

BYLAW 30-23 – USE OF OPEN SPACES AND RECREATION FACILITIES BYLAW AMENDMENT

Purpose

The purpose of Bylaw 30-23 is to amend the Use of Open Spaces and Recreation Facilities Bylaw 22-12 by reducing the hours of operation at Hughes Park Courts and the Bob Anderson Courts at Wilson Park.

Readings

This Bylaw is ready for second and third readings.

Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

The sport court at Hughes Park (197 Woodgate Road) and the Bob Anderson Courts at Wilson Park (10 Wilson Street) have been the subject of noise complaints.

While the primary use at Hughes court is non-organized basketball and leisure hockey, the Bob Anderson Courts draw a high use of organized group Pickleball.

After an initial assessment and recognizing a balance between promoting sport and an active lifestyle and managing the increase in noise complaints, on May 23, 2023, locks with timers were adjusted and the courts were operational with reduced hours from 9:01 a.m. to 8:01 p.m.

The primary use at Hughes court is non-organized basketball and leisure hockey. There have been no concerns received from users of the Hughes Park.

At this point, a further reduction is proposed to close the Bob Anderson Courts after 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Sunday evenings due to the high usage of these courts by Pickleball groups. Closing early at these times helps balance neighbourhood quiet enjoyment with Pickleball play to reduce conflict.

Strategic Plan Goals

<input type="checkbox"/>	Responsibly Managed Growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrated Environmental Leadership
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strong Local Economy		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organizational Excellence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced Culture & Community Health

Public Hearing / Participation Strategy

On June 28, 2023 stakeholder consultation occurred with appointed representatives from the local Pickleball clubs/groups who supported a further reduction in hours at the Bob Anderson court. Following first reading of this Bylaw, the proposed amendment was posted on the Town's website for public consultation until September 25 when second and third reading will be considered. Members of the public were encouraged to provide feedback during the bylaw consultation period from July 17, 2023 – September 25, 2023. Written correspondence received is included as attachments to this report.

Alternatives for Consideration

n/a

CAO Comments

I support the recommendations as they are an attempt to balance use and neighbourhood enjoyment while the Town pursues a new pickleball facility that has been approved in the capital plan.

Attachment(s)

1. Bylaw 30-23 – Use of Open Spaces and Recreation Facilities Bylaw Amendment – first reading version
2. Written Correspondence Received

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