

Request to Appear as a Delegation

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Name of Delegation: Chestnut Way Neighbours

Name of Primary Contact Person: Brian Krieger

Name(s) of Delegation Member(s) in Attendance:

Hesse Family Krieger Family Cheng Family K.P. Geldreich Hartley Family Campbell Family Lee Family Tang Family
McQuitty Family Milkovic Family

Purpose of Delegation:

Presentation regarding pickleball at Chestnut Way Park and options. Follow up to petition sent to Council on Feb 25, 2021.

Details of Request:

Original petition attached

Additional Information in Support of Request:

<https://www.acousticalnoise.com/noise-control/why-are-your-pickleball-courts-receiving-complaints-from-neighbors/>

Petition to the City of Port Moody from the Neighbours of Chestnut Way Park

February 25, 2021

Attention: Mayor, Council & Senior Staff

We, the neighbours of Chestnut Way Park (located at 24 Chestnut Way, Port Moody) hereby notify you that we are completely opposed to the recent installation and promotion of pickleball in the tennis courts located at this Park.

This is a quiet residential neighbourhood which is closely surrounded by homes – some properties located no more than 60 feet from the tennis courts. In case you are not familiar with the game, pickleball is played with a hard racquet and a hard ball which results in a harsh continuous noise that is extremely disturbing and completely inappropriate for this location. The fact that the City has painted lines for six pickleball courts at this location, with absolutely no consideration of the impact on the local residents in nearby homes, is shocking and deeply disappointing.

By its action, the City is stripping the neighbours of their right to quiet enjoyment of their properties. To help you understand the noise impact, you will find a recent video of a game utilizing three courts at Chestnut Way Park at <https://youtu.be/-XM5TyKUVs4>. As this is a social game, with highly active social media support, there will clearly be much more of this with significantly higher levels of noise as the weather improves, days lengthen, Provincial health orders are relaxed, and more groups find their way to this small residential park to play this game for hours on end.

As you may know, Chestnut Way Park is classified as a “Neighbourhood Park”. “Neighbourhood Parks” are, by the City’s own definition “to provide recreation within a walking distance of about 0.8 kilometres”. It has no parking lot and very limited street parking: notably the only street parking available to residents and visitors of nearby homes. By establishing and promoting this location for pickleball, the City is attracting people from all across Port Moody, Coquitlam, Anmore, Belcarra and beyond, to drive into, and disturb, this quiet neighbourhood. By this action, the City is treating this small 2.43 acre Neighbourhood Park as a City or Regional Park.

The decision by the City to impose these pickleball courts on this quiet out-of-the-way neighbourhood is incomprehensible – especially when there are other far more suitable locations for this game. For example, there are tennis courts next to the sports field at Heritage Woods Secondary School, a very short two minute drive away. That location is not closely surrounded by homes; it has its own parking lot: access via a controlled intersection: and does not require players to drive through residential neighbourhoods.

In short, the actions of the City are impacting the neighbours of Chestnut Way Park in a significantly negative way which will get much worse if this is not addressed right away.

We hereby request that you rectify this situation by immediately taking the following steps:

- 1) Remove the pickleball lines from the Chestnut Way Park tennis courts’ surface;

- 2) Cease promoting Chestnut Way Park as a location for pickleball in all forms;
- 3) Add pickleball to the list of prohibited activities already posted on the 'Tennis Only', and other court-use signs at the Chestnut Way Park tennis court.

We look forward to your quick resolution of this situation.

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