

6.2.3 Petition - Table Tennis Hall, Beaconsfield

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Recommendation(s)

That Council receive and note the petition received requesting the construction of a permanent table tennis hall in Beaconsfield and consider a report on this matter at the February 2021 Council Meeting.

Attachments

1. Copy of the Petition - Circulated to Councillors only [6.2.3.1 - 2 pages]

Executive Summary

A petition was tabled at the 30 November Council Meeting requesting the construction of a permanent table tennis hall, possibly as an extension to the Beaconsfield Community Complex.

Due to the short time between meetings there has not been sufficient time to prepare a report for this Council Meeting to consider the merits of this request, therefore it is proposed that a report on this matter be prepared for consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 15 February 2021.

Background

The petition states that there are currently about 50 seniors playing table tennis in the hall at the Beaconsfield Community Centre. The tables have to be wheeled in and out before and after play. The seniors have difficulty doing this as the tables are heavy and cumbersome. Table tennis is played on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The lighting in the hall is also too dark for table tennis. According to the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), the lighting at the surface of the table should be at least 900 lumens. The current lighting is probably around 400 lumens.

The petitioners are seeking hall for 8 table tennis tables to be permanently set up. The standard space for one table is 6m by 12m. The height of the hall should be 5m. Lighting must be of acceptable standard for safety reasons. There should be no windows to prevent sunlight glare. The hall needs air conditioning for both heating and cooling to allow year long exercise. No carpet is required, preferred flooring is gerflor taraflex.

Policy Implications

Nil at this time.

Relevance to Council Plan

- 1.5 Our People - Variety of recreation and leisure opportunities
 - 1.5.1 Provide active and passive recreation facilities to meet the needs of residents.
 - 1.5.2 Increase opportunities for residents to participate in a range of sport, recreation and leisure activities.

Providing recreation facilities is in keeping with the Council Plan goal to provide a variety of recreation and leisure opportunities, to provide active and passive recreation facilities to meet the needs of residents and to increase opportunities for residents to participate in a range of sport, recreation and leisure activities.

Climate Emergency Consideration

Nil at this time.

Consultation/Communication

No community consultation has been undertaken regarding this matter.

Financial and Resource Implications

At this stage the financial implications of this request are unknown and cost estimates will need to be prepared. There are no funds in the forward capital works program for such a facility at this time.

Conclusion

As there has been insufficient time to prepare a report considering the request contained in the petition it is appropriate to receive and note the petition at this stage and consider a further report on the matter at the February Council meeting