In 2005 a master plan was developed to refurbish Victoria Park after the closure of Judith Gooderham Pool. Infrastructure funding was found to complete three quarters of that plan with the installation of the splash pad, playground, picnic table shelter and public washrooms. This was followed by replacement of some of the perimeter fencing. Intended but not completed in that plan was the rejuvenation of the tennis court pad. With your help we would like to meet that challenge and more now.

Community needs and interests evolve with time and the current vision for this space would alter the layout to a single stand alone tennis court and four stand alone pickle ball courts. This would involve asphalt repair, re-surfacing with a quality textured sport surface and the necessary hardware/netting similar to the image below. The site will also be maintained as a seasonal ice rink location with a compatible new rink board system to facilitate this excellent program.
There is a high degree of interest in the pickle ball courts in particular. Pickle ball is the fastest growing sport in North American and is enjoyed by a broad demographic of the population.

We anticipate a 2021 spring installation. With continued proper protective measures we believe this project will enhance this location’s multi season use for racquet sports and ice skating.

Our community service groups are in discussions to facilitate the $60,000 funding for this project. The window for grant applications currently is quite variable given the present extraordinary circumstances we all operate under so we would seek council’s direction as expeditiously as possible so we are prepared to move forward when the opportunity presents.

The ice board system can be seen at https://ezicerinks.com/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI4KDN8Lfp6gIVFzIBCh2xrgz8EAEYASAAEgLUKPD_BwE

What we are seeking today is :
1. A letter from council indicating approval in principal of this project
2. A letter from council indicating a land use agreement for this project.
3. Permission to coordinate with DOO for volunteers to clean up court edges
4. A directive for town staff to provide support and supervision during installation
5. An understanding the resultant upgrade continues as a component of our communities inventory of recreational facilities and is maintained by the town as such.
6. Permission for appropriate donor signage once completed
As we pursue all avenues of financial support requests 1 and 2 are vital at this time as they allow us to seek grant funding to further offset these capital costs. Again we would need letters to this effect.

Your sincerely

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