



Community Grant Application

Organization Name: St Paul Alberta Pickleball Club

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Society or Charity Registration Number:

5020828322

Year officially incorporated or registered:

2017

Which community sector is your organization involved in?

- ☐ Arts
- ☒ Community Spirit
- ☐ Culture
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Heritage
- ☒ Recreation and Leisure
- ☐ Tourism

**Attach additional documentation if necessary to answer questions below.

Provide a brief description of your organization and the services that they provide to the community.

Please see attachments

Our executive: Norm Kowalchuk, president (County Resident)
Bob Marcyniuk, vice president (Town Resident)
Doris Wiedl, secretary (County Resident)
Lilliane Ayres, treasurer (Town Resident)
Lilian Theroux, Member at Large (County Resident)
Bob Deacon, Member at Large (County Resident)
Gloria Hall, Member at Large (Town Resident)

Explain the organization's capabilities to plan and manage the project (i.e. past experience, volunteer support, and financial stability).

As per attachments

Name of Project: Purchase of Pickleball Pitching Machine

Estimated Start Date and Date of Completion:

Jan/2018 to May 2018

Please explain how this project will benefit the community?

Pickleball is a friendly, competitive sport promoting a healthy, active lifestyle for all citizens, including school students in their physical education programs.

How much funding is being requested for the project? \$3000

Is the organization requesting any in-kind support from the County? If so, to what extent?

We are looking for a grant to cover the cost of purchasing a pickleball pitching machine, including accessories + ball retriever.

Has the organization contacted other community organizations or groups to form a partnership for this project or event? If so, which organizations are you partnering with?

Yes.

Tennis Club: We are sharing courts in the Kinsmen Park. They have resurfaced the courts, and financed the cost of painting court lines (\$6600 which we must repay).

Town: We have requested a grant from the Town to cover the cost of line painting (\$6600)

We are also asking the Town to bring in electrical power to the Kinsmen Park as the pitching machine requires power.

Verification:

The undersigned is duly authorized to make this application and verifies that the information provided in this application and supporting documents is true and accurate and endorsed by the organization.

Name (please print): BOB MARCYNIAK Signature: 

Position with organization: VP Date: 12/20/17

Application Checklist

- ☐ Completed application form
- ☐ List of executives with names and phone numbers
- ☐ Copy of organization's financial statements for previous fiscal year
- ☐ Proof of Insurance
- ☐ Contractor estimates or supplier quotes
- ☐ Additional information regarding the project that will aid the County in assessing the application

St Paul Alberta Pickleball Club

County of St. Paul Community Grant Application

We, (the St Paul Alberta Pickleball Club) are applying for community funding to help defray some major costs. For those unfamiliar with this sport, it involves a badminton size court, a mesh tennis style net, oversized table tennis paddles and a whiffle ball, with rules and regulations specific to the sport. It is a friendly yet competitive community sport, promoting a healthy, active lifestyle, welcoming all ages. We began playing the sport in St. Paul in April of 2013 at the Senior Centre. We quickly outgrew that facility and were able to procure the ACFA School Gym, which we have since been using through the winters as well as on inclement weather summer days. Last summer, we travelled to St. Vincent 3 times a week to play on their outdoor pickleball/tennis courts, and travelled to Westcove for a few tournaments. This year, our summer play has been on the tennis courts at the Kinsmen Park, north of the Regional School, in St Paul. The tennis club has been very receptive in helping us set up on their beautifully resurfaced facility. They financed the line painting of eight pickleball courts at a cost of \$6600 (which we need to pay back) and they also surrounded the courts with windscreens. Needless to say, pickleball players (in and out of town) were very impressed with this facility, a definite "plus" for our community! Some schools have been using this facility for their physical education program.

Since 2013, our club has increased its membership to approximately 70 members (approx. 30% are county residents) and we are anticipating a very positive growth in the coming years. As per the time and participation schedule included, you will note a very active daytime membership and with evening pickleball sessions for working adults

Our revenue:

*Our yearly membership is \$20 per player, mostly covering insurance fees and Alberta/Canada membership fees. As well, we have a \$5 daily charge per member for court use. During outdoor play, this is clear revenue, required to help get us on our feet. In indoor play, this fee covers the gym rental fees of \$20/ hr, with a bit of extra for maintenance expenses.

*We have done fundraisers: sold hamburgers at the Coop, hosted 2 pickleball tournaments, worked a Legion Supper fundraiser, and worked security at the 2017 rodeo weekend

*We have also canvassed and gained business donations, again as per budget statement.

Our Expenses:

*Since 2013, we have purchased a dozen paddles (\$80-\$120 each), dozens of whiffle balls as they break down fairly easily, dry erase boards, daily supplies. This year, we also purchased 8 outdoor nets for \$2000.

*We have an outstanding debt of \$6600 with the Tennis Club for the line painting at the Kinsmen Park. The Tennis Club brought in a professional line painting company to avoid surface damages as resurfacing is a very costly project.

* We have to invest in brooms and squeegees for court cleanups, as well as a gas blower (approx. \$300) to clear leaves and debris off the courts. We need to replace the two old wooden benches on the sidelines. Our club insurance is \$1,100/year.

* In the distant future, we foresee a need to repaint lines, replace windscreens and pickleball nets, in the Kinsmen Park. As quickly as possible, we would like to purchase a pickleball pitching machine and accessories (approx. \$2500). With our projected growth, we will likely need to look for a larger indoor venue, as our present venue only has 3 courts.

In the long run, we want to be self-supporting with our daily expenses, while working hard at putting the Town and County of St Paul on the pickleball map. So far, we have run a couple of tournaments. We had 80 participants in the June 10th, 2017 tournament, of which 30 players were from surrounding clubs such as Elk Point, Bonnyville, Edmonton, Red Deer... We are aiming to hold a sanctioned tournament with Pickleball Canada on June 1st, 2018. We have hosted clinics, again including out of town players. Needless to say, we love attending out of town tournaments and workshops, all while gaining insight, strategies and pickleball skills.

We hope the county of St. Paul will help us with expenses as this sport provides a healthy lifestyle choice for our senior citizens yet still encouraging our younger citizens to join in the fun. We thank you for your time and support, hoping to hear from you soon.

Bob Marcyniuk

Vice-President, St Paul Alberta Pickleball Club