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We much appreciate the efforts by the City to find a solution using noise abatement panels, and we support the unanimous decision by Council not to proceed with this in the end due to the high cost to the tax-paying public.

At this point our board is concerned that the City may re-impose prior court restrictions or reduce availability of courts and times of play.

In the interest of the pickleball playing public and our Club, we cannot support such restrictions. We request the City not impose any noise-related restrictions going forward, subject to appropriate COVID-19 risk mitigation. Our request considers the following factors:

- as determined by the City, pickleball play noise is well within noise bylaw limits,
- play is already limited by weather to only a few months of the year,
- restricting the number of courts in use does not appreciably reduce the sounds of play and so will not satisfy the complainants,
- restricting hours of play by a token amount will also not satisfy the complainants,
- restricting hours of play substantially is unfair to the hundreds of residents of St. Albert who enjoy pickleball play and the social camaraderie associated with this gentle sport,
- reducing hours of play or court use is contrary to both the greater good and St. Albert's objectives of enhancing the physical, social and mental well-being of its residences.

Our sense from Council's deliberations is that the Mayor and several councilors are seeking the interest of the greater community in going forward, considering the public's full enjoyment of a facility it has funded, municipally and provincially, to the tune of over \$350,000.

Our members, and the public in general, are upset with the original restrictions being put in place, and not resolving this issue will undoubtedly create further protests.

It is our aim as a Board to maintain the excellent working relationship we enjoy, while serving our membership. To this end, we request a meeting with the City prior to any announcement of any noise-related play or court restrictions.

On behalf of the St Albert Pickleball Club Board,

Eileen McClean, President SAPC