

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Beban Park to see pickleball courts on trial basis**

#### **Summary**

The tennis courts in Beban Park will soon have a slightly different look to them. A one year pilot project starting June 1 will see one of the six tennis courts in Beban Park converted into two pickleball courts.

The request came to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission last fall from the Nanaimo Pickleball Association after which they approved the pilot project. There is another outdoor pickleball court in Departure Bay Centennial Park as well as drop-in gym times for pickleball in Oliver Woods Community Centre.

In 2016, the Beban Park tennis courts will be resurfaced during which the success of the pilot project will be assessed and the pickleball courts could become permanent. Over the course of this one year period, court users are encouraged to provide feedback about the conversion. Comments can be submitted to 250-756-5200 or [askpre@nanaimo.ca](mailto:askpre@nanaimo.ca).

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#### **Key Points**

- One of the six tennis courts in Beban Park is being converted to two pickleball courts for a one-year pilot project. This pilot project is being tested for one year starting June 1.
- Depending on its success and feedback from the public the conversion could become permanent.
- Court users are encouraged to provide feedback about the conversion by calling 250-756-5200 or emailing [askpre@nanaimo.ca](mailto:askpre@nanaimo.ca).

#### **Quotes**

"We engage with the public on a daily basis to see how Nanaimo's parks and recreation facilities could be improved. Pickleball is a new and emerging sport in Nanaimo and the local club was looking for more venues across Nanaimo. Come down to Beban Park, try this fun sport yourself and let us know what you think!"

Kirsty MacDonald  
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#### **Quick Facts**

- Pickleball is a raquet sport combining elements of badminton, table tennis and tennis.

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