

# Pickleball Report 2019



Town of   
**Lincoln**

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### 3 Pillars of Sustainability

To ensure our resources are valuable not only for current residents but also for future generations, we must plan with sustainability in mind. Recreation planning must live up to 3 pillars of sustainability:

1. **Social** - Ensuring social opportunities are readily available and accessible.
2. **Environmental** - Ensuring the environment that is being visited is continuously protected.
3. **Economic** - Generating market and non-market benefits.

When aligned with the goals of sustainability in Lincoln's Official Plan recreation sustainability can also be achieved:

- (A) Promoting environmental stewardship and sustaining a healthy natural environment
- (B) Providing choices and opportunities for housing, employment, transportation, social, recreational and cultural amenities
- (C) To establish parks, recreation and cultural experiences provide community members with opportunities such as social engagement and inclusiveness.
- (D) To protect and support the existing economic base of the Town while providing encouragement and support for diversification and growth.

(Town of Lincoln, 2016)

# The Framework for Recreation in Canada

*The Framework for Recreation in Canada* has five goals which aim to revitalize recreation to meet the growing needs of society. The Framework strives to create recreation and outdoor spaces that are accessible, supportive, physical, and social in nature.



## Goal 1: Active Living

Fostering active living through physical recreation.

Pickleball is an active, low-impact sport for multi-generational enjoyment.



## Goal 2: Inclusion and Access

Increase inclusion and access to recreation for populations that face constraints to participate.

Pickleball is accessible regardless of skill level, social-economic background or physical ability.



## Goal 3: Connecting People and Nature

Help people connect to nature through recreation.

Outdoor pickleball courts provide the ability to enjoy the natural environment during participation.



## Goal 4: Supportive Environments

Ensure the provision of supportive physical and social environments that encourage participation in recreation and build strong, caring communities

An outdoor pickleball court provides a space where people outside and within the community members can gather and participate in physical and social activities.



## Goal 5: Recreation Capacity

Ensure the continued growth and sustainability of the recreation field.

Pickleball being a current trend I will meet the present and projecting needs of its community.

## ***A Renewed Definition of Recreation***

*Recreation is the experience that results from freely chosen participation in physical, social, intellectual, creative and spiritual pursuits that enhance individual and community wellbeing.*



# The Town of Lincoln's Official Plan

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“According to Regional growth studies, the Town is projected to accommodate approximately 4,783 new residents during the life of this plan. This level of growth will precipitate the need for approximately 2,110 new dwelling units.”

## Population Forecast

“During the 25 years between 1986 and 2011 the population of the Town increased by about 8,100 people or at an annual rate of 1.4%. The growth management policies of this Plan are premised on a Regional population forecast that has allocated a 20-year population growth of 4,783 people, which represents an annual growth rate of approximately 1.0%. The 20-year population projection is shown below.”

| Forecast Period | Total Population |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 2011            | 23,800           |
| 2016            | 25,300           |
| 2021            | 26,400           |
| 2026            | 27,600           |
| 2031            | 28,583           |

## Parks, Open Spaces and Recreation

The Town of Lincoln believes that “a high-quality community should engender a sense of pride as a place to live and a sense of stewardship in its long-term care and maintenance,” and understands that developing parks, open spaces and recreation facilities is an important piece in creating a high-quality community.

As stated in Lincoln’s Official Plan, Lincoln is committed to:

- “promoting an active, healthy lifestyle for residents which include the provisions of parks, trails and recreational facilities that are well distributed and connected.”
- “in the design and development of parks, open space areas and recreation facilities, encouraging accessibility for the physically disadvantaged”
- “enhance existing parkland areas wherever possible to respond to changing public needs and preferences. “
- “ensure that parks and open spaces, including the existing natural features, are beautiful, accessible, and linked. Parks and open spaces need to be visible and accessible from, and integrated with the street network, and include a full array of opportunities for outdoor festivals, recreation and play, as well as quiet contemplation”
- “high quality, barrier free programmable space that can accommodate the needs of users and facilitate socializing, special events, and recreation”



# A Background in Pickleball

## Pickleball's **Canadian** History

### Where It All Began...

In the 1970's  
Canadian snowbirds were returning home from the southern United States with magnificent stories and experiences derived from a game called pickleball. These players wanted to keep playing the game once they returned to Canada, however, there were no courts to play on, or enough players located in the same area to get things started.



Did you know?

*The act of dinking is hitting the Pickleball while generally being as close to the kitchen line as possible, while trying to position the ball just over the net and land in your opponent's kitchen.*

*"The kitchen" is also known as the non-volley zone*

**1984**

A league of 48 teams were using the Daon Development building to play pickleball. Players used wooden paddles, and strategies such as "dinking" were not common.



**Late 1970's**

In Vancouver, BC. The Daon Development located at 1050 Pender Street built courts on the roof



**2007**

Pickleball was brought to Quebec by husband and wife duet: Marcel Lemieux and Louise Barette



*“The mission of the Pickleball Canada Organization is to assist and promote the growth of Pickleball as a game for all ages and to establish rules, policies and standards for the good governance of the game in Canada”*

## 2009

**April:** A group of players created the Canadian National Pickleball Association at the Spring Okanagan tournament to help promote pickleball. The Canadian National Pickleball Association is now known as the Pickleball Canada Organization.

**June:** A newsletter was published and pickleball programs began to appear across Canada



## 2019

**Goal:** To bring outdoor pickleball courts to the Township of Lincoln Ontario.

## 2009

Marcel Lemieux and Louise Barette created the Quebec Pickleball Federation to actively promote the game of pickleball they both love dearly.

## 2010

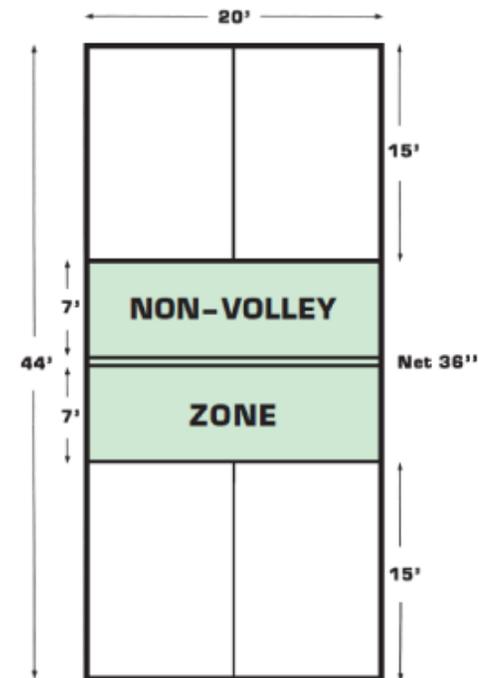
**May:** The first board of Directors was formed through Western Canada.

**September:** The Pickleball Canada Organization established their Mission Statement.

## Present Day Pickleball

In the town of Lincoln there is already an existing group of pickleball players. This group, growing rapidly in numbers, are asking for outdoor pickleball facilities to accommodate their growing needs.

The rules of pickleball resemble a mix of those found within sports such as tennis, ping pong, and badminton. Pickleball can be played on tennis courts with a few small line and net adjustments. The lines resembling a badminton court, with a lowered net. Pickleball requires each player to have a pickleball paddle, which are composite or wooden and about twice the size of a ping pong paddle, the game also requires a perforated plastic ball, similar to a whiffle ball. The sports' popularity is seen within YMCA's, PE classes, and retirement communities (Canadian Pickleball Association, 2019).



## Consultation



A consultation took place at the Lincoln Community Centre located at 4361 Central Ave, Beamsville, ON, on Thursday, March 7th 2019. The consultation was open to all members within the community with the goal to gain insight and opinions from pickleball players on how the City of Lincoln can better serve their recreational needs.

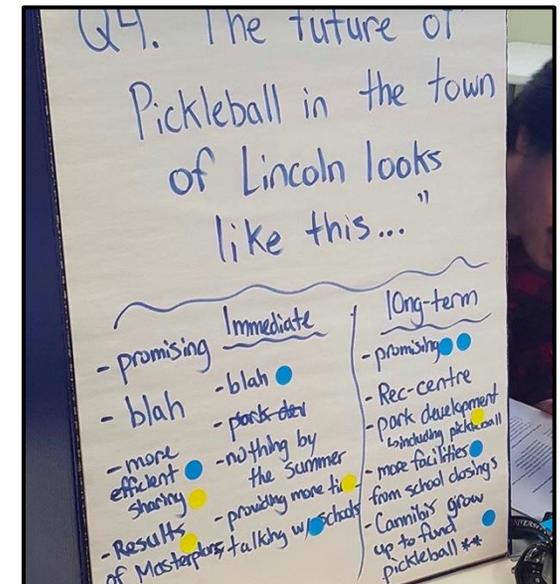
Brock University students enrolled in a 4th year community recreation and leisure class set up tables for community residents to join. Each table was made up of a group of 4-5 students and 1-5 community members.

In small focus groups pickleballers were asked a series of 4 questions:

1. *I like ... about pickleball*
2. *Some program ideas related to pickleball are...*
3. *Some challenges with pickleball are..*
4. *The future of pickleball in the Town of Lincoln looks like...*

Students then asked and discussed the same set of 4 questions. Ideas that came out of the questions asked were written down on large chart paper and community members placed a sticker down beside 2-3 ideas which they considered most important.

The data was collected and combined with responses from all 6 consultation groups for the purpose of this report (See Appendix 2).





# Let's Talk About:

# PICKLEBALL

## Community Consultation

You are invited to join the conversation on the future development of pickleball facilities within the Town of Lincoln. The Community Consultation will be led by Brock University students enrolled in the Recreation and Leisure Studies Program, with the support from the



Thursday March 7, 2019  
Lincoln Community Centre  
(Activity Room)  
4361 Central Avenue, Beamsville  
11am-12:30pm  
Free parking available onsite

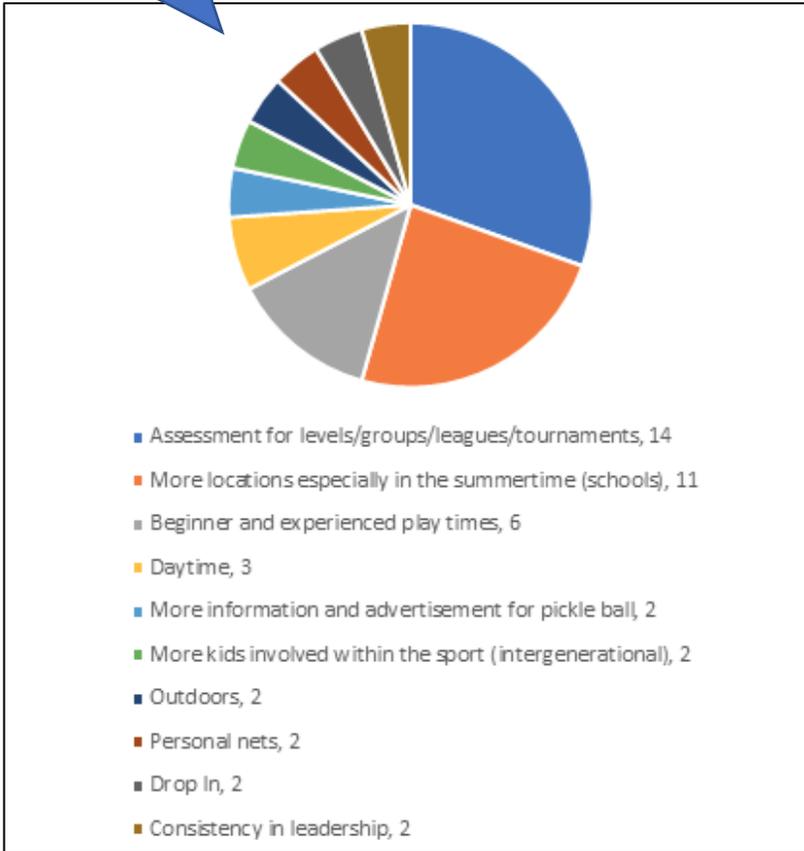
Refreshments onsite  
for participation!

Come share your ideas about how your community can grow recreational opportunities for the popular sport of pickleball. The results of this community consultation process will be shared and used for the Town of Lincoln, Community Services Master Plan.

# Planning Process

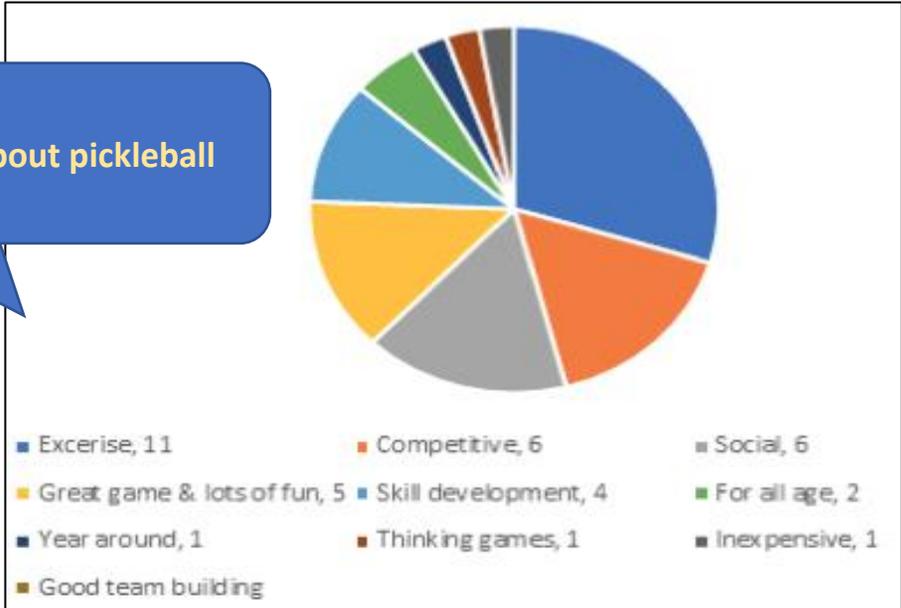
After gathering the consultation data, themes and trends in the data were considered. Many interesting trends were found in the responses, which include:

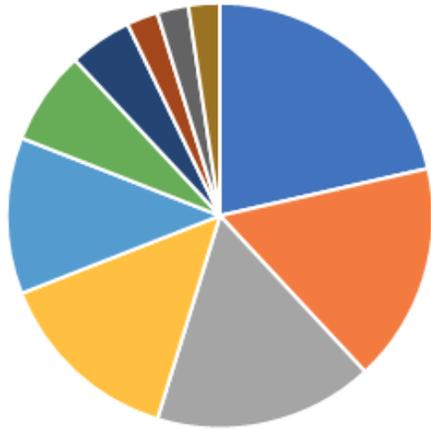
Some challenges with pickleball are...



- Many players wanting a location closer to Vineland or Jordan area since most facilities are located in Beamsville
- Most players felt more pickleball facilities were needed.
- A desire for more play time for both beginners and competitive players, with beginners having options to take lessons.
- Players were interested in daytime programs whether for drop in or day tournaments.
- Players wanted playing time slots and designated help with scheduling.
- More awareness in the community about the sport of Pickleball. This could include “Bring a Friend Day” or getting the Lincoln schools involved.

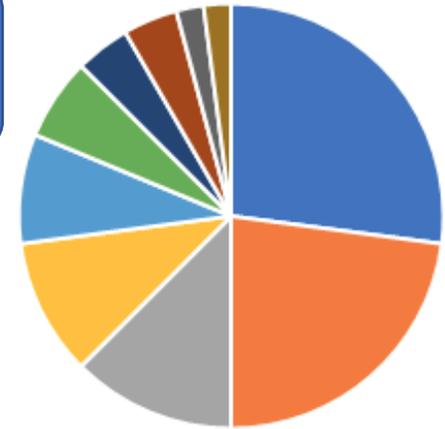
I like... about pickleball





- Need more space/ courts, 9
- Not enough awareness in community, 7
- Scheduling of games, 7
- Courts aren't marked, 6
- Experienced people, 5
- No consistent place to play in the communities, 3
- Funding for building courts/ equipment, 2
- Only indoor courts currently, 1
- No one handling the sport (to convene or establish official rules), 1
- Transportation to courts, 1

The future of pickleball in the Town of Lincoln looks like...



- Facilities, 13
- More indoor space available, 11
- Going to school district boards for help for space in the summer, 6
- Inclusive/all ages, 5
- Have different levels of tournaments, 4
- Growth, 3
- Promising, 2
- Pickleball learned at a young age so players continue throughout life, 2
- Parents can play with their kids (driveway games), 1
- Parents can play with their kids, 1

Some programming ideas related to pickleball are...

Based on the trends from the consultation, there were 2 main aspects that were needed to be carefully considered during the site analysis process. They were:

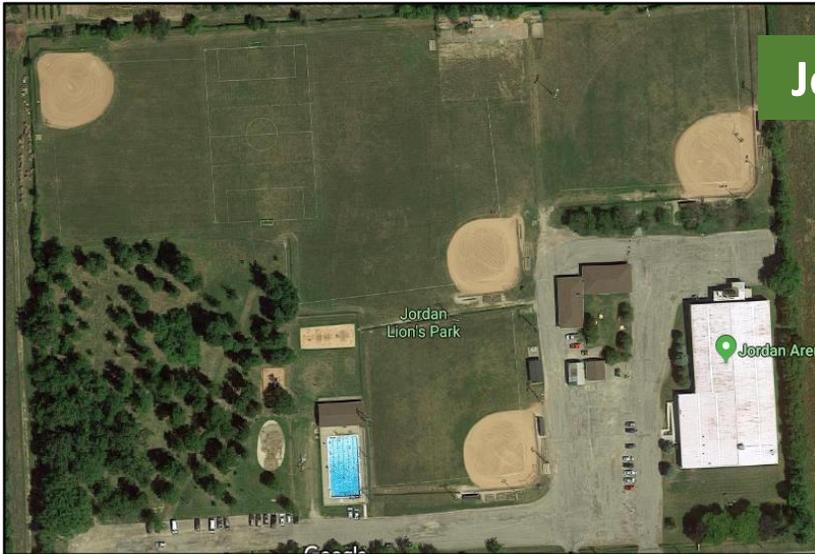
## SPACE

Is there enough space to have more than one pickleball court in order to meet demands as well as possible programming set ups?

## ACCESSIBILITY OF LOCATION

Is it central to town?  
 Accessible by car, but more so is it accessible for people who do not drive?  
 How is location a possible barrier?

Next the potential sites were evaluated. There were 5 potential sites to consider - Jordan Lions Park, Serena Park, Rittenhouse Park, Village of Hope, and Beamsville School Park - that were visited and evaluated using a site matrix (see Appendix A).



## Jordan Lions Park

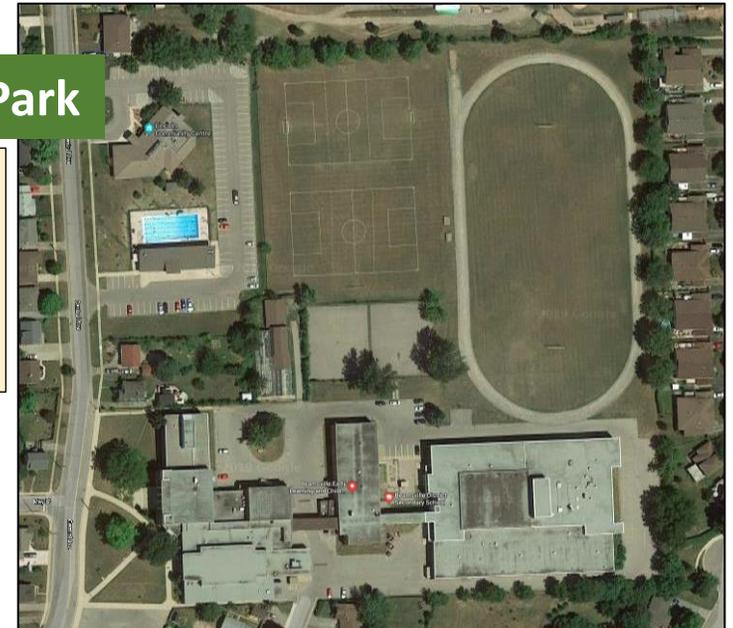
2793 Fourth Ave, Jordan Station, ON L0R 1S0

- Has existing infrastructure that is no longer in use
- Large space to serve a growing population
- Has a play structure and space for many different types of facilities

## Beamsville School Park

4317 Central Ave, Beamsville, ON L0R 1B0

- Central in Beamsville
- flat topography
- room for multiple courts





## Village of Hope Park

**2831 Niagara Regional Rd 81, Jordan Station, ON L0R 1S0**

- Located across the street from a new home development site
- Surrounded by green space and trails
- Areas of both shade and sun

## Rittenhouse Park

**3999 Azalea Crescent, Vineland, ON L0R 2C0**

- Located in an established residential neighbourhood, away from main roads
- Has an existing play structure and basketball net: ability to be a multipurpose/multigenerational park
- Surrounded by shade and greenery



## Serena Park

**5020 Serena Dr. Beamsville, ON L0R 1B8**

- 3.66 acres
- Located next to a community centre and in a residential area
- Central to established and new build neighbourhoods
- Flat topography



## Our Chosen Site

Based on the site analysis, data from the consultation, and vision and goals of the Town of Lincoln it was decided the best site for outdoor pickleball facilities would be **Village of Hope**.

### Village of Hope Park



Located at 2831 Niagara Regional Rd 81, Jordan

- On-site parking
- Currently grass covered
- Topography is flat with enough room to put a couple courts on
- Currently has a play structure - this could be an intergenerational area of recreation
- Behind Village of Hope, this creates a large separation between players and the road
- There is a fence around the park
- Accessible to enter pickleball courts



“If we put pickleball at The Village of Hope how will it affect the community and related aspects?”

Vineland currently has indoor area to play pickleball, so does Beamsville; however, Jordan does not. This will be providing a facility to promote active living and wellbeing in Jordan.

Potential partnerships with the Village of Hope. For example, tournaments can be held with a percent of the registration fee given to the organization. This gives back to the community, and gives money to an organization in need. Builds a sense of community and partnership with the broader Lincoln community; individuals who might've never heard about pickleball beforehand may have more opportunities to engage with the sport.

New housing development across the street and in surrounding area. With lot of retirees projected to move into the area, this location is a good choice

Help to create incentive to move into the new development, can increase the value of housing by creating a good park with highly sought-after amenities

You don't need to destroy any of the existing environment to put the pickleball courts in. There is a playground already on site providing a multiple purpose park

With Pickleball here there could be an increasing of tourism in Lincoln. People from all across Niagara Area or all over Canada will now have more opportunities to come to Lincoln to play Pickleball, helping bring more economic prosperity to the city. With money going into the community there will be an increasing of recreation opportunities.

Shade is available and benches can be easily added to provide an area for people to relax in nature while they are not playing.

Community members outside of Beamsville will feel happy and included, who often feel their needs are being ignored.

Located off of a main street, therefore it's easy to create a bus route if choosing to in the near future.



# Programming Opportunities

*The accessibility of pickleball supports various program opportunities to run in the Town of Lincoln. Organizing programs in the Town, especially outdoor programs, allows for great promotion of the game and higher engagement levels of both pickleball lovers and newbies alike.*

## FORMAL ASSESSMENTS FOR SKILL LEVELS

Most citizens expressed from the consultation a desire to have a system in place that tracks skill level and assessments to place people in certain levels. Having a beginner instructor for participants will help them ease their way into playing more advanced games

- Having coordination of these groups will provide the right amount of fun and challenge for all pickleball participants.



## VARIOUS LEAGUE DAYS

- Specific leagues held on different days of the weeks.
- Each league will have an opportunity to play pickleball on different days of the week.
- Leagues can gather for social events throughout the week as well to build a sense of community within each league.



### Examples of League Days:

**Men's Day** – Men's only teams

**Ladies Day** – Ladies' only teams

**Mixed Competitive** – Co-ed teams, for higher skill levels

**Friday Fun Night** – Co-ed mixed levels, playing for fun



## MORE LOCATIONS DURING SUMMER SEASON

- Take advantage of the opportunity to use vacant school space to set up temporary pickleball courts to service the increase in resident free time.
- Make better use of Niagara's beautiful open spaces and local parks
- Encourage more individuals and families to participate in pickleball together if pickleball courts are easily accessible in public spaces



## PICKLEBALL SOCIALS

- Host one-day or two-day tournaments with teams within other pickleball leagues in Lincoln, or surrounding municipalities in Southern Ontario.
- Create a social network with other Pickleball leagues and provide community members with information about tournaments being hosted in other municipalities.
- Have themes days and organize potluck dinners with other pickleball players.





# Pricing Pickleball

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| Town                                 | Price   | Public or Private |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Lincoln (Beamsville)                 | \$10/ year  | Public            |
| Welland                              | \$30 (residents) \$38 (non residents) /year                         | Public            |
| Port Colborne*                       | \$5 per week  | Public            |
| Niagara On The Lake**                | \$4 drop in \$20 annual after 2 visits                              | Public            |
| Haig bowl arena (St Catharines)***   | \$6/session or in \$115 20 session pass                             | Private           |
| Niagara Academy of Sports (Vineland) | \$6 pay as you play, various fees dependent on game and season **** | Private           |

\*Port Colborne pickleball “pay as you play” \$5 dollars a week. Designated Pickleball courts. First week free trial

\*\*Three indoor courts

\*\*\* 6 courts open year round for use

\*\*\*\* Varies from \$13.00 per person in the off season to permanent court rates of \$37.00 a court for singles, and \$47.00 a court for doubles.

## Pickleball Within a Recreation Environment

**“It would have been helpful if somebody was available to teach me the rules when I first started.”**

- Lincoln Pickleball player

### 1. Hosting Free Beginner Pickleball Classes

- To encourage knowledge of and participation in the sport of pickleball, free beginner classes can be offered where individuals learn about pickleball and how to play
- Experienced pickleball players can teach beginner pickleball players how to play
- Individuals interested in pickleball will be given opportunities to play with each other and more experienced players

(USAPS Pickleball, 2019)

### 2. Promoting Multi-generational Pickleball



- to promote pickleball as a sport that is suitable for all generations, host mixed generation pickleball events
- a tournament can be hosted that includes individuals who have a 20 year age difference or more
- seniors can introduce pickleball to their children and grandchildren

(USAPS Pickleball, 2019)

**“We should get more kids involved within the sport.”**

**“I like that organized by skill, not age.”**

- Lincoln Pickleball players

## 1. Ladder Leagues

- allows players to compete with individuals at a similar skill level
- players move up or down the ladder based on how many points they have
- no need to have a partner
- Helpful software to manage ladder leagues include: Track It Hub and Pickleball Global

(USAPS Pickleball, 2019)

**“There needs to be a better way of deciding which league people belong based on their skill... and to be able to move up when you get better.”**

- Lincoln Pickleball player

**“If there was a class to develop my skills I would take it.”**

- Lincoln Pickleball player

## 2. Skills Clinic

- allows pickleball players to practice their skills in a structured environment
- players practice on their own, with a partner and with a weaker player
- Players are encouraged to challenge themselves, acknowledge their mistakes and consider the ethics related to the game

(USAPS Pickleball, 2019)

## 3. Court Surfaces



- Ideally made of silica sand surface, which is same surface used for tennis and basketball courts
- Very low maintenance
- Safe, textured, slip free surface

(Sport Master, 2019)

**“...more facilities to meet the demand is required.”**

**“...more locations, especially in the summertime.”**

- Lincoln Pickleball players

# Community Development

## What is Community Development?

“A community development approach refers to how and for whom development programs are planned, implemented, and managed.” (Luna, 1999a)

The main purpose of community development is to create a vision for the future by taking a broad look at the geographic area and evaluating the needs of its residents. By doing this, the town of Lincoln can enhance the economic and cultural aspects of the area to improve the attractiveness of the community thus making it a more desirable place for its residents in terms of livability.



*The town of Lincoln can take a community development approach by including attributes that will create a sense of attachment and pride for its residents.*

## Ideas to Help Lincoln Take A Community Development Approach

### Methods:

#### **Community Research**

- Through deeper investigation of community needs, detailed information can be gathered about current issues that could potentially be addressed.

#### **Community Organization**

- Creating opportunities to bring people together so they can act on their common needs, like the consultation that was held at the Lincoln Community Centre. This provides a sense of empowerment for the community members.

#### **Community Planning**

- This entails the plan formulation and implementation as a response to the to the needs of the people which shows the commitment and concern of the town to the needs of its residents.

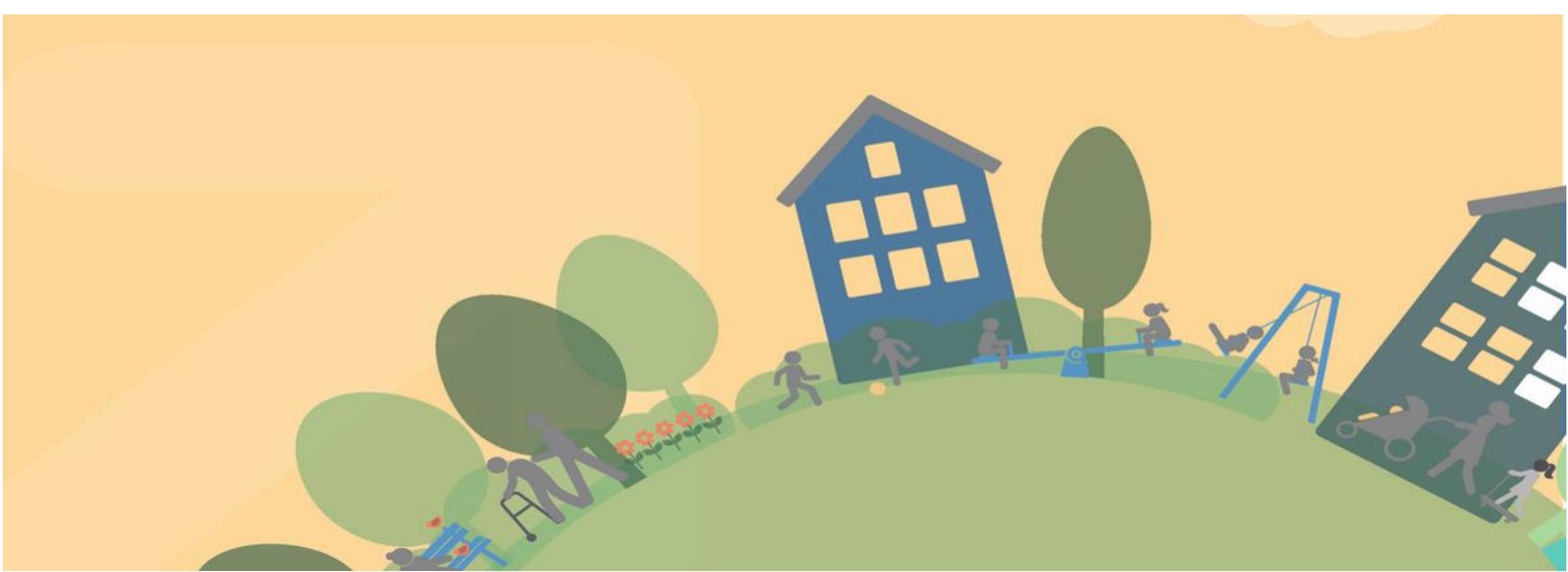
### These Methods Will Lead To:

#### **Lead Livable Communities**

- By embracing creativity and adapting to change, livable communities strive to restore a sense of community as well as enhance the economic competitiveness of the community which will inspire its residents to be engaged.

#### **Embrace Innovation**

- Placing value on the growing needs of the residents of a community by rethinking products and services to create solutions that will evolve the current state of the community to create a better economy, especially in rural areas



### Combining Economic Development and Community Development to Create Success

“Economic development is seen as the means by which a community turns the corner from surviving to thriving.” (Swanger, 2016)

Both community and economic development are equally important in creating an effort for strengthening the community by putting a great emphasis on expanding resources such as mobilization of people to generate a diverse community. Furthermore, it allows for taking a holistic approach on expanding the community by providing parks that can double as social gathering places as well as an opportunity to improve the health and well being of its residents.

# Testimonies of Community Members

**“To keep us here  
something has to  
be done.”**

**“It looks like it’s  
(pickleball) going to  
boom, it’s going to  
grow.”**

**“We need the  
capacity to  
accommodate  
growth.”**



**“I’m not travelling  
out of town to play**

**“It has to be  
affordable for  
everybody.”**

**“It’s going to be  
the thing next to  
hockey.”**

**“The worst is to  
come to pickleball  
and having to sit a  
lot.”**

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# Appendix A

## Pickleball Site Selection

Site Name: VILLAGE OF HOPE (Jordan)

### Primary Criteria

| Criteria                                  | Comments  | Rating<br>1=Poor<br>5=Excellent | Weight/<br>Multiplier | Score      |
|---|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Central                                   | Located in central Jordan, farthest east of Lincoln                                     | 4                               | 5                     | 20         |
| Accessible                                | Yes, easily accessible  | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| Vehicle Access                            | Easily accessible by vehicle  | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| Visible                                   | Somewhat visible from main street, slightly hidden by food bank building                | 3                               | 5                     | 15         |
| Socially Appropriate                      | Close to existing neighbourhoods, new housing development being build across the street | 4                               | 5                     | 20         |
| Security                                  | Secure area close to neighbourhood, main town street                                    | 4                               | 5                     | 20         |
| Integration with Existing Facilities      | Can be integrated with use of basketball courts, playground, soccer fields              | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| Land Ownership                            | Formally owned by DSBN, owned and operated by social service agency                     | 3                               | 5                     | 15         |
| No Interference with Underground Services | Unknown   | 4                               | 5                     | 20         |
| Drainage Opportunities                    | Underground drainage in place   | 4                               | 5                     | 20         |
| Topography (flat site recommended)        | Completely flat   | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| No impact on natural areas                | No impact, large open space   | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| Vegetation                                | Minimal, few scattered trees  | 4                               | 5                     | 20         |
| Design Flexibility                        | Large open space provides flexibility, may have to modify/remove existing facilities    | 4                               | 5                     | 20         |
| Size                                      | Large open space  | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| Approval/Buy-in of Community              | Predicted approval. Growing neighbourhood, desire for updated facilities                | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| <b>Sub-Total</b>                          |   |                                 |                       | <b>345</b> |

### Secondary Criteria

| Criteria                      | Comments   | Rating<br>1=Poor<br>5=Excellent | Weight/<br>Multiplier | Score     |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Proximity to Parking          | Parking on site  | 5                               | 3                     | 15        |
| Access to Drinking Water      | None directiv. possibility to access from food bank building | 3                               | 3                     | 9         |
| Access to Washrooms           | None directly, possibility to access from food bank building | 3                               | 3                     | 9         |
| Access to Emergency Telephone | None directly, possibility to access from food bank building | 3                               | 3                     | 9         |
| <b>Sub-Total</b>              |  |                                 |                       | <b>42</b> |

### Tertiary Criteria

| Criteria                     | Comments  | Rating<br>1=Poor<br>5=Excellent | Weight/<br>Multiplier | Score |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Motor vehicle drop off area  | Yes, in front of food bank building   | 5                               | 1                     | 5     |
| Available Lighting           | None, would have to put in lighting for night use   | 1                               | 1                     | 1     |
| Access to Concessions/Food   | None  | 1                               | 1                     | 1     |
| Sun Exposure                 | Full sun exposure   | 5                               | 1                     | 5     |
| Access to Shade              | Minimal, few scattered trees  | 1                               | 1                     | 1     |
| Wind                         | Moderate wind, large building would partially block                                       | 3                               | 1                     | 3     |
| Access to Medical Assistance | Accessible to emergency vehicles, fire and emergency service building 1 minute drive away | 5                               | 1                     | 5     |

**Sub-Total** 21

**TOTAL** 408

**SITE COMPATIBILITY**

# Pickleball Site Selection

Site Name: SERENA PARK (Beamsville)

## Primary Criteria

| Criteria                                  | Comments  | Rating<br>1=Poor<br>5=Excellent | Weight/<br>Multiplier | Score      |
|---|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Central                                   | Located in central Beamsville, majority of population (24,500) not central to Lincoln | 4                               | 5                     | 20         |
| Accessible                                | Open space for any public to attend   | 4                               | 5                     | 20         |
| Vehicle Access                            | Easily Accessible by car, from multiple directions                                    | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| Visible                                   | Not visible from main road, highly visible in neighbourhood                           | 4                               | 5                     | 20         |
| Socially Appropriate                      | Compliment community centre, benefits residents in surrounding area                   | 4                               | 5                     | 20         |
| Security                                  | Potentially would require lighting, fencing   | 4                               | 5                     | 20         |
| Integration with Existing Facilities      | Would compliment Fleming Memorial Community centre                                    | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| Land Ownership                            | Town owned property   | 4                               | 5                     | 20         |
| No Interference with Underground Services | None  | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| Drainage Opportunities                    | Drainage systems already in place for easy drainage                                   | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| Topography (flat site recommended)        | Flat  | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| No impact on natural areas                | Pre-existing field approved for development   | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| Vegetation                                | No vegetation, would require landscaping  | 1                               | 5                     | 5          |
| Design Flexibility                        | Large space, no barriers, ability to put 3-5 courts with additional park structures   | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| Size                                      | Large space 1.48 hectares = 3.66 acres 87.8 ha  | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| Approval/Buy-in of Community              | Approval of multi-purpose space   | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| <b>Sub-Total</b>                          |   |                                 |                       | <b>350</b> |

## Secondary Criteria

| Criteria                      | Comments   | Rating<br>1=Poor<br>5=Excellent | Weight/<br>Multiplier | Score       |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Proximity to Parking          | Community Centre parking on side, surrounding street parking   | 4.5                             | 3                     | 13.5        |
| Access to Drinking Water      | Only community centre, would be beneficial to build closer one | 3                               | 3                     | 9           |
| Access to Washrooms           | Access at community centre                                     | 4                               | 3                     | 12          |
| Access to Emergency Telephone | Access at community centre                                     | 3                               | 3                     | 9           |
| <b>Sub-Total</b>              |  |                                 |                       | <b>43.5</b> |

## Tertiary Criteria

| Criteria                     | Comments   | Rating<br>1=Poor<br>5=Excellent | Weight/<br>Multiplier | Score |
|------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Motor vehicle drop off area  | No designation drop off zone, stopping will not hinder traffic | 4.5                             | 1                     | 4.5   |
| Available Lighting           | Area in lit from neighbour lights, however not park lighting   | 2                               | 1                     | 2     |
| Access to Concessions/Food   | From community centre  | 2                               | 1                     | 2     |
| Sun Exposure                 | Full sun exposure  | 5                               | 1                     | 5     |
| Access to Shade              | Zero access  | 1                               | 1                     | 1     |
| Wind                         | Full wind exposure, surrounded by houses                       | 2                               | 1                     | 2     |
| Access to Medical Assistance | Accessible to EMS  | 5                               | 1                     | 5     |

**Sub-Total** 22.5

**TOTAL** 416

**SITE COMPATIBILITY**

# Pickleball Site Selection

Site Name: RITTENHOUSE PARK (Vineland)

## Primary Criteria

| Criteria                                  | Comments   | Rating<br>1=Poor<br>5=Excellent | Weight/<br>Multiplier | Score |
|---|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Central                                   | Located further east in Lincoln, closer to Jordan  | 3                               | 5                     | 15    |
| Accessible                                | Low accessibility, located on a residential side street  | 3                               | 5                     | 15    |
| Vehicle Access                            | Direct vehicle access to one side of the park  | 2                               | 5                     | 10    |
| Visible                                   | Not visible from main road, small park cannot be seen unless directly in front                                 | 2                               | 5                     | 10    |
| Socially Appropriate                      | This park is currently targeted for children, increased traffic could disrupt neighbourhood residents          | 3                               | 5                     | 15    |
| Security                                  | Isolated on a side street, surrounded by residential homes   | 5                               | 5                     | 25    |
| Integration with Existing Facilities      | Surrounded by residential homes  | 4                               | 5                     | 20    |
| Land Ownership                            | Municipality owned neighbourhood park  | 5                               | 5                     | 25    |
| No Interference with Underground Services | Unknown, current play structure and basketball court   | 4                               | 5                     | 20    |
| Drainage Opportunities                    | Poor drainage due to slanted topography  | 2                               | 5                     | 10    |
| Topography (flat site recommended)        | Multiple hilled areas, overall not flat  | 1                               | 5                     | 5     |
| No impact on natural areas                | Large enough open space to use, without necessary damage to natural environment                                | 4                               | 5                     | 20    |
| Vegetation                                | Several medium size trees bordering park   | 4                               | 5                     | 20    |
| Design Flexibility                        | Would have to accommodate around or remove existing facilities   | 3                               | 5                     | 15    |
| Size                                      | Small-moderate size, long/narrow shape, enough room for 1-2 courts   | 2                               | 5                     | 10    |
| Approval/Buy-in of Community              | Can foresee current residents' disapproval because of current intimate layout and possible increase in traffic | 3                               | 5                     | 15    |

**Sub-Total** 250

## Secondary Criteria

| Criteria                      | Comments  | Rating<br>1=Poor<br>5=Excellent | Weight/<br>Multiplier | Score |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Proximity to Parking          | Street parking accessible from one side of park | 3                               | 3                     | 9     |
| Access to Drinking Water      | No  | 1                               | 3                     | 3     |
| Access to Washrooms           | No  | 1                               | 3                     | 3     |
| Access to Emergency Telephone | No  | 1                               | 3                     | 3     |

**Sub-Total** 18

## Tertiary Criteria

| Criteria                     | Comments  | Rating<br>1=Poor<br>5=Excellent | Weight/<br>Multiplier | Score |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Motor vehicle drop off area  | No, drop-off would happen from street next to sidewalk                            | 2                               | 1                     | 2     |
| Available Lighting           | Current street lighting   | 2                               | 1                     | 2     |
| Access to Concessions/Food   | No  | 1                               | 1                     | 1     |
| Sun Exposure                 | Medium exposure   | 4                               | 1                     | 4     |
| Access to Shade              | Medium - several trees surrounding park   | 5                               | 1                     | 5     |
| Wind                         | Minimal wind - trees and surrounding houses block wind                            | 5                               | 1                     | 5     |
| Access to Medical Assistance | Accessible to emergency vehicles, isolated location would increase response times | 4                               | 1                     | 4     |

**Sub-Total** 23

**TOTAL** 291

**SITE COMPATIBILITY**

# Pickleball Site Selection

Site Name: **JORDAN LIONS PARK (Jordan)**

## Primary Criteria

| Criteria                                  | Comments  | Rating<br>1=Poor<br>5=Excellent | Weight/<br>Multiplier | Score      |
|---|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Central                                   | Central to Jordan, East side of Lincoln                                       | 4                               | 5                     | 20         |
| Accessible                                | On main road  | 4                               | 5                     | 20         |
| Vehicle Access                            | Two entrances, good flow of traffic   | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| Visible                                   | Open space, no structures hindering visibility                                | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| Socially Appropriate                      | Pre-established as a location for recreation                                  | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| Security                                  | Well lit, fully fenced from road, high traffic area                           | 4                               | 5                     | 20         |
| Integration with Existing Facilities      | Many facilities on site (pool, baseball diamonds, play structure, splash pad) | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| Land Ownership                            | Potential for public-private partnership opportunities                        | 3                               | 5                     | 15         |
| No Interference with Underground Services | Existing recreation structures determine no interference                      | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| Drainage Opportunities                    | Already in place, established recreation location                             | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| Topography (flat site recommended)        | Completely flat space   | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| No impact on natural areas                | Grass removal   | 4                               | 5                     | 20         |
| Vegetation                                | Dense tree space, trees surrounding outskirts of park                         | 4                               | 5                     | 20         |
| Design Flexibility                        | Existing structures would need to be altered to accommodate                   | 2                               | 5                     | 10         |
| Size                                      | 7.14 Ha = 17.64 acres   | 3                               | 5                     | 15         |
| Approval/Buy-in of Community              | New activity in recreation space could have positive impact on neighbourhood  | 5                               | 5                     | 25         |
| <b>Sub-Total</b>                          |   |                                 |                       | <b>340</b> |

## Secondary Criteria

| Criteria                      | Comments   | Rating<br>1=Poor<br>5=Excellent | Weight/<br>Multiplier | Score       |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Proximity to Parking          | Directly on site   | 5                               | 3                     | 15          |
| Access to Drinking Water      | Fountain located on site   | 4.5                             | 3                     | 13.5        |
| Access to Washrooms           | Designated washroom/change room at pool, seperate washroom facilities in main building | 4.5                             | 3                     | 13.5        |
| Access to Emergency Telephone | Found at pool and main building  | 4.5                             | 3                     | 13.5        |
| <b>Sub-Total</b>              |  |                                 |                       | <b>55.5</b> |

## Tertiary Criteria

| Criteria                     | Comments                                      | Rating<br>1=Poor<br>5=Excellent | Weight/<br>Multiplier | Score |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Motor vehicle drop off area  | Designated space in front of main building    | 5                               | 1                     | 5     |
| Available Lighting           | Lighting around baseball diamonds             | 3                               | 1                     | 3     |
| Access to Concessions/Food   | Vending machines in arena                     | 1                               | 1                     | 1     |
| Sun Exposure                 | Large open spaces                             | 4                               | 1                     | 4     |
| Access to Shade              | Mature trees throughout space                 | 3                               | 1                     | 3     |
| Wind                         | Farming fields surrounding space              | 1                               | 1                     | 1     |
| Access to Medical Assistance | First Aid Kits on site, EMS is 2 minute drive | 5                               | 1                     | 5     |

**Sub-Total** 22

**TOTAL** 417.5

**SITE COMPATIBILITY**

# Pickleball Site Selection

Site Name: **BEAMSVILLE SCHOOL (Beamsville)**

## Primary Criteria

| Criteria                                  | Comments  | Rating<br>1=Poor<br>5=Excellent | Weight/<br>Multiplier | Score |
|---|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Central                                   | Central Beamsville  | 5                               | 5                     | 25    |
| Accessible                                | Located on school property, small grass hill to reach location, current stairs in place   | 4                               | 5                     | 20    |
| Vehicle Access                            | Drive to back parking lot of school to gain access. No separate entrance.                 | 3                               | 5                     | 15    |
| Visible                                   | Not visible from road   | 3                               | 5                     | 15    |
| Socially Appropriate                      | Resident use during school hours might cause conflict. Summer break would not be an issue | 4                               | 5                     | 20    |
| Security                                  | Isolated in back field of school  | 5                               | 5                     | 25    |
| Integration with Existing Facilities      | Lincoln Soccer Club currently use this park, integrated with school use                   | 4                               | 5                     | 20    |
| Land Ownership                            | Owned by DSBN   | 4                               | 5                     | 20    |
| No Interference with Underground Services | Unknown, but not predicted due to existing facilities                                     | 3                               | 5                     | 15    |
| Drainage Opportunities                    | Current drainage opportunities exist  | 5                               | 5                     | 25    |
| Topography (flat site recommended)        | Flat everywhere, except main access to courts (small hill with stairs)                    | 4.5                             | 5                     | 22.5  |
| No impact on natural areas                | None  | 5                               | 5                     | 25    |
| Vegetation                                | Minimal, large open fields  | 3                               | 5                     | 15    |
| Design Flexibility                        | Would have to work around current amenities, or modify tennis courts                      | 4                               | 5                     | 20    |
| Size                                      | Very large open size  | 5                               | 5                     | 25    |
| Approval/Buy-in of Community              |   | 4                               | 5                     | 20    |

**Sub-Total 327.5**

## Secondary Criteria

| Criteria                      | Comments   | Rating<br>1=Poor<br>5=Excellent | Weight/<br>Multiplier | Score |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Proximity to Parking          | On site  | 5                               | 3                     | 15    |
| Access to Drinking Water      | In school during school hours, no access outside of school hours               | 3                               | 3                     | 9     |
| Access to Washrooms           | In school during school hours, no access to facilities outside of school hours | 3                               | 3                     | 9     |
| Access to Emergency Telephone | In school during school hours, no access to phone outside of school hours      | 3                               | 3                     | 9     |

**Sub-Total 42**

## Tertiary Criteria

| Criteria                     | Comments  | Rating<br>1=Poor<br>5=Excellent | Weight/<br>Multiplier | Score |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Motor vehicle drop off area  | Large parking lot can accommodate drop offs                             | 4.5                             | 1                     | 4.5   |
| Available Lighting           | Lighting on baseball diamonds, no other lighting surrounding facilities | 3.5                             | 1                     | 3.5   |
| Access to Concessions/Food   | No  | 1                               | 1                     | 1     |
| Sun Exposure                 | High exposure   | 5                               | 1                     | 5     |
| Access to Shade              | Minimal. Few large trees next to tennis courts                          | 2                               | 1                     | 2     |
| Wind                         | Open space, high wind area  | 2                               | 1                     | 2     |
| Access to Medical Assistance | Accessible to emergency vehicles  | 5                               | 1                     | 5     |

**Sub-Total 23**

**TOTAL 392.5**

**SITE COMPATIBILITY**

# Appendix B

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## **I liked..... about Pickleball**

- The competition, not too competitive
- The social aspect – friendly, meet new people
- Senior friendly
- Better for the generation
- The combination of tennis, ping pong
- Not a hard ball
- 2 people on such team
- Could play for 15 minutes up to an hour
- The fitness
- They can come in groups or singles
- Great cooperation

## **Some program ideas for Pickleball**

- Leagues - Males, females and mixed teams
- New settings
- More places to play
- A range of players- beginners to advanced
- Play outdoors
- Dedicated courts
- Set up and take down
- Being more connected
- Keep it cheap
- Day time programming
- More facilities can have more time to play - Two or more courts
- Purchasing the old school gym
- Having access through schools (although not cheap)
- Being close

### **Some challenges with Pickleball**

- My body (aging body)
- The town isn't really involved, they must set up and take down
- Self organized
- Not enough time slots
- Not as many people or having too many people
- Waiting for courts to play
- Different skill level
- Seasons challenging (busier or less busy)
- No balls available (they must buy them)

### **The future of Pickleball in the Town of Lincoln looks like...**

- Sign up sheets
- Its going to grow (next best thing)
- More relatable than tennis
- More facilities
  - With more courts
- This area has a lot of seniors (more popularity)
- Easy games
- Introductions into Pickleball
- Have a place to be active
- Welcoming
- The beginners need some instructions
- The sales pitch – for introduction - \$5 a week
- A day tournament