The Exeter Senior Pickle Ball Club is responding to the recent Feb. council/ steering committee meeting showcasing the YMCA in a proposed bid to be considered in the planning process for the new or expanded SHRC.

Upon learning of the possible involvement of the YMCA, there was a period of animated discussion at our last Pickle Ball morning session of play Feb. 23/18. Specifically, we'd like to relate some evidence based facts that we have gleaned by visiting & playing in the various neighbouring clubs such as: Varna, Port Franks, Seaforth, Hensall, Lucan, GrandBend, Parkhill & Bayfield where the visitor fee for 1 play session is a reasonable \$2.00 - \$4.50. In contrast, Goderich, where YMCA is entrenched in the Pickle Ball club operations, the fee has increased from \$8.00 to a whopping \$13.00 for a mere 1 play session. Consequently, the invitation to play in Goderich was declined by our club member due to the exorbitant & unsustainable fees.

Another case in point, comes from Parkhill where YMCA offered the existing P.B. space to an unnamed community service group forcing the Parkhill Pickle Ball club to move from the premises OR be subject to the YMCA directed program at increased cost. The Parkhill P.B. members severed association with the YMCA & opted to play in another facility.

The Exeter Senior Pickle Ball Club members are pleased with existing play arrangements & fees with SHRC & have worked diligently with staff throughout the season to welcome & increase the numbers attending the morning play sessions & the newly created Thursday evening community outreach play session open to children 10 years & up, teens & adults. Kids are ecstatic to be playing P.B. & adults working during the day are equally happy to have an affordable, fun, healthy activity available to them in the evening. Our clubs mission is to see that this exciting popular game of Pickle Ball continues to reach the Exeter community at all levels & ages of play & romain affordable to all

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