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NOTICE – Townsite Pickleball Courts Undergoing Maintenance

Powell River BC – The outdoor Pickleball Courts located in Townsite will undergo maintenance the week of August 17-21, 2026. At the same time, City staff will perform an assessment of the underlying concrete surface for pickleball playing safety and suitability. Court usage will be impacted during this time.

The work will take approximately two days. This initial assessment process is labour intensive and will involve staff removing the current rubber tile surfacing either incrementally, or completely, to uncover and clean the concrete playing surface underneath.

The assessment is being undertaken at the request of, and in collaboration with, the qathet Pickleball Association to support future improvements to the facility and to help make this valuable community recreation space a more enjoyable place to play.

At this stage, the full scope of any future work is not known. The existing plastic tile surface will first need to be removed so that the underlying concrete can be properly assessed. Only after that assessment will it be possible to determine exactly what repairs or improvements are needed to create a high-quality playing surface. While the underlying surface may only need court lines painted, there is the possibility that proposed improvements could include repairing and preparing the concrete surface, applying proper court coatings and line markings, and installing a divider fence between the courts. There may also be further improvements required to support the development, sustainability, and overall user satisfaction of the space. The intent is that any enhancements would create a better experience for players of all skill levels while also opening opportunities for youth programming, introductory clinics, and increased community use.

The City is appreciative of qathet Pickleball's partnership and support for this work, as well as the funding previously received from the Powell River Community Forest Reserve Fund that supported the initial, critical improvements to the courts, which now, based on shifts and changes in the sport, require some additional attention and potential enhancements.

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