
To: Mayor and Council

From: Terry Vachon, Director of Parks & Recreation

Meeting Date: July 28, 2025

Subject: Report #PCR-011-2025 – Stayner Tennis & Pickleball Courts

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PCR-011-2025 (Stayner Tennis & Pickleball Courts) dated July 28, 2025; and,

- 1) That Council approve preparing 13,175 square feet of the grounds located at 220 Huron Street, Stayner, for a future sportspad, tennis and pickleball courts; and,
- 2) That Council approve the quotation from Darren Neil and Sons Excavating Inc in the amount of \$37,264.00 + HST for site preparation work, being budgeted as a 2025 approved capital project under the Stayner Sportspad.

Background

During the 2024 budget deliberations, Council approved spending \$75,000 to build a new sports pad at 214 Gideon Street in Stayner, mainly for an outdoor rink and other amenities.

During the September 9, 2024, Council meeting, Council approved moving the existing tennis courts, more specifically the surface at Ives Park, to the new sportspad as they were in dire need of replacement.

The department further recommended building 1-3 new pickleball courts at the new sports pad. If weather permits, the sports pad could be constructed of concrete to accommodate a potential winter outdoor rink.

Council directed staff to bring a concept drawing of the Sports pad area layout back to the Council for final approval before proceeding with the tender and construction.

Comments and Analysis

The department has created a conceptual drawing for Council to consider (appendix A). The sports pad includes:

Full size sports court layouts:

- Basketball (orange)
- Tennis, 2 player (blue)
- 3 pickle ball courts (green)

Additionally:

- 34 parking spots
- 12 trees
- Seating area with seasonal shading via deciduous trees
- A berm (see earth hatch) to flatten the court and parking area, subsequently providing a better viewing area

Parking may still be available along Gideon Street in a parallel manner.

The snow dump area would have to be relocated.

The Department recommends utilizing a pavement-based product (vs cement) to achieve cost efficiencies. This could prevent the ability of an outdoor skating rink as pavement tends to crack and heave during winter when it is in use. Ball Hockey running type initiative can be achieved on pavement during the winter months.

Furthermore, on April 25, 2025, the department met with Mayor Measures, Deputy Mayor VanStaveren & CAO Ferguson to discuss the plans provided above. Concerns were raised regarding the proposed plans and the site-specific. Concerns such as:

- How much fill is required in that location to make it level? Perhaps a partnership with a local supplier can be formed for fill.
- Are the new roadways in the laneway wide enough for transports with deliveries to drive through?
- Was there parking along Gideon Street on the north side, next to the proposed berm and trees, either angled parking or straight-in parking.
- Does Clearview own a part of the land in that design (directly behind Home Hardware in the proposed snow storage area on the design)
- Concerns regarding taking away the present parking at 222 Gideon Street commercial building on the west side. It's not supposed to be a parking area, but the owners are using it (illegally).

- Perhaps more sitting benches with covers should added to the area.
- Perhaps removing the tennis component from the project (as it will be built at 220 Huron Street, the former FS Building).
- Further review of the sewer needs assessments and the downtown revitalization project
- A review of the alternate location of the snow accumulation/dump on site has been fully explored.

The department with Mayor Measures, Deputy Mayor VanStaveren and CAO Ferguson recommends preparing the site for the future tennis and pickleball courts utilizing this year's capital funds. The existing site at 220 Huron Street has leftover concrete and pillars from the former FS Building that needs to be removed, as well as levelling off the existing site and preparing it for pavement product.

Once all concerns have been addressed at 214 Gideon Street and a final design can be produced for the site, then Council can review both locations as possible recreation amenities.

Financial Implications

2025 Capital Budget Sports Court 214 Gideon Street: \$100,000

Clearview’s Strategic Plan

The above initiative supports the following strategic pillars:

- Recreation & Culture

Report Appendices

Appendix A – Proposed Sports Pad Drawing – 214 Gideon Street

Appendix B – Proposed Tennis and Pickleball Courts - 220 Huron Street

Approvals

Submitted by: Terry Vachon, Director of Parks & Recreation

Reviewed by: John Ferguson, CAO

Financial Implications Reviewed by: Kelly McDonald, Treasurer

Approved by: John Ferguson, CAO