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**From** Cochrane Pickleball Club (cochranepickleballclub@gmail.com)

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**Subject** Important town info

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Hi all,

This is a very important message so please if you know of anyone who has not received this let them know that this newsletter can be fixed by logging in to Pickleball Canada and then clicking on Messaging Centre on the left side of the screen. We are in the process of trying to fix a messaging glitch in the Pickleball Canada site.

As you know, the current schedule needed some updating. In our recent meeting with the town, they have indicated that they would like to have more time during the day for public use as they have had many queries in this regard. With this in mind we would like to present to you 2 options for scheduling. Keep in mind that the set session bookings can be changed or moved around within these 2 schedules but the general time of day for Cochrane play will have to be retained.

For option 1 below the pluses are there is more club time available. The cons for this option is there is a dead hour between 8-9am that is unusable. Please note that the town wants our play to occur between the hours of 8am – 9 pm. even though the sound bylaws indicate they do not want them to shut us down. With this option there is also less time for open play.

For option 2 below the pluses are there is more open time available and it will be slightly cheaper than option 1. The cons for this option is less time for club play.

Please click on the link below to answer the survey Option 1 or Option 2. The Schedules are also attached to this correspondence.

Please respond by Sunday, May 28 midnight as the Town needs to have the option go to council on Monday.

<https://s.surveypplanet.com/kqi...>

The Town of Cochrane open play time can be booked via by email at parks@cochrane.ca or by phone at 403-851-2590. You cannot book multiple courts under one name and you can only book one week in advance.

In the recent meeting with the town several issues were discussed.

1. The town will bring to council a proposed adjustment cost to the first month as the courts were not utilized at projected. We have gathered the data from the RR captains regarding usage and have calculated an adjusted cost of \$848. Versus the original cost of \$2,560.

2. 2 new schedules will be proposed to the membership and 1 will be submitted to the town for review on costs. Option 1 has a proposed cost of \$552/week – 30% cancellation due to weather etc. which results in a \$6,579. cost for the remaining 17 weeks of play. Option 2 has a proposed fee of \$482/week – 30% cancellation due to weather etc. which results in a \$5,729. Cost for the remaining 17 weeks of play. These proposals will be brought to council for discussion and approval or revision.

3. There is no online booking system available for this calendar year

4. The town will powerwash the courts mid to end of July

5. The town will repair the flagged issues with court repair, court 3 no center tape, court 2 broken post and several other cracks and divots

6. The town is also looking into a sound barrier for the tennis courts with wind flaps.

2 big issues.

1. We can no longer park beside the pb courts. We have to park east of the no parking sign past the tennis courts. See below. We cannot

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wills though we are trying to see if this can be possible during off hours.

2. The town said they have had way too many complaints of pb people being rude about letting tennis players on the courts or that people intimidated to come in and ask to use the courts. We did say that in previous years we have always opened up one court for any tennis player they would not budge on this. This is why they only gave us 2 nets. We are only allowed to use 2 nets or 1 tennis court ONLY. The other court is to remain open at all times for tennis. We are asking RR captains to monitor the usage so that we can go back to them at the next meeting and argue that the courts are supposed to be multipurpose and they are already lined for pb. We would like to show them how many people are affected restricting their usage versus letting people use them to play pb.

As of now, we will be removing the 4 remaining nets from the shed. Hopefully we will get this decision reversed.

Thank you for prompt attention to these requests.

Also attached are the minutes from our first Board meeting. Please have a read.

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President

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