

Tennis and basketball should be focus for Mavrinac land

I thought I would reach out and write to the paper as I was psyched to hear about the Town's success to win the contractual issues over the land!

Many residents may or may not be aware that this part of Aurora has plenty of parks with little kid play-sets, water play areas for the wee ones, and plenty of open fields behind and next to the schools for everyone who wants to run around, or kick a soccer ball. What it does not have is any tennis courts.

If you look at the west side of Aurora (west of Yonge Street), you can count many tennis courts where they have a great space for both tennis courts as well as a couple of basketball courts. I believe we need something similar in the area over here for the older kids, young adults, and/or young at heart parentals who want to get out there and play some tennis or shoot some hoops.

There are lots of things to do with the elementary school age set, not so much tweens, youths and adults.

There is enough space, even if you have to consider putting in a buffer between the courts and the neighbouring homes. Look how close the tennis courts are to the homes in the western end of town.

It was also interesting on Page 3 of the July 23 Auroran where the article about the purchase continued there was an article just above it about Hillary House and their new grass tennis court. The Mayor was going on about how wonderful it is and it allows our town to keep active [but] this is yet another tennis court in the west end of town with nothing around that is walkable to, here on the east side.

A few tennis courts/basketball courts might also be a great use for this new land over in our end of Town. Look at anywhere east of Yonge to the 404, and see what the Town has provided in the parks: not so much for older kids, young adults and adults to keep active and to do fun activities. There is nothing really for them to do other than to walk around the blocks of sidewalks, or bike out of the quadrant in order to get onto the trails or to Sheppard's Bush.

You would not necessarily need lights for nighttime tennis, but even if the town put in a few courts, and a basketball court area, you could still put in a buffer around the field for the homes for privacy and/or sound and have a great daytime, early evening and weekend space for this quadrant of the community.

With benches, you have the cheering section, and the Town could offer lessons on this side of Aurora as well ? revenue generating! With the new subdivisions also going in to the east (by Leslie) and a new road cutting over from Bayview over to Leslie, it would be walkable/bikeable with a tennis racket or BBall in a backpack, to easily get over to the Mavrinac lands to play some tennis or hoops with your pals or your parents.

I hope that the Councillors give this some thought when it comes up for discussion in upcoming meetings!

Michelle Boyer

Aurora