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To: Mayor Gervais and town council.

The Espanola Pickleball club is requesting funds/waiver to help us offset the cost of hosting an invitational inter club tournament to be held on June 1st at the Espanola Regional Complex. We are looking at inviting at least two other clubs from the local area. Cost of hosting the tournament will be between \$450-\$600, depending on registration numbers.

If we can get a waiver on the arena rental fees, this would allow us to donate most of the \$20/player entry fee to local charities as done with our last two tournaments.

We do have funds in our account and this money goes towards upgrades and maintenance of the outdoor courts. We also supply our members with the play venues as well as supplying balls out of our funds.

The work and money we spend on the outdoor courts benefit not just club members, but all community tennis and pickleball players.

Our player numbers have been growing steadily and have a total of 57 paying members and still growing. The average age of our club is 59 years old.

This sport is great for mental, social and physical health for seniors and all other age groups as well.

This could be advertised through the Espanola Recreational Department for the public to come out and observe this sport.

We look forward to hearing from you.

The Espanola Pickleball executive.