

TBM Pickleball Courts

Issues and Concerns

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Pickleball Issues

- **Noise**
- **Traffic / Parking**
- **Cost**
- **Lack of Consultation / Communication**
- **Loss of Green Space**

1. Noise

- “Played with a plastic ball... and hard paddles made of graphite or some other material, pickleball makes a **unique noise that is something like table tennis on steroids**. Like tennis, there’s a back and forth rhythm to a rally but the strokes come in quicker succession - the courts being smaller - **and the impacts sound sharper** - the ball and rackets having no give” - *The Naple News, Florida*
-(people) also complain about the noise as a type of ‘Chinese water torture’. ... I can’t live with this constant ‘pong, pong, pong’ every morning. (Don’t) I have the right to live here in a quiet environment?’ ... Laws governing nuisances have generally found that residents should not have to deal with unreasonably loud noises all day long. (They) could be required to take remedial actions, such as moving the pickleball courts or establishing restrictions.” - *Report from Channel 7 News (WSVN-Fox), South Florida*

Noise Con't

Kingston pickleball courts to be relocated after neighbour complaints

NEWS JUL 21, 2016 BY BILL HUTCHINS KINGSTON HERITAGE



- “Pickleball courts are small and two games can be played on one tennis court at the same time. Players have been flocking to local tennis courts, but the popularity led to problems... Neighbours complained about the game noise between 9 am and 9 pm, prompting the city to relocate the players to other parks that are farther away from homes.”
- *Kingston Heritage, Kingston Ontario*

Noise Con't

- “The sound of a pickleball paddle strike is less like the low-frequency strike of a tennis racket, and, instead more like the high-frequency strike of a ping pong paddle, the (law)suit says.”
— *The Aiken Standard, Aiken County, South Carolina*
- Pickleball Noise Problems: Nearby Residents Complain. Shhhh Quiet! ...for many non-pickleball-playing residents that live near pickleball courts the sound can sour their view of the sport and lead them to question if a sport that produces this noise level should be allowed.” — *thepickleballportal.com*
- “Pickleball paddle noise is in a sound classification called impact noise... It is a high-frequency noise that is at a frequency that our ears are most attuned to.” — *Acoustiblok, acoustiblok.com*

Noise Con't

- **“Too Loud! Pickleball noise upsets neighbours”** “While the popularity of Pickleball multiplies exponentially, it’s scoring resistance from neighbors who say the game is simply too loud. Detractors in Green Valley are so annoyed they’re talking about a lawsuit.” — *Green Valley News, Green Valley, Arizona*
- “The sport’s wood and graphite rackets and plastic balls meant **‘there was a constant banging’** when the courts were in use, often from morning until evening ... the divisions [amongst residents and players] have prompted heated meeting among property owners, calls for noise studies and claims that pickleball is destroying property values.” — *The Wall Street Journal*

2. Traffic / Parking

- Only access, in or out, for Bayview Park is via Highway 26
- With Pickleball and Tennis courts, there could be a need for at least 24 parking spots at one time
- A paved parking lot on the green space would be an 'urban' eyesore



Thankfully, not Highway 26.
Yet...



Parking Lot with space for lots of pickleball players!

3. Cost

- \$160,000 for construction of pickleball courts
- Financed by funds that can also be used for infrastructure projects
- Decision made and cost approved at budget deliberations in 2018

4. Lack of Consultation / Communication

- No communication to residents about construction
- No consultations with residents before decision on pickleball court was made and budget approved
- Public perception that this issue was decided in secrecy

5. Loss of Green Space

- Loss of green space is permanent
- Open unstructured recreational space allows users their choice of activities
- Loss takes away from peacefulness and ambience of the Bayview Park neighbourhood



Bayview Park Tennis Courts



1. Bayview Park Green Space



2. Bayview Park Green Space



3. Bayview Park Green Space



Ivy Sutherland
TBM Dog tag #300

“I love this Green Space. There’s lots of good smells!”



Herd of Canada Geese

Watch your step!

Moreau Park

Area: Clarksburg

Address: 76 Victoria Street South & 128 Alfred Street West

Parking: Yes

This park is one of the Town's most well used parks. It is made up of 3 baseball diamonds, a skateboard park, a playground and an enclosed off leash dog park. There are portable toilets onsite and the park is located directly across the street from the Beaver Valley Community Centre and Arena.

Amenities:

- Baseball Diamonds (3)
- Dog Park (enclosed, off leash)
- Playground
- Skateboard Park
- Green Space
- Washrooms

[Google Maps Directions](#)



Bayview Park

Area: Thornbury

Address: 60 and 106 Bay Street East

Parking: Yes, very limited

Bayview Park is one of the Town's most popular picnic areas. With it's beautiful waterfront, large covered pavilion and manicured greenspaces this park is a perfect location for family reunions, outdoor weddings and other social gatherings. The park is also well suited for young children as it is equipped with washroom facilities and playground equipment. The park's tennis courts and sand volleyball court also make this park ideal for active families.

Amenities:

- Green Space
- Trail (soft surface)
- Pavilion
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Shuffleboard Court
- Tennis Courts
- Volleyball Court
- Washrooms
- Waterfront (pebble)



Tomahawk Recreation Complex

Area: Thornbury

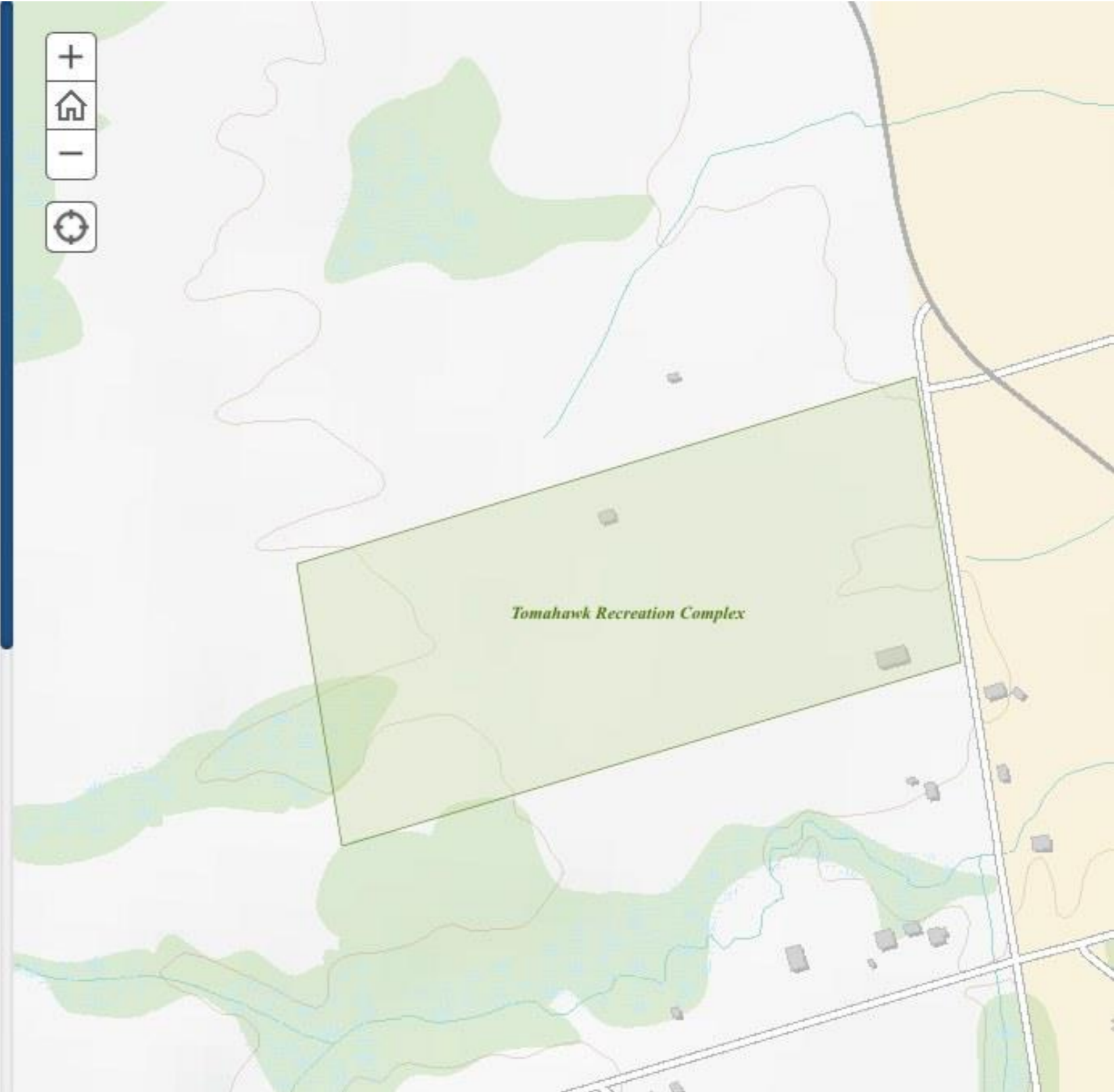
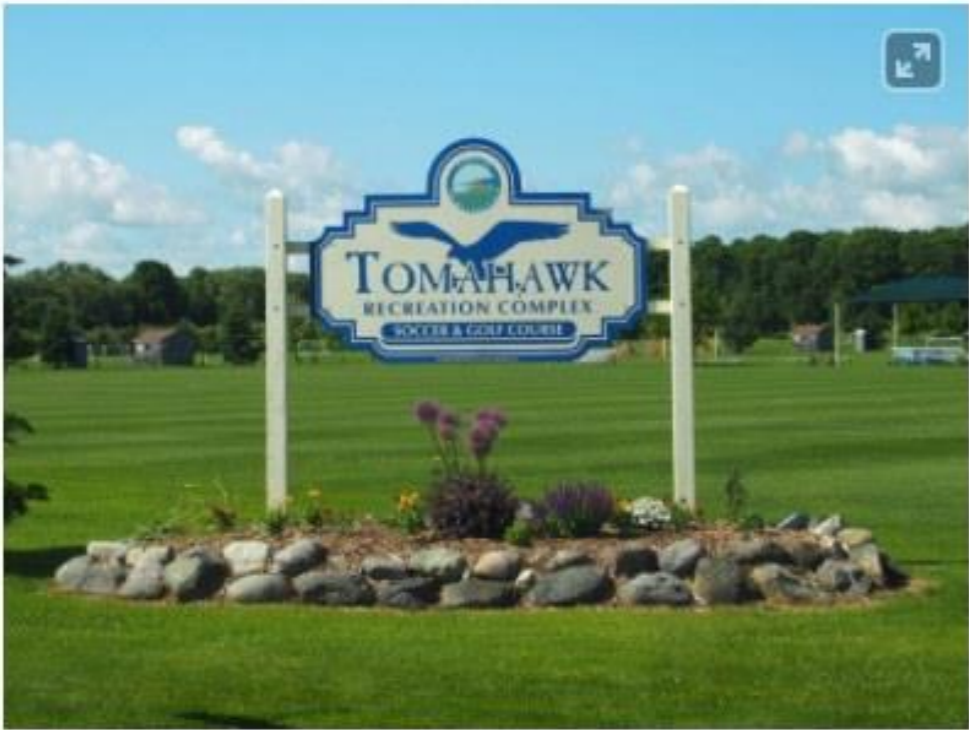
Address: 417230 10th Line

Parking: Yes

Amenities:

- Soccer Fields
- Golf Course
- Washrooms

[Google Maps Directions](#)





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Thank you