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Motion

Notice given February 21, 2023

Re: Pickleball Opportunities

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Councillor Rachel Gilliland, Councillor Ron Weese

Date: February 28, 2023

Whereas the Town envisioned by 2021, Aurora would have a dynamic and robust sport system that enables all Town residents to engage in meaningful sport opportunities equal to their abilities, resulting in increased levels of participation in sport; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora supported a Sport Plan, prioritizing growth, supporting an active community, and to place focus on increasing participation in sport; and

Whereas Pickleball is the number one growing sport in North America that is gaining popularity in Aurora within numerous age groups, particularly adults and older adults; and

Whereas often Pickleball leagues and courts fill up within the same day of registration leaving many without an opportunity to try or play the sport, or forced to go out of Town; and

Whereas even though, the Town is still developing a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan, residents are eager to begin identifying creative Pickleball opportunities to capitalize on the upcoming spring, summer and fall seasons to help meet the demand; and

Whereas there may be creative opportunities with existing tennis courts, under-utilized parking lots, or community/corporate partnerships that could be explored; and

Whereas tennis and pickleball courts serve a multi-use purpose extending use efficiently; and

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff report back with possible creative opportunities to increase Pickleball courts for the 2023 summer season; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That staff report back with a future Pickleball development plan with recommendations and future budget considerations through the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.