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I would like to see the course remain open. If it weren't for bad luck River Road would have no luck at all. When you look at the numbers from the last 3 or 4 years you not seeing the true picture. Obviously last year not opening the course was a big mistake. Golf was the thing to do and every course on the planet was busy. The year before last we had a very wet spring and the course was up playable till almost the end of may. 2 years back we had the water contamination which would not allow the sprinkler system to be used. The course dried up and the city had to bring in water trucks to water the course and the it hooked up to the city water system. All these factors would contribute to lower number of rounds and higher expense.

I have been a city member for over ten years and have always loved my membership. Playing over 100 rounds a year. Last year with all the covid protocol it was very hard to get a tee time and rarely at the time you wanted. You had to book as soon as the website opened 7 days in advance. So many times we could not get times so we had to go and play other courses. This was frustrating when you already paid for a full membership and the Road was closed. Even more so when you drove by the course and see it was fully maintained and playable. I call River Road my home course and have supported it as much as possible. Joining men's league entering all the tournaments that are offered through out the season. The Road is a blue collar course and in the east end so many people could careless about it. Like they say "live in the east and get the least". A lot of people remember the old River Road course. Which was very tuff and would eat golf balls. Which frustrated golfers and they would not return and gave the course a bad rep but over the last number of years the city has made great improvements to the course. Clearing out areas and opening up the course to be a lot more forgiving. I am amazed at the number of people I talk to who still think it's the tight unforgiving course. I tell people if you have not played the Road in the past couple of years you must go play it again. It is the best of the city courses period. When you shoot a good score there you feel way better then if it was at Fanshawe or Thames.

I do know that if the course is closed there are going to be a lot of city of London golf members thinking about memberships. Doubtful if I renew my membership.