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Members of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

I am writing to voice my support for the continued operation of River Road Golf Course. Golf is an activity in which all sexes and ages participate but is of particular importance to the mental, emotional and physical wellbeing of the senior segment of our society. As our population continues to age, this segment of society's participation in the sport of golf will continue to grow. I can tell you from personal experience that it was extremely difficult to find tee times during the pandemic this past the golf season. Had River Road been open it would have easily turned a profit. All other courses in our area had a bumper year.

Public golf in this community is virtually self supporting, even when River Road does operate at a loss. What other community recreation facility can boast that claim?

The City of London ought to be looking to expand municipal golf rather than diminish it.

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