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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] closing of golf courses

I have looked at this item and have not seen how the closing of River Road (turned into park) would save the city and funds - since I cannot determine how much the city would have to pay for upkeep of the land as a park. If it is more than \$50,000 / year then then keeping the course open would not be as much a burden as people think.

Closing River Road might move some play to the other courses – but do they have room for these additional players?

Having been a member a few years ago I found that the City of London courses had many more people working at the 'pro shop' level than most of the local courses (non city). At Fanshaw I remember seeing a pro, an assistant and two others on cash,,,

The course I currently play at (Caradoc Sands) and a few others I have frequented over the past few years have only one person working in the proshop at any given time and the course is full at all times.

In some of the courses the person in the proshop also is able to run the bar/kitchen at many times of the day.

It should be expected that the golf courses are a recreational facility for the citizens and should NOT have to any more self-sufficient than the soccer fields or ball fields, parks etc...

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