issue.

Do Not Support But Would If These Measures Were Taken

Comments from those who did not support the proposed plan at Copley West, Hampton, and Rosedale, but said there were measures that could be taken so that they *would* support the proposed plan have been grouped into themes:

1. Tennis Court Availability and Preservation

- Many respondents emphasize the importance of maintaining or increasing the number of tennis courts, highlighting high demand for group play, leagues, and casual use.
- Concerns include reducing access to tennis courts, negatively impacting tennis players and leagues, and the need for at least two courts per location for convenience.
- Suggestions include keeping double-lined courts, adding new tennis courts elsewhere, and exploring nearby parks for expanded facilities.

2. Pickleball Court Expansion

- Acknowledgment of pickleball's growing popularity leads to requests for more dedicated pickleball courts, both outdoor and indoor.
- Suggestions include creating new courts at underutilized locations (e.g., industrial areas or other parks) and avoiding reductions in tennis facilities.
- Some respondents feel existing pickleball courts are sufficient and advocate for balanced resource allocation.

3. Shared Courts and Court Layout

- There are mixed opinions on shared courts:
 - Supporters see them as a way to maximize usage.
 - Opponents cite disruptions between tennis and pickleball due to differing play styles, noise, and court needs.
- Design suggestions include end-to-end court layouts and clear rules for usage to minimize conflicts.

4. Noise Concerns

- Noise from pickleball games is a significant issue, especially in residential areas, leading to calls for sound mitigation (e.g., quieter paddles, barriers) or relocating courts.
- Many suggest indoor pickleball courts as a long-term solution to address noise and reduce neighborhood disruption.

5. Indoor Solutions

- Indoor facilities for pickleball are frequently recommended to address noise and space concerns.
- Respondents suggest repurposing warehouses or other unused structures for indoor pickleball use.

6. Cost and Resource Allocation

- Concerns about the financial implications of modifying or creating courts, with some questioning if funds could be better spent on other priorities (e.g., dedicated pickleball hubs, affordable housing, park improvements).
- Suggestions include exploring cost-neutral solutions and better management of existing resources.

7. General Opposition to Pickleball Growth or Specific Plans

- Some respondents oppose converting tennis courts for pickleball, viewing it as encroachment on tennis facilities.
- Skepticism about pickleball's long-term popularity leads to a preference for preserving tennis as a more established sport.

8. Community and Accessibility

- Strong emphasis on maintaining accessible facilities for both sports, with preferences for parks located within walking or biking distance.

- Respondents highlight the importance of recreation for social engagement and maximizing space for community use.

9. Other Suggestions

- Ideas include introducing fees for pickleball use, exploring temporary shared-court solutions, or conducting further research on balancing the needs of both sports.
 - Some respondents support sound barriers or designated usage times to mitigate conflicts.
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Majestic Park

Q14 Majestic Park – Convert to Tennis-Only

Do you support the proposed plan to convert the shared PB and tennis court to tennis-only?

423/598 - Multiple choice - choose one - optional

No 36.8% (220 choices)



Yes 33.9% (203 choices)



No answer 29.3% (175 choices)



Q15 Majestic Park - If you do not support the proposed plan, why not?

The responses have been grouped into themes:

1. Support for Pickleball Growth

- **Demand for More Pickleball Courts:** Many respondents emphasized the growing popularity of pickleball and the shortage of available courts. Several noted that pickleball is more popular than tennis, with increasing demand and limited space to play, especially in the Gordon Head area.
- **Preserving Existing Pickleball Access:** Many respondents expressed concern about losing access to the only nearby pickleball court, stating that it is heavily used by pickleball players and should be preserved.
- **Need for Accessibility:** A number of individuals highlighted that Majestic Park is the closest court to their home, making it an important facility for pickleball players. Losing this court would force people to travel further, which could be a barrier for many, especially seniors and families with children.

2. Under-use of Tennis Courts

- **Low Tennis Usage:** Several respondents pointed out that the tennis courts at Majestic Park are rarely used, especially when compared to the high demand for pickleball. Many suggested that shared courts or additional pickleball courts would better meet the needs of the community.

- Tennis and Pickleball Coexistence: Some responses favored keeping the existing shared use of the court, as the tennis courts are not heavily used, and having both lines allows for flexibility without sacrificing access for either sport.

3. Opposition to Removing Pickleball Lines

- Preserving Shared Court Options: Many respondents strongly preferred maintaining the pickleball lines on the court, either in the current hybrid form or by adding more dedicated pickleball courts. They felt removing or reducing pickleball access would negatively affect the community, especially since it is one of the few places available to play.
- Mixed Court Usage: Some suggested that both sports could coexist with designated times for each or by keeping the lines for both sports on the same court. There was a preference for maximizing the use of the space rather than reducing options.

4. Noise Concerns

- Noise Issues: While some respondents acknowledged noise concerns related to pickleball, others dismissed these concerns, stating that noise from pickleball is not a significant problem or that sound mitigation measures could be implemented if necessary. They also pointed out that Majestic Park is situated in a relatively busy area where noise may not be as disruptive.

5. Community and Social Impact

- Importance of Local Recreation: Many respondents valued the accessibility of the Majestic Park court for local residents, particularly those who live nearby and use it frequently for social activities and community engagement. They argued that losing this court would reduce opportunities for neighbors to meet and enjoy outdoor activities together.
- Shared Court Benefits: Some respondents expressed that shared courts help foster inclusivity and maximize the use of the available space, benefiting a wider range of community members.

6. Preference for Dedicated Pickleball Courts

- Call for More Pickleball Facilities: Several individuals suggested adding dedicated pickleball courts to Majestic Park or other locations, while maintaining some tennis courts in the area. They felt that the community needs more dedicated pickleball spaces to meet the growing demand.
- Tennis Court Preservation: A few respondents supported maintaining dedicated tennis courts, arguing that tennis should not be sidelined by the rapid growth of pickleball. Some suggested building separate facilities for each sport to avoid conflicts between players.

7. Other Considerations

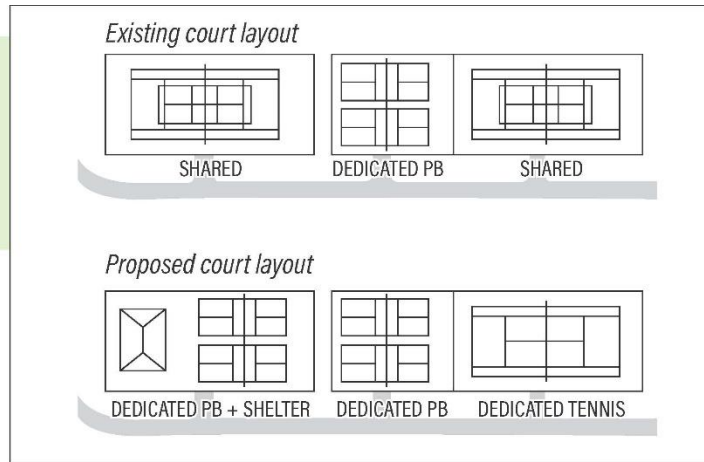
- **Cost and Resource Allocation:** Some respondents mentioned concerns about the cost of making changes to the court, particularly if the changes do not align with the growing demand for pickleball.
 - **Sound Mitigation:** A few respondents suggested implementing sound mitigation measures, like barriers, to address noise concerns without reducing pickleball access.
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McMinn Park

Q16 McMinn Park

Proposed plan to convert the shared court closest to Maple Grove Street (homes) to tennis-only, and to add sound mitigation and convert the shared court furthest from homes to pickleball-only.

The existing courts are proposed to be relined to result in 1 dedicated tennis court and 4 dedicated pickleball courts with sound mitigation.
Subject to future budget approvals.



Do you support the proposed plan?

459/598 - Multiple choice - choose one - optional

Yes 54.8% (328 choices)



No answer 23.2% (139 choices)

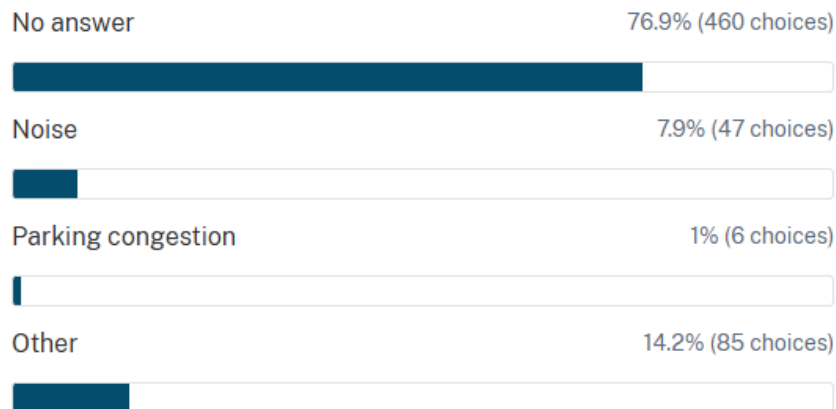


No 21.9% (131 choices)



Q17 McMinn - If you do not support the proposed plan, why not?

138/598 - Multiple choice - choose one - optional



Q18 McMinn - If you answered you do not support the plan for “Other” reasons, what is the reason?

Comments have been grouped into themes:

1. Demand for More Pickleball Courts

- Many respondents emphasized the need for additional pickleball courts, citing high demand and increasing participation. Suggestions include converting existing tennis courts to pickleball, adding more courts, and prioritizing pickleball spaces due to growing popularity.
- Some responses proposed the relocation of the proposed shelter or moving it outside the court area to make room for more pickleball courts.

2. Concerns About Tennis Courts

- A number of respondents expressed concerns about reducing the number of tennis courts. They noted that tennis is still popular, especially for events like leagues, and that reducing courts would make it harder to find available spaces for tennis players.
- Some respondents suggested keeping dedicated tennis courts and adding pickleball courts in separate spaces, or maintaining shared courts for both sports.

3. Noise and Parking Issues

- Noise from pickleball was a significant concern for some, with many respondents mentioning it as disruptive to nearby residents. Some suggested using sound mitigation techniques (e.g., acoustic fences) or relocating pickleball courts to less residential areas.

- Parking congestion was also highlighted as a problem, with some calling for better assessment and planning for parking, particularly as pickleball attracts larger crowds.

4. Shared Courts and Flexibility

- There was some support for shared courts, with people suggesting that both tennis and pickleball could coexist on the same courts by marking lines for both sports. However, this was countered by others who preferred distinct spaces for each activity.

5. Community Concerns and Fair Use

- Several respondents mentioned issues with the behavior of pickleball players on shared courts, such as monopolizing courts and being confrontational with tennis players. Some suggested enforcing more fairness in usage, particularly regarding court time and space.
- There were also concerns about the overall impact on the park, with some arguing that McMinn Park should serve a variety of community activities and not just focus on pickleball or tennis.

6. Support for McMinn as a Pickleball Hub

- A few responses supported the idea of McMinn Park becoming a central pickleball hub, with some suggesting the possibility of adding even more courts (up to six) and utilizing the park for community-wide events and activities.

7. Alternative Locations and Expansion

- Some respondents suggested that additional pickleball courts could be built elsewhere, such as in less residential areas like near Elk Lake, to alleviate noise and parking issues at McMinn Park.

8. Other Concerns

- A few responses raised concerns about the cost of the project, the overall planning process, and whether adequate consideration was given to the needs of all park users. There was also a suggestion that temporary solutions should not become permanent without clear justification.

Q19 McMinn - If you answered that you do not support the proposed plan, are there measures that could be taken to make it acceptable to you?

Comments from those who did not support the proposed plan at McMinn Park, but said there were measures that could be taken so that they *would* support the proposed plan have been grouped into themes:

1. Support for More Pickleball Courts

- Several respondents express support for increasing the number of dedicated pickleball courts, sometimes suggesting 4 instead of 2.

- Some propose converting existing tennis courts or other areas into pickleball courts.
- A few mention the need for more courts in general, especially in underutilized or more remote locations like rural areas or near Beaver and Elk Lake.

2. Concerns About Noise

- A significant number of respondents are concerned about the noise generated by pickleball courts, particularly in residential areas. Some suggest indoor courts as a solution.
- Suggestions for sound mitigation include installing proper sound attenuation panels, enforcing restricted play hours, and using quieter paddles or balls.
- A few respondents mention that sound mitigation efforts are ineffective and may not be practical.

3. Tennis Court Preservation

- Several responses emphasize the importance of maintaining tennis courts, with some advocating for no conversion to pickleball.
- Some suggest keeping existing tennis courts as tennis-only or creating a separate area for pickleball courts.
- A few respondents request additional tennis courts, citing a shortage of available tennis spaces.

4. Shelter and Facility Placement

- There are mixed opinions about the proposed shelter. Some feel it should be relocated outside the court area, while others believe it could be better placed elsewhere within the park.
- Some respondents argue that the shelter is unnecessary and should be replaced with more courts.

5. Park Usage and Access

- Some responses highlight concerns about parking congestion due to pickleball courts, suggesting that more courts will exacerbate this issue.
- A few respondents suggest improving park access by creating more courts at parks in other neighborhoods.
- Others support the creation of dedicated spaces for socializing or spectators, such as benches or sheltered areas.

6. Indoor Options and Alternatives

- A few respondents express strong support for indoor pickleball courts to avoid noise issues.

- There are suggestions to develop more indoor spaces for pickleball, emphasizing that this would prevent disruption to nearby residents.

7. General Opposition or No Preference

- A number of respondents simply oppose the proposed changes or express satisfaction with the current state, suggesting that no changes are needed.
 - Some suggest that funds would be better spent on other park improvements or additional pickleball courts elsewhere.
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Prospect Lake Park

Q20. Do you support the proposed plan to leave the 2 shared courts at Prospect Lake Park as they are (i.e. no changes)?

55% answered yes, 9% answered no, 37% did not answer.

Q21. If you do not support the proposed plan, why not?

91% gave no answer, 4% said noise, .2% said parking congestion, 6% said 'other'.

Q21 If you don't support the proposal for "Other" reasons, what are the reasons?

Comments have been grouped into themes:

1. Preference for Separate Courts for Tennis and Pickleball:

- Many respondents emphasize that tennis and pickleball should not share courts, as it creates issues with court lines, net heights, and overall playability for both sports. They advocate for dedicated spaces for each sport to avoid conflicts and improve the experience for players of both.

2. Demand for More Pickleball Courts:

- Several responses express the need for more dedicated pickleball courts, with some suggesting the addition of multiple courts at Prospect Lake Park or other nearby locations. Respondents also propose the conversion of existing spaces (such as tennis courts) into more pickleball facilities.

3. Concerns Over Impact on Tennis:

- Some responses reflect a concern that the proposed plan could reduce or eliminate tennis facilities, potentially limiting future opportunities for tennis players. There is worry that prioritizing pickleball might push out tennis, which is seen as important for youth development and for providing a variety of recreational opportunities.

4. Ideal Location for Pickleball:

- A few responses highlight the suitability of Prospect Lake Park for pickleball due to its sheltered environment, which would make it a popular and well-used space for dedicated pickleball courts. Some respondents mention that Prospect is already well-used by the pickleball community and could support more courts.

5. General Concerns About the Proposal:

- Some respondents are opposed to the overall plan for reasons such as the loss of park space, the potential impact of future housing developments, or the lack of clarity about the park. There are also calls for additional amenities like covered spaces for children in the winter or more courts in general.

6. Desire for Upgraded Facilities:

- A few responses focus on the need for improvements to existing facilities, such as upgrading nets and lines for pickleball, ensuring that courts are designed with the specific needs of the sport in mind.

7. Support for Tennis as a Priority:

- A few responses advocate for maintaining and expanding tennis courts, arguing that the city should offer tennis lessons and programs to ensure that future generations have access to the sport.

Q22. Do you use the courts at Prospect Lake Park for:

41% said neither, 36% didn't answer, 14% said PB, 6% said tennis, 3% said both.

Q23. If you do not use the courts at Prospect Lake Park, why not?

54% did not answer, 38% said distance, 8% said 'other'.

Q24. If you answered "Other", what is the reason?

Comments have been grouped into themes:

1. Lack of Awareness/Knowledge

- Many respondents did not know the courts existed or were unaware of their locations (e.g., "Didn't know about it," "Was unaware they were there").

2. Distance and Travel Concerns

- Several respondents mentioned that the distance to the courts was a significant factor, either because it was too far or inconvenient (e.g., "Distance and time," "Travel distance for some of my tennis players," "Distance from core Saanich").
- Some respondents indicated that they prefer closer options or don't play due to the distance (e.g., "We can walk to 2 of the current courts from our home").

3. Parking and Accessibility Issues

- Issues with parking and congestion were cited by multiple respondents as factors limiting their use of the courts (e.g., "Parking has often been a problem," "Lack of parking/congestion when school is in session").
- Some responses mentioned the difficulty of parking as a deterrent.

4. Preference for Other Facilities

- Some respondents preferred other locations for tennis or pickleball, citing specific courts or the need for dedicated, bookable facilities (e.g., "I drive 50 minutes to play in Shawnigan Lake," "I use the Tolmie courts").
- A few respondents also expressed a preference for indoor facilities (e.g., "I prefer to play indoors").

5. Non-Participation or Lack of Interest

- Some respondents simply do not participate in tennis or pickleball (e.g., "I don't play," "I am a walker not a racquet player").
- A few stated that they do not have an interest in the sport or court availability (e.g., "Not necessary," "I don't play tennis or pickleball").

6. Concerns About Noise

- Some respondents raised concerns about the noise generated by pickleball, especially when it is played outdoors (e.g., "I do not support NOISE proliferation," "Pickleball is a plaque").

7. Current Usage and Other Factors

- A few respondents mentioned that they use other courts when the facilities are busy or that they go to other locations if the courts are unavailable (e.g., "We go there if the courts at Copley are busy," "I play at McMinn").

Q25. Would you use the courts at Prospect Lake Park if they were converted to 1 dedicated tennis and 2 dedicated pickleball courts?

41% did not answer, 36% said no, 23% said yes.

Q26. If not, why not?

Comments have been grouped into themes:

1. Distance:

- The most common reason given for not using the courts is that they are too far away. Many respondents mention that the location is inconvenient, whether due to driving distance, lack of nearby bike routes, or simply being outside their preferred area.

2. Noise (Pickleball):

- Several respondents expressed concerns about the noise generated by pickleball, particularly when it is played near tennis courts. Some stated that the sound of pickleball is distracting or disruptive to their tennis experience, while others suggested that pickleball should be played indoors or in designated areas away from tennis courts.

3. Court Availability and Competition:

- Some respondents feel that having only one tennis court or a mix of tennis and pickleball courts would result in long wait times, making it difficult to secure a court. There are concerns about the increased demand for courts and the potential for limited availability, especially if there are larger groups or leagues involved.

4. Preference for Dedicated Tennis or Pickleball Areas:

- A number of respondents mentioned a preference for separating tennis and pickleball courts. They believe each sport should have its own dedicated space to avoid disruptions and ensure availability for all users.

5. Accessibility and Convenience:

- Several responses mentioned issues with convenience, such as difficulty accessing the courts without a car, or preferring to play closer to home. Others mentioned concerns with parking and access to the location, particularly in areas with limited infrastructure or lighting.

6. General Disinterest or Lack of Use:

- Some respondents indicated they either don't play tennis or pickleball, or prefer other locations for these activities. A few also mentioned that they are not interested in using the proposed court due to its location or other factors such as noise.

7. Quality of Experience:

- A few respondents mentioned that playing at the proposed location might not offer the best experience due to factors like noise, insufficient court numbers, or undesirable playing conditions, such as bad weather or poor lighting.
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Tolmie Park

Q31. In 2021 Saanich Council passed a motion that pickleball would be discontinued at Tolmie Park when new PB courts were built elsewhere (Fowler Park), and the court would be repurposed. Saanich is considering new uses for this enclosed, paved area. Please indicate which you support:

38% did not answer, 27% supported kids' games, 24% said youth tennis, 11% said 'other'.

Q32. If you answered "Other", do you have any other ideas for repurposing this space? (Keep in mind that Tolmie is a neighbourhood park with limited parking, and the area is close to neighbours.)

Comments have been grouped into themes:

1. Pickleball

- General Support for Pickleball: Many respondents want to retain or expand the pickleball courts, citing high demand, accessibility, and popularity. Some specifically ask for sound mitigation measures or an increase in the number of courts.
- Opposition to Removal: A few responses express disappointment about the potential removal of pickleball courts and suggest replacing them with new facilities at the park or in nearby areas.
- Multi-use Options for Pickleball: Several ideas involve keeping pickleball courts while also allowing for other activities.

2. Tennis

- Return to Tennis Courts: Many responses suggest converting the area back into tennis courts, either for general use or for youth tennis, with some noting that the current dimensions may not work well for youth tennis.
- Youth Tennis Programs: Some responses mention supporting youth tennis and creating dedicated spaces for tennis enthusiasts.

3. Multi-sport Use

- Shared Space: There are several suggestions for a multi-sport space, including basketball, street hockey, ball hockey, and other sports that could be played in a multi-use, paved area.
- Floor Hockey & Lacrosse: Several responses propose using the space for ball hockey or lacrosse, potentially with nets.

4. Green Space and Quiet Zones

- **Return to Greenspace:** Some respondents suggest removing the courts and converting the area to a general green space or park area for everyone to enjoy, with trees, gardens, and benches for sitting.
- **Quieter Activities:** Ideas like outdoor fitness equipment, a meditation area, or a quiet garden are suggested as alternatives that would maintain the park's peaceful atmosphere.

5. Youth and Family Activities

- **Kid-friendly Spaces:** Several responses recommend creating spaces for children, such as a bike safety course, kids' games, playground equipment, or a splash pad.
- **Exercise Equipment:** There are multiple calls for outdoor fitness equipment to keep the space active but quieter, with some mentioning that it could be a good option for all ages.

6. Noise Concerns

- **Impact on Neighbors:** Some respondents are sensitive to noise complaints from nearby residents and propose activities that would be quieter or that could be adapted to minimize noise (e.g., sound mitigation for pickleball).
- **General Comments on Noise:** A few responses mention that the park's noise should be expected given its role as a community space and its proximity to busy roads.

7. Other Specific Requests

- **Water Features:** Ideas for a water park, splash pad, or water play area are popular among families with children.
 - **Senior-focused Activities:** Some responses suggest designing the space to cater to seniors with exercise equipment or a picnic area.
 - **Dog-related Spaces:** A few responses propose creating a small dog park or designated time for off-leash dogs.
 - **Unique Ideas:** Some responses suggest more unconventional ideas, such as a zipline, rock climbing, or a skate park, though these were less frequent.
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Pop-Up Courts

Q33. Would you use 'pop-up' pickleball courts?

41% said no, 30% said yes, 29% did not answer.

Other

Q34 Other Comments on PB and Tennis in Saanich

Summary:

- Both groups feel they can use more courts (especially PB), and PB players insist that there are low numbers of tennis players at the locations they use.
- Tennis players and PB players tend to play at different times.
- Some tennis players avoid playing where there are PB courts due to noise, congestion, competition for courts.
- Bigger loss for tennis (gain in single courts but very few locations with 2 or more courts).
- Strong preference for dedicated courts on separate paved surfaces, vs dedicated PB and tennis courts adjacent to each other.
- Lack of enforcement means no guarantee that dedicated tennis courts adjacent to dedicated PB courts would not be used for PB.
- Noise is a very strong deterrent for locating PB courts in residential areas.