

ETPA Plays Key Role in Bringing Dedicated 11-Court Pickleball Facility to Toronto

The non-profit East Toronto Pickleball Association (ETPA) worked closely with the City of Toronto for almost four years to bring a NEW 11-court dedicated pickleball facility to East Toronto. The dedicated pickleball courts opened at the beginning of June 2026 and is the “new home” for ETPA outdoor play.

Located at the Ashbridges Bay Sports Hub, the courts feature acrylic & colour surfaces, walkways between courts, regulation sizing & spacing, permanent nets, wheelchair accessibility, bleachers and shaded public seating areas, etc.



BACKGROUND

After early meetings with local councillors and City staff, ETPA's former President (Tom Keane) and former Chair (Mary Beth Denomy) formally presented a request in early 2023 to City Hall.

ETPA's “Operation Dedicated Courts” engaged about 30 ETPA volunteers to fan out across East Toronto to evaluate dozens of potential court sites. Their efforts were critical to the project's success. Over 1,000 Members and local players signed a Petition for new dedicated courts.

Former Toronto-Danforth Councillor Paula Fletcher and former Beaches-East York Councillor Brad Bradford supported the cause - attending meetings and providing encouragement.

ETPA's Advisory/Leadership team brought ideas and energy to the project and Member Mark Kindrachuk was instrumental in providing experience, expertise and unwavering support.

The new facility will provide public play for thousands. It will bring economic benefits to East Toronto as many will host group play and tournaments. It is a welcoming community social hub now and for years to come.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” – Margaret Mead