

December 1, 2020

Dear Resident,

The Municipality of Clarington is planning to rehabilitate the existing basketball and tennis courts in Stuart Park in spring 2021, pending budget approval. You are receiving this letter to inform you of the project since Stuart Park is designated as your Neighbourhood Park within the Emily Stowe Community in Courtice.

The rehabilitation of hard surface courts normally includes upgrades such as pavement resurfacing and fencing replacement. However, Council has requested that staff gather community feedback on two additional changes that are being considered. The proposed changes are:

1. The Clarington Outdoor Recreation Needs Assessment (ORNA) completed in 2020, recommends that Pickleball be introduced with the new tennis court overlay. This fast-growing sport uses paddles and combines elements of badminton, table tennis and tennis. The proposed design of the newly reconfigured playing surface would retain one of the existing courts for tennis while the other would be used to create up to four regulation-size Pickleball courts.
2. Clarington is considering installing flood lighting on the new basketball and tennis/pickleball court surfaces. This new infrastructure would allow the extended use of the courts in the evening hours during spring, summer and fall.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, Clarington will not be hosting a Public Information Centre on this proposed project. We are asking for public input and encourage you to fill out our short survey found at www.clarington.net/stuartparkcourts.

Please take the time to provide us with your comments and fill out the survey no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, December 11, 2020.

Best regards,



Stephen Brake
Director of Public Works