



The Corporation of the City of Stratford  
Community Services Sub-committee  
Open Session  
AGENDA

**Date:** Thursday, September 17, 2020  
**Time:** 3:30 P.M.  
**Location:** Electronically  
**Sub-committee Present:** Councillor Beatty - Chair Presiding, Councillor Sebben - Vice Chair, Councillor Burbach, Councillor Clifford, Councillor Henderson  
**Staff Present:** David St. Louis - Director of Community Services, Danielle Clayton - Recording Secretary

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**1. Call to Order**

The Chair to call the Meeting to Order.

**2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

The *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* requires any member of Council declaring a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, where the interest of a member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and otherwise comply with the *Act*.

Name, Item and General Nature of Pecuniary Interest

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### 3. Delegations

None scheduled.

### 4. Report of the Director of Community Services

#### 4.1 2021 Sanctioned Pickleball Tournament and 2022 Pickleball Ontario Championships (COM20-002)

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Motion by \_\_\_\_\_

**Staff Recommendation:** THAT the presentation by Kevin Daniels, Dave Ashkanase regarding hosting a sanctioned pickleball tournament in 2021 and the 2022 Pickleball Ontario Championships, be heard.

### 5. Project Update

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The Director will provide an update on ongoing projects.

### 6. Advisory Committee/Outside Board Minutes

There are no Advisory Committee/Outside Board minutes to be provided at this time.

### 7. Next Sub-committee Meeting

The next Community Services Sub-committee meeting is October 15, 2020.

### 8. Adjournment

Meeting Start Time:

Meeting End Time:

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_

**Sub-committee Decision:** THAT the Community Services Sub-committee meeting adjourn.



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## MANAGEMENT REPORT

**Date:** September 10, 2020  
**To:** Community Services Sub-committee  
**From:** David St. Louis, Director  
**Report#:** COM20-002  
**Attachments:** Two (2) Letters

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**Title:** 2021 Sanctioned Pickleball Tournament and 2022 Pickleball Ontario Championships

**Objective:** To hear a presentation by Kevin Daniels and Dave Ashkanase regarding the City of Stratford hosting a sanctioned 2021 Pickleball Tournament as well as the 2022 Pickleball Ontario Championships.

**Background:** A group of local pickleball players have submitted a letter of intent to Pickleball Ontario, showing their interest in hosting the 2022 Pickleball Ontario Championships in Stratford. The same players also wish to host a sanctioned pickleball tournament in 2021.

**Analysis:** As outlined in the attached letter, changes to the current courts would need to be made in order to host tournaments.

- There are only four courts there at the Shakespeare Park location and there would need to be at least eight for a tournament
- The surface at the Shakespeare Park location has been generating many comments about the tile surface and affect on the game ball (the ball tends to not bounce)
- Eliminate the tiles all together on the pickleball courts
- Two of the courts at this location are not regulation size
- Create the Milton Street tennis courts as a dedicated tennis facility, freeing up space at the Shakespeare Street facility for four more pickleball courts

Revisions to the courts, as is being requested will have an impact on the budget.

The following items, and any other items raised by Sub-committee, will need to be addressed as part of the City review of this request:

- Need for a Business Case

- Level of financial support being requested from the City
- Fundraising / sponsorship support for the tournaments
- Work needed to install pickleball courts and tennis court redo and funding source
- Can the site accommodate 8 courts
- Spectator area during tournaments
- Parking Plan
- Neighbourhood consultation with this proposed change in use of the tennis courts
- Consultation with the tennis community
- Consultation with the Milton Street neighbourhood of proposed work in their area

**Financial Impact:** Estimated cost for changes to courts approximately \$150,000.

### **Alignment with Strategic Priorities:**

#### **Strengthening our Plans, Strategies and Partnerships**

Partnering with the community to make plans for our collective priorities in arts, culture, heritage and more. Communicating clearly with the public around our plans and activities.

#### **Developing our Resources**

Optimizing Stratford's physical assets and digital resources. Planning a sustainable future for Stratford's resources and environment.

**Staff Recommendation: THAT the presentation by Kevin Daniels, Dave Ashkanase regarding hosting a sanctioned pickleball tournament in 2021 and the 2022 Pickleball Ontario Championships, be heard.**




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David St. Louis, Director of Community Services




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Joan Thomson, Chief Administrative Officer

Mr David St Louis

September 1, 2020

Director- Community Services

City Of Stratford

We are a group of pickleball enthusiasts who play on the various outdoor courts in Stratford.

And we have been taking notice of the court utilization. Mornings are one of the busiest times plus the early evenings. All of us are grateful that the City of Stratford undertook the project to have dedicated pickleball courts shared with the one tennis court, on the Shakespeare St site.

Besides playing in Stratford, we also travel to neighbouring towns and Cities to play against other pickleball keeners. While there we take part in types of tournaments including Shoot Outs, Ladder play, Round Robins Tournaments by invitation. We have seen dedicated pickleball courts in St. Thomas, Dorchester, Midland, Hamilton, St Catharines, Toronto, London, Lambeth, Kitchener and Waterloo.

When we first learnt of the Shakespeare facility going in, we had hoped there would be enough courts so that we could host these types of tournaments, both for our local players and for out of town players.

Two things hold us back from hosting these tournaments:

1. There are only 4 courts there. And we would need to have at least 8
2. The surface has been generating many comments about the tile surface and affect on the game ball. The ball tends to not typically bounce. Whether it is to do with the tiles moving on ball contact or if the legs of the tiles have become loose over time, or if the tiles have softened up. In any case, the tiles have dead spots. And are a detriment to the game. Also two of the courts are not regulation size.

Our committee would like to propose the following:

1. Eliminate the tiles all together. We did contact Fraser Paving and with their thoughts that the asphalt surface should be in excellent condition. .
2. Create the Milton St courts as a dedicated Tennis facility, freeing up space at the Shakespeare St facility for 4 more pickleball courts.
3. Share the Cost. Our committee is aware of the some of the cost for this rehabilitation. And is prepared to offer a share in the cost.

4. We would fund-raise various recreation and other public business organizations for funds to cover the cost for:

the re-painting of the surface to add the additional 4-pickleball courts  
estimate of \$ 1500.00

-purchase the additional outdoor nets and posts for the nets with an  
estimate of \$2519.00

5. we would ask the City to provide the installation for the posts, and signage regarding parking, and washrooms. Plus install the tennis posts and nets to divide the pickleball courts which would be set up end to end., four on the north side and four on the south side of the facility. A short walk to the new Bus dept on Downie St offers public washrooms.

6. Generate Revenue for the City. What our committee would like to offer once this facility is established is regular programing and training clinics for the local players. And regularly host the types of tournaments for the out of town players. Restaurant, bed and breakfasts and the hotels can only benefit from bringing players from out of town.

7. and of course, we want to continue to grow the sport of Pickleball in the City of Stratford – as an all ages sport. Offering a new facility, programming for the local players from all ages, and tournaments will do this for the sport and for the City. The Festival guests do ask us about where to play too. **Our committee would like to work closely with Stratford Tourism to promote the courts.**

We would like to meet to discuss this further.

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Dave Ashkanase Committee Chair

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Karen Hill Perth County Pickleball Ambassador

Shakespeare St Court Improvement

Sept 2, 2020

To:

Mr. Brad Beatty  
Stratford City Counsellor

Cc: Kevin Daniels, Dave Ashkanase

Dear Mr. Beatty,

There is a local group of avid pickleball players who have submitted a Letter of Intent to Pickleball Ontario (PO) to host the 2022 Pickleball Ontario Championship Tournament in Stratford. The co-convenors of our local committee (Kevin Daniels and Dave Ashkanase) would like to meet with you to discuss this possibility should our letter of intent be chosen as a prospective hosting city. Such items, include but are not limited to, agreement to continue pursuing Stratford as a host for this event, determine the facility and availability, rental fees, best time of year to host, etc.

As well, this same local committee wish to host a 2021 sanctioned pickleball tournament which involves the same discussion points with you.

Attached please find a letter that was sent to David St Louis with respect to the Shakespeare St Facility, which was also initiated by key personnel of our local committee.

Please advise your availability,

Sincerely,

Kevin Daniels  
Dave Ashkanase

Community Services Sub-committee  
Department Update  
**SEPTEMBER 2020**

## **PARKS**

- Staff continue:
  - Garbage collection
  - Tree maintenance
  - Sport field maintenance
  - Park maintenance

## **CEMETERY**

- Office now open by appointment with walk-up service using intercom system in place, staff continue:
  - Burials
  - Cemetery sales
  - Cemetery maintenance

## **CEMETERY CAPITAL**

- Columbarium project is completed

## **TRANSIT**

- As of August 31<sup>st</sup>, front door boarding and collection of fares resumed
- Seat behind driver made unavailable in order to recognize social distancing
- Driver Bio barriers installed on all Transit buses
- All fleet disinfected nightly
- Hand sanitizer placed at front doors for customers to use when entering bus
- Gloves/surgical masks/disinfectant made available to staff
- **Weekly Ridership Average:**
  - August 9 - 15: 6395
  - August 16 - 27: 6782
  - August 23 - 29: 6911
- Ridership at approximately 90% of normal

## **TRANSIT CAPITAL**

- Bus replacement – buses have been ordered with expected delivery date March 2021
- Accessible Bus Stops – project underway
- Real Time Arrival Web App – project underway with launch date expected late October



## **PARALLEL TRANSIT**

- All fleet disinfected nightly
- Gloves/surgical masks/disinfectant made available to staff
- Collecting of fares resumed on August 31<sup>st</sup>
- **Weekly Ridership Average:**
- August 9 - 15: 171
- August 16 - 27: 182
- August 23 - 29: 179
- Ridership at approximately 45% of normal

## **PARALLEL TRANSIT CAPITAL**

- Bus replacement – bus has been ordered

## **RECREATION PROGRAMMING**

- Select SLAAA activities are now taking place at the Agriplex as of September 10: Billiards, Woodcraft, Lapidary
- The week of September 14 more activities will be introduced: LivFit Exercise Class, Line Dancing, Yoga
- Activities such as card and table games are not permitted to open at this time
- Members are asked to register in advance either online or by phone

## **RECREATION FACILITIES**

- Rotary Complex opened on August 17, Agriplex opened on August 24
- Rotary Complex and Allman Arena ice pads are in as of September 8<sup>th</sup>
- With limited staff, continue to clean and paint facilities, perform maintenance on buildings
- Staff continues to maintain the North Shore bathroom, Upper Queens bathroom, Allman outdoor bathrooms, Tourism Booth bathrooms as well as the Anne Hathaway Splash Pad facilities, Parks lunchroom and Cemetery lunchroom
- Lions Pool will close on September 13