

# Municipality of Lakeshore – Report to Council

## Community Health and Safety

### Corporate Leader - Community Health and Safety Services



**To:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**From:** Frank Jeney, Corporate Leader – Community Health and Safety Services  
**Date:** February 25, 2025  
**Subject:** Lakeshore Outdoor Tennis and Pickleball Clubs Policy

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### Recommendation

Direct the Clerk to read By-law 22-2025, being a by-law to adopt the Outdoor Tennis and Pickleball Clubs Policy, during the Consideration of By-laws, as presented at the March 25, 2025 Council meeting.

### Strategic Objectives

This does not relate to a Strategic Objective however it is a core service of the Municipality.

### Background

The Municipality of Lakeshore has many outdoor tennis and pickleball court locations that serve Lakeshore residents. These courts are currently located in many Lakeshore Communities including courts at the Atlas Tube Recreation Centre, River Ridge Park, Leffler Park, Maidstone Park, and Lions Community Park.

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Council to adopt the Outdoor Tennis and Pickleball Clubs Policy, attached as “Schedule A” to By-law 22-2025.

As a result of Council’s Strategic Goals, commitment of capital and operational investment in community services, and the growing and diverse demographics of Lakeshore, it is necessary to more clearly define and communicate how tennis and pickleball courts will be managed, allocated and distributed.

Lakeshore currently does not have a formal Outdoor Tennis and Pickleball Club Policy.

Access to the tennis and pickleball courts are currently available with the purchase of a seasonal court key through the Community Services Division. A seasonal court key allows access to the courts for the key holder and a guest opponent.

Interest in tennis and pickleball has continued to increase. The Lakeshore Pickleball Association (LPA), a local not-for-profit volunteer organization, actively promotes the sport of pickleball through options for play, and community events that help create opportunities for residents and visitors to learn about the sport of pickleball.

## **Comments**

Allocation policies are used to address the equitable use of Municipal assets. Lakeshore currently operates with an Ice Allocation Policy, and Sports Field Allocation Policy. The Outdoor Tennis and Pickleball Club Policy is meant to help ensure the growth of pickleball and tennis in Lakeshore, while also protecting the passive enjoyment of Lakeshore courts by residents and visitors.

In 2024, Lakeshore Community Services and Communication completed a pickleball survey to gather information about the sport, its users, and anticipated needs moving into the future. Attachment 1 “Lakeshore Pickleball Survey 2024” highlights some key metrics that indicate pickleball participation is growing, it is enjoyed across all Lakeshore wards, having all genders and ages beginning to get involved in the sport. This interest and with the successful establishment of the LPA, Lakeshore Administration has identified the need to establish guidelines for the use of the courts by clubs while ensuring the courts are available for community recreational passive use. The Lakeshore Tennis and Pickleball Club Policy provides Lakeshore Administration with guidelines that will streamline the management of Lakeshore tennis and pickleball courts for both public and club users. This Policy establishes step by step guidelines and the criteria for what defines a tennis or pickleball club while outlining the application process for an organization to receive club designation along with the requirement for a formal agreement.

The Policy outlines the responsibilities of the Municipality, such as providing basic recreation level services of all courts and the scheduling of courts for contract club use and open public use, as well as the responsibilities of the Club, such as submitting a written request annually for use of the courts as well as promoting the sport of tennis and/or pickleball.

## **Financial Impacts**

The 2025 Lakeshore fee schedule has the fee for the purchase of a seasonal (tennis or pickleball) key set at \$35.00.

Fees associated with the use of the courts by approved Clubs will be negotiated based on the number of courts required and the days / hours the Club will be using the courts on a weekly basis.

The negotiated fee will be included in a written five-year agreement that will be approved by Council at a future Council meeting.

## Attachments

Attachment 1 – Lakeshore Pickleball Survey 2024

## Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	- Lakeshore Pickleball Survey 2024.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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Approved by the Corporate Leadership Team