

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 10, 2024 11:46 AM
To: Mike Fair <mfair@huronkinloss.com>
Subject: Input for Lion's Park

Hello Mike,

Thank-you for your letter October 28, 2024 regarding the proposed upgrades to the Lion's park. I live 2 doors down from the proposed pickle ball courts.

I completely agree that this park needs an upgrade...in particular the playground equipment is outdated and doesn't make good use of the space.

I have a couple questions about the pickle ball courts though. What do you plan to do about the noise that these courts will create? As I'm sure you are aware pickle ball has a very distinctive sound. How do you plan to create enough of a barrier around the 6 courts so that the people with properties close by won't have to hear it day and night. I personally can hear it when the tennis court is used for pickle ball. I can't imagine how much louder it will be when there are 6 courts if some very creative measures are not taken. I completely understand that there is a growing need in the community for improved amenities but not at the expense of the peace and tranquility of the current residents.

I struggle to understand why the proposed 6 courts can not be located at the community center. There is already a natural sound barrier created by the trees. Would it not be cheaper to locate the courts where people are already gathering?

I am unable to attend the meeting November 16th, but I hope you will consider my opinion and speak to the issues I have raised.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 7, 2024 11:16 AM
To: Mike Fair <mfair@huronkinloss.com>
Subject: Pickle ball courts Alfred St

Hi Mike,

My name is [REDACTED] and I live at [REDACTED] I wanted to express my opposition to the proposed pickleball courts at Lion's Park.

Right now that space is used for soccer and baseball games, flying kites, and tag, among other things. Having an open, natural space is so important for kids to explore and play in as well as for families to congregate. We have used that space for a summer games championship in the past as well. This loss of space would impact many of us in the community.

In addition to the loss of the space would be the problematic addition of noise and traffic. This is a safe space for kids and animals, that would change with more traffic. The noise would disrupt the peace of the area and the well-being of nearby neighbours.

The community centre is a better space for the courts away from close neighbours and with parking space and expected traffic.

Thank you for hearing my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: November 6, 2024 3:29 PM
To: Mike Fair <mfair@huronkinloss.com>
Subject: RE: Pickleball Proposal Inquiry

Thank you Mike, I did receive this letter in the mail. What I was looking for was how did pl.url arrived at the decision to recommend Lions park over the other locations?

Was a needs assessment conducted, environmental impact study, noise study and traffic safety completed?

Is the community centre no longer available? It seems like an ideal location, with room to expand and ample parking.

It just feels like I am late to the process when in fact, someone directly across should have been engaged from the beginning.

I will be attending the meeting on Nov. 16th.

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: November 5, 2024 4:05 PM
To: Mike Fair <mfair@huronkinloss.com>
Cc: [REDACTED] >
Subject: Pickle ball courts

Hi Mike, haven't see you since our issues with Saugeen Valley and cleaning out the drainage ditch that runs through our property. That was resolved and they dropped further financial remuneration from us and the lot abutting Lions Park has been sold. Haven't heard if any development is happening there but I would guess addition of pickle ball courts in Lions Park would not enhance development opportunities.

We weren't very keen on an earlier proposal for a dog park in the designated area but financially supported it in any case as we thought that would be a bearable positive for the neighbourhood. Well that got stopped through I hear a neighbourhood input.

Now there is proposal for a pickleball court. Occasional dog barking was one thing seeing as we have four but the noise coming from a pickle ball court would be irritating at best. We don't appreciate the noise now coming from the tennis court when they occasionally swap it out for pickleball. To have 6 courts up an against our orchard garden property would be offensive. And why 6? I have watched the main group play at the Community Centre every warm week day and they seem quite content but of course would always push for something more permanent. I think they use up to five courts at a time but most usually only 3 or less. Then of course there would be the traffic and parking issues on Alfred St. Troublesome and potentially dangerous for the neighbourhood.

Well in closing I have signed the circulating petition and most probably will be at the meeting though I am not a fan of that sort of public participation.

Take care and give my regards to Becky

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 5, 2024 3:49 PM
To: Mike Fair <mfair@huronkinloss.com>
Subject: [REDACTED]
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November 5, 2024

Mike Farr

Director of Community Services
Township of Huron-Kinloss
mfair@huronkinloss.com

Dear Mike,

Thank you for taking the time this morning to discuss our concerns regarding the proposed changes to the Lion's Park. [REDACTED] live directly across from the Lion's Park and have enjoyed the amenities offered there in the 6 years that we have had our year round cottage in Point Clark. We are opposed to the proposed changes and hope that you will take into account our concerns prior to implementing any of the additional courts in our quiet area.

We are concerned about the increased noise that the courts would create. We have a single use Tennis/Pickleball court presently which although, at times can be noisy, we have enjoyed using that amenity. We are happy to have that court. We have experienced the noise of one pickleball court and we are very concerned of that increasing with the proposed 6 courts. We would experience a lack of peace with the ongoing games throughout the day, every day.

We are concerned with the increased traffic that would occur with the additional courts. We often have our grandchildren with us and have always enjoyed the safe area. The increased traffic would most certainly negatively affect us and the safety of our young ones.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share our concerns about this proposal. We ask that you consider our concerns and opposition regarding the proposal and look for an alternate location away from the residential areas in Point Clark.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 4, 2024 6:17 PM
To: Mike Fair <mfair@huronkinloss.com>
Subject: Lions Park Plans

Hi Mike,

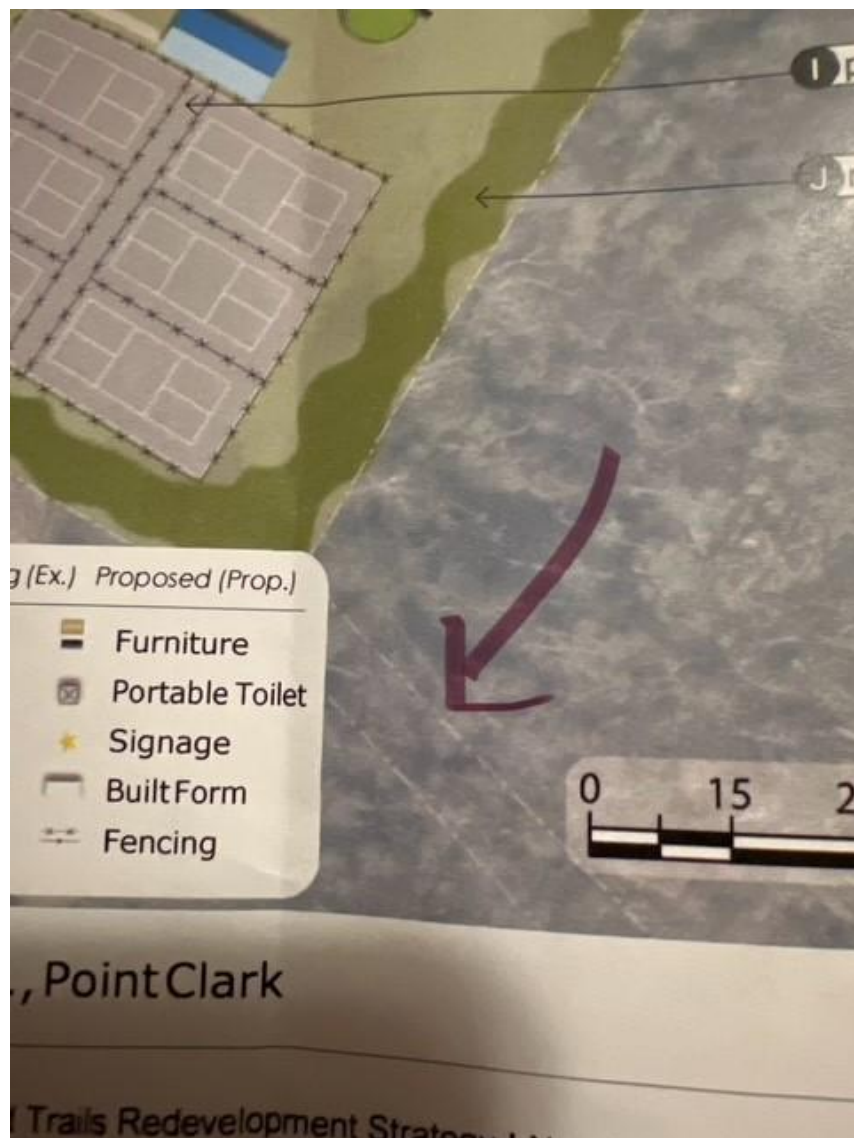
We own a cottage on Alfred and won't be able to make the meeting on Saturday. I'm going to let others voice concerns over traffic and noise as I'm sure that will come up, but this would be nice to have so close.

My actual request is if it is possible to put a path out back of the park to join access to the baseball diamond and dog park on Lake Range. Currently we walk down Alfred to the end then up Lake Range which when I'm with my kids does not feel very safe, especially in the peak of summer. I noticed earlier this year that there is a section of land that this path could be created on and thought it would be both safer as well as establish more direct route to join the two community spaces.

I'm not sure if there is a form or something I should fill out, if so, please let me know.

Have a great week,

[REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED]

Date: November 4, 2024 at 11:48:04 AM EST

To: mfair@huronkinloss.com, [REDACTED]

Subject: Lions Park redevelopment

Atten: Mike Fair

I regret that I am unable to attend the meeting regarding the redevelopment of Lions Park on November 16 th. As a property owner on Alfred Street this project will impact me in a variety of ways.

The need for additional adult facilities in Point Clarke is an issue difficult to ascertain. I'm sure this proposal looked at the entire community's needs. Not those who speak the loudest. Do we need to have another large community development or could or should the Community Centre be redesigned. This would have minimal impact on area residential properties. Other areas of Point Clark proper which are suitable or underutilized may give the community the additional recreational activities in a more user friendly environment . Improved and expanded trails give more value for the money. It appears to me that this potential development changes the culture of a small lakeside community to a larger urban philosophy. Bigger in this case is not better. Larger facilities with maximum adult participation may and probably will require extra monitoring. This could become a contentious issue. At this point the Lions Park area is a safe place for young children. Present Pickleball participants share the courts quite nicely Let's leave it that way

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 8, 2024 2:51 PM

To: Mike Fair <mfair@huronkinloss.com>

Subject: Lions Park proposal

Good afternoon

I would like to add an additional comment to my previous letter.

I wonder where the basketball court and the baseball field would be located ?

Sincerely [REDACTED]

Voicemail left Monday, November 4, 2024. Resident on Alfred Street not opposed to the 6-court project, but the neighbours are strongly against the proposal.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 13, 2024 7:15 PM
To: info@huronkinloss.com
Subject: Proposed pickle ball courts

Hello,

Please forward this email to the appropriate person.

I was visiting Point Clark this week and was surprised to see a letter our neighbour received about pickle ball courts possibly going into Lion's Park, when we, as tax payers, had not received one.

Before a decision is made regarding this proposal I would like you to consider what this green space is used for. In the north end of Point Clark that is the only green space available for kids to kick a soccer ball, play football, hit golf balls, and play a game of scrub baseball. When families use the pavilion for reunions or get together the space is used for the same things.

It may look like that large green space is not regularly used but on days during the summer when it is not a "good beach day" children and families use the park for many of the activities already mentioned.

My concern is that once you pave over this green space it is gone and the park usage is limited. Pickle ball courts are not used by everyone, but the park as it stands now can be.

My other concern is the noise created by playing pickle ball and the nuisance to neighbours. Six courts seem to be a lot.

I would like to appeal to you to thoroughly investigate this before making a decision. Pickle ball is currently very popular, but will it be in ten years time? Where will the children of the area have a green space to play? Once you take it away we will never get it back. Please think of the future and the children.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 16, 2024 11:15 AM
To: Mike Fair <mfair@huronkinloss.com>
Subject: Pickleball courts location

Thank you for the very informative and interesting meeting this morning November 16th, 2024.

Both my husband and myself are strongly against the development at Lions park!

But, both my husband and myself do agree with changes to the community center to accommodate the pickleball group.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >

Sent: November 16, 2024 8:39 PM

To: Mike Fair <mfair@huronkinloss.com>

Subject: Pickleball at the Point Clark Community Center

Dear Mr. Fair,

Please know that the undersigned was in attendance today at the Point Clark Community Center with respect to the meeting for the intended and potential pickleball courts at Lion's Park.

In an age of what appears to be a growing distrust of government, and one another, the initial lack of transparency of the September meeting seemingly encourages people to draw an adverse inference. What was proposed today seemed to me to be a foregone conclusion that did not meet the threshold for the necessary discussion of this proposal.

As it stands the Community Center is a much more appropriate area to create any such additional pickleball courts, if such is even "necessary" at all and would require far less in the way of additional development, traffic controls and amenities. Also, should the pickleball group favour to force the community to accept their presence in Lion's Park it would no doubt likely result in more than an occasional imposition on the residents of the local community.

I submit that it should be patently evident to all concerned that the Community Center is the most viable location, as it already has a paved surface, bathroom facilities, parking, as well as other amenities conducive to the proposed additional pickleball courts. Also, you should be taking into account that any additional noise from the playing of pickleball would be more acceptable and more easily dealt with given the Community Center's large area, lack of immediate neighbors and the ease of access for vehicles.

Why Lion's Park was even considered astounds me as well as other residents of the Point Clark area. In addition, if one were to consider that there are approximately 60 pickleball association members and that proposed courts in full use would entail that approximately 24 of the 60 pickleball players in the area would need to attend at the same time, even the additional parking required for such an endeavor would create more problematic traffic in the community. This would

likely supersede the number of parking spots allocated in the drawings provided today. This is even before we even address the concerns stemming from the ongoing nuisance of the sounds that are seminal to pickleball. Forcing a quiet community to accept up to 24 people either driving cars or bicycles and then engaging in what is best described as a nuisance, as far as the sound is concerned, would likely result in a high degree of animosity.

Community endeavors of this nature are best confined to community centers, so as not to be heard in the backyards of the neighbours of the adjacent, and surrounding homes that encircle Lion's Park.

Further, the exclusivity of the use of these intended courts solely for the pickleball association is also another facet that is deeply concerning. So it seems that they pay no heed to the fact that they are eliminating a green space, taking away a play area for children, and imposing this nuisance on their neighbours, all for their "exclusive use." It astounds me that this was ever proposed.

In short, as you likely ascertained, I am not in favor of any such change to the current use of Lion's Park, for the intended and apparently exclusive use of a large portion of the stated park to the benefit a very small group of pickleball enthusiasts

Regards,

Resident of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 23, 2024 2:18 PM

To: Mike Fair <mfair@huronkinloss.com>

Cc: Elyse Dewar <edewar@huronkinloss.com>

Subject: Re: Comments regarding the proposed pickleball site

Hi Mike - thanks again for holding the community consultation last Saturday regarding the pickle ball courts. I wanted to follow up as per the request by the pickleballers to express my support for the **Point Clark Community Centre** to be the preferred location of any new permanent or temporary pickleball courts. The PCCC seems like the ideal spot given the amenities such as parking, washrooms, a kitchen, etc (even though at this time only three permanent courts can be created). I would also support a multi-year plan that looks to reconfigure the parking, septic system, etc. to create an additional three courts at the Point Clark Community Centre.

I hope this is helpful and please feel free to add this comment to the summary report for Council

Warm regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Point Clark