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From: Susie Chang
Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2018 4:54 PM
To: Parks - City of Burnaby
Subject: Delegation Speaking Request - Attn: Kathryn Matts – Commission Secretary

Dear Kathryn,

My name is Susie Chang and I would like to present to the City of Burnaby Parks Recreation and Culture Commission on **Padel Tennis (padel)** at the next public Commission meeting on March 21st.

Padel is a racquet sport similar to doubles tennis and squash. It is a fun, social and competitive sport that I aspire to bring to the City of Burnaby. I discovered the sport in Sydney, Australia but it is played around the world in 50 countries and most notably, Spain, where they have 40,000 padel courts. There are currently no padel courts in the Greater Vancouver area - the closest is one in Kelowna and another one in Calgary - and I'd very much like to change that.

A group of padel enthusiasts living in Vancouver and I have formed an organizing team. We have created a club name with a website ([link here](#)) and we are also an incorporated not-for-profit society under the name, Padel Association of BC.

We would like to propose to the Commission the idea of bringing padel to one of the Burnaby parks. If we are given the opportunity to speak, we would provide many more details on the plan and benefits of having the sport in Burnaby. For now, please see attached an informational brochure we created as a quick facts sheet.

Please let me know if you require any further information at any time by email or phone. I look forward to hearing back about the possibility of speaking in front of the Commission.

Kind regards,

Susie

PADEL IS THE FASTEST GROWING SPORT IN THE WORLD !

In Spain, padel has grown to overtake tennis as the No. 2 sport in the country behind soccer. The Spaniards currently have 40,000 padel courts. All countries in Europe and Asia are following their steps.



Today Over 30 Million Participants Play Padel In 50 Countries

In the United States, padel has been growing at a fast pace. The prestigious Houstonian Tennis Club has installed outdoor padel courts and is home to the U.S. Padel Team.

WHAT IS PADEL?

Padel is a racquet sport that follows doubles tennis rules and scoring system. It is often played outdoors and in an enclosed synthetic glass and metal court (10 x 20 meters), allowing the use of the side and back walls. You get a second chance to retrieve a shot as it will come back from the wall. The points can become very intensive and fast-paced, which is what makes it a lot of fun.

WHY IS PADEL SUCH A FANTASTIC SPORT?

PADEL IS SOCIAL, FUN, AND COMPETITIVE



- A smaller court brings everyone closer, enabling conversation between players during a match

- The walls keep the ball in play and longer rallies are the norm



- The point starts with an underhand serve which is an easy shot to make and return

PADEL IS ACCESSIBLE AND INTERGENERATIONAL



- Anyone can start playing immediately because the game is easy to learn and players can improve quickly

- Grandparents can play with parents and kids, and everyone can have fun together

1992

Padel was **introduced** to Canada by Bill Stamile

2008

Bill and his team hosted the **World Padel Championships** in Calgary. It was a very successful event attended by over 220 athletes from 16 countries.

2009

The Canadian Junior Boys team finished **3rd** in the World Championship behind powerhouses, Argentina and Spain

2017

The Calgary Padel Club began its full season of Padel at the Glenbrook Community in West Calgary. Today this club has **over 100** active members.