



Pickleball Proposal

*Thinking a little outside
of the “kitchen” or box*

Bonnerworth Park Redevelopment



In October 2023 a staff report was approved by Council that recommended the Bonnerworth Park Redevelopment Strategy. As stated in the report, the project aligns perfectly with the Community & Wellbeing Strategic Priority Pillar.

Also, the addition of 16 outdoor lit pickleball courts is not only required to meet the current need, but also offers up a tremendous tourism opportunity to attract larger scale tournaments.

Opposition to the Plan

There has been growing opposition to the plan by the neighbors and concerned community members. Other than the debate of whether there was sufficient consultation, the two major reasons for the opposition are:

Taking Away Green Space

The growing consensus from those that oppose the plan is the fact that such a large green area (2 ball diamond fields plus) will be paved over for courts and parking. And the current three tennis courts that are already used for pickleball will be turned into a parking lot.

Negatively affects to the Neighborhood

Neighbors are very concerned about the noise, traffic, and stormwater and they believe when these studies are completed it will show that this is project should not go forward.

The current green space is also currently being used by the neighbors doing a wide variety of activities (walking dogs, kite flying, baseball, soccer, playing with children, etc).





The Location is the Issue

It has been reported that the city staff conducted a comprehensive investigation of all possible park locations for this development, [but does it need to be in a park?](#)

Could potentially we look to a different location, where **the concrete courts & parking would improve the property, and the neighbors would welcome the investment?**

This property is available!



Lots of space!

Picture shows lots of space for 16 courts, pavilion, parking, a green park and lots of trees!

Neighbours would love it!

Talked to several neighbours and they would embrace the investment because currently it is an eye sore and would be a benefit to the whole community!

No green space to be covered over

This property is not currently a park and thus has no green space and is ready for development of the courts and a park!

Baskin Robbins Plant Property

(spans Hunter to Simcoe, and Bethune to Alymer)

Why not take one derelict property
and revitalize it!!!!

Take a look at what this property looks like now,
to what it could look like

(complimentary drawing from Bill Lett from Unity)







Simcoe Street



Aylmer Street



Downtown Pickleball Park Concept
Peterborough + Kawartha Chamber of Commerce

June 25, 2024

A Win-Win-Win-Win!

Downtown!

A much-needed investment in our downtown! Improving the core is pivotal to any successful economic development strategy

Picklers

Picklers will get their 16 courts and there would be the potential to dome it over the winter months – for year-round plan like was just approved by St Thomas Council [Winter bubble to](#)

[cover Pinafore Park tennis courts in St. Thomas](#)

[CTV News](#)

Support for our business community

Our downtown businesses need help bringing more people downtown. Tourists and picklers coming in for a game will be welcomed by neighbouring businesses

Location!

This would be an extension of the Simcoe & Bethune park that has basketball courts and a small park. There would be room to add much needed washrooms and a clubhouse as well.





More potential!

To add to the “wins”, if the entire property was redeveloped with public-private partnerships, an apartment building like the one at 681 Monaghan could be built on the rest of the property

Potentially with new retail space on the main floor?



The City does not currently own it, but for 4M+ and public-private partnership could we not...

Build 16 courts (potentially year-round), and a park, and much needed parking!

Make a vital investment in our downtown and help our small businesses thrive

A new building with retail space on the main floor & 6-8 floors of much needed residential apartments



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