

To Mayor Stamer and Council members:

April, 03, 2021

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Barriere Outdoor Club.

As many of you may know, BOC members and other citizens of Barriere have been playing Pickleball on the District's Tennis Courts on Airfield road for a couple of years now. Pickleball, for those of you who may not be familiar, is a hybrid of tennis, badminton and ping-pong and is the fastest growing sport in America right now. The District of Barriere has been most supportive of this rising new sport and have painted pickleball lines on these old courts and have supplied us with two outdoor pickleball nets.

While we are very grateful for the District's support, these courts are very much in need of being resurfaced with asphalt as they are cracking and crumbling. This makes for an unsafe surface to play pickleball on as the fine sand gets underfoot, making it very unstable and slippery.

If this facility was updated, it could be utilized so much more. The objective for updating the courts would not just be for benefit of pickleball players, other user groups could use them as well. For example, a volleyball net could be set up in the middle, tennis lines as well as pickleball lines could be painted on. A basketball hoop could be set up at one end. In addition, these courts are very close to the Barriere Elementary school and student could easily walk over and use the courts. These courts also get utilized as a skating rink in the winter, offering more year round use.

The BOC is fully aware that this would be an expensive undertaking, (\$41,000.00 before tax was one quote we received just for the resurfacing). However these costs will only continue to rise if this facility is not repaired in the near future.

The BOC understands that the council has a lot on their plate and that funding for this project may not be in the municipality's budget at this time.

For these reasons, the BOC would like to make a proposal to assist with raising funds for this project and we are seeking permission to apply for grants as they become available. The BOC has been most successful previously in receiving grants for many of our outdoor programs and projects and we feel we could be of assistance in attaining grant funds for this venture as well. As many grants like to see that you are attaining funds from multiple sources, it is the Barriere Outdoor Club's hope that the District see the benefit of updating their facilities and would provide some financial support for this project as funding sources becomes available.

Barriere is a growing town and having well-maintained, safe facilities to socialize and play sport on is a drawing card for attracting new people to our district and is essential in building a diverse and healthy community. The BOC feels this proposal to work with the District in raising funds is a win-win situation, and would provide a positive outcome for the town of Barriere in many ways.

We appreciate all that you do for our town and we thank you for taking the time to address this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely;

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