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## Construction of 12 permanent pickleball courts in Parc Saint-Jean-Baptiste

**Vaudreuil-Dorion, August 6, 2024** – On August 12th, 2024, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion will begin work to transform the four tennis courts in Parc Saint-Jean-Baptiste into 12 permanent pickleball courts. The courts located on the grounds near the school will be completed by the end of September. The other courts, located near the parking lot, will be available for use as of September 6th, but the lineage will be temporary until application of the acrylic surface in the spring of 2025.

To date, the City does not have courts exclusively dedicated to pickleball. Eight courts are lined for pickleball within the four tennis courts. Because of the shared vocation of these courts, the players must deal with the double lineage associated to each sport. The Vaudreuil-Dorion Pickleball Club is allotted a 39-hour slot every week for access to these courts. During its allotted time, the Club brings its own adapted nets to allow its members to play according to standards. With the changes scheduled to take place, Vaudreuil-Dorion residents will now be able to practice this sport outdoors with the appropriate equipment, without having to belong to a club.

"The City has a major plan for the development of sports, cultural and community infrastructure over the next few years. That said, such a plan must be capable of adapting to the changing needs of citizens and organizations. Hence, the growing demand from citizens for permanent pickleball facilities has caused us to rethink the use of the courts located in Parc Saint-Jean-Baptiste," explains Vincent Bastien, Director of Recreation and Culture for the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion.

Currently, tennis can be played at Parc Louise-Josephte and Parc de la Seigneurie. Resurfacing work on the two courts located at Parc de la Seigneurie was carried out in July to refresh the surface by sealing any cracks. The City plans to build six new tennis courts and eight pickleball courts on a field on Rue Valois, near Parc Dorion-Gardens, and is currently awaiting the required government authorizations from the *Ministère de l'environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs*.