

WHISTLER PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION
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TO: Mayor and Council,

July 7, 2020

The **Whistler Pickleball Association** (WPA) requests a proclamation.

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Title of Proclamation: “Whistler Pickleball Week” (8 August – 16 August, 2020)

The WPA is both a member of Pickleball Canada and Pickleball BC, the bodies governing Pickleball in Canada, BC and here in Whistler.

Pickleball Canada declared the 2nd Saturday in August of each year as “National Pickleball Day”.

The WPA respectfully requests that August 8-16, 2020 be proclaimed as “Whistler Pickleball Week”.

The purpose of the WPA is to facilitate the growth of Pickleball in Whistler and surrounding areas for the enjoyment, health and social engagement for all players by offering organized recreational and competitive play.

The WPA endeavours to create opportunities for continued development for all players in a safe, respectful and inclusive environment. Originating in nearby Bainbridge (Seattle) Washington in 1965, Pickleball has grown exponentially over the past few decades. In fact, it is anticipated to be an Olympic demonstration sport in 2028.

Active residents are a major part of the social fabric within our Sea to Sky corridor and bring extensive social and economic benefit to our community. Low cost-to-entry, less strenuous, and more social than other racquet-based sports, Pickleball attracts participants of all ages and abilities, often with multiple generations on the same court!

To date, the RMOW has embraced the growth of Pickleball in Whistler and has '*multi-purposed*' seven municipal courts to Pickleball for use by local residents and families. Our intention, honouring all social/physical distancing and cleanliness protocols, is to deploy our members as "Pickleball Ambassadors" at each municipal court with the necessary equipment to facilitate introductory sessions at little or no cost (if, at that time, each player is to have their own ball we will provide such at our cost ~\$3 each). Obviously, the number of times per day and duration of sessions will respect the current RMOW court-use guidelines. Our volunteers look forward to attending each neighbourhood, up to three different times per day for the nine days of "Whistler Pickleball Week".

Lastly, the WPA has, is and will be strictly adhering to the Pickleball BC and viaSport "Return to Sport Guidelines" as dictated by our Public Health authorities.

A copy of the proposed wording of the Proclamation follows:

PROCLAMATION

"WHISTLER PICKLEBALL WEEK" AUGUST 8-16, 2020

- WHEREAS Pickleball Day was established in 2018 by Pickleball Canada to be held on the second Saturday in August of each year; and
- WHEREAS: Whistler Pickleball Week creates an opportunity for residents and visitors to celebrate Pickleball, the fastest-growing sport in Whistler and in Canada; and
- WHEREAS: On August 8-16, 2020, the Whistler Pickleball Association will invite residents and families to play Pickleball and bring awareness to the sport by participating in activities throughout the community; and
- WHEREAS: Whistler Pickleball Week shall commence on the second Saturday of August, for a duration not to exceed nine consecutive days, starting this year (2020) and to continue on an annual basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Jack Crompton, Mayor of the Resort Municipality of Whistler, hereby proclaim August 8-16, 2020 throughout Whistler, British Columbia as

Whistler Pickleball Week

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Resort Municipality of Whistler to be affixed this ___ day of July, 2020.

Jack Crompton
Mayor