



Hello members, we are all excited to be able to get outside and play. An unfortunate incident occurred this weekend: someone painted yellow lines at the Fish Creek Tennis Courts. Additionally, 4 more courts were taped. These incidents were not endorsed or approved by either the Anchorage Pickleball Club, the Turnagain Community Council, the Alaska Tennis Association or the Municipality, Parks and Recreation Department. These actions are considered “vandalism”.

We understand whoever painted the lines had good intentions in trying to provide more outdoor options for play, but there are protocols that must be followed.

One of the main reasons for the formation of the Anchorage Pickleball Club was to have a greater standing in working with the Municipality of Anchorage, Parks and Recreation Department to provide more outdoor locations for pickleball players. We have been working with MOA since the club’s inception. This entails also working with the various community



councils and other affected users i.e., tennis players and/or hockey players.

We reported the incident to the MOA and they will make the decision on what is to be done. All parties that were affected agree the lines must go. The layout and color are unacceptable. Unfortunately, monies from the MOA budget that will be used to remove and/or paint over the lines could have been used elsewhere, possibly to the club's benefit.

Last year when the APC met with the MOA and gave their presentation about pickleball, we requested 6 locations for playing. This year the MOA agreed to the Taku location with concurrence from the Taku Community Council. APC has reached out to the Taku Community Council but has not received a response. The Council is aware of our presence and what activities will be held there.

The APC will be posting signs at both Fish Creek and Taku indicating open play and the date and time of specific events which will put the public on notice of our activities there. We have also obtained permits for specific events to ensure we will not be kicked off.

We request all players refrain from taking rogue actions to paint lines on any courts in town. These actions compromise our relationship with the MOA and communities. We are requesting the MOA allow the club to paint more lines on tennis courts around town as well as hockey rinks at Ben Boeke. We appreciate your patience as we work through the required protocols. If you have further questions, please let us know.