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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: River Road Question

With the decision last year to close River Road because of Covid, we were told that it would be open another year before a decision was made, now it seems as if a decision is made without another year to prove itself, so I ask the following questions .

1) Why did we have KMPG do a study of the City Golf Course (RR, only had 15 holes open), and they never talked to any members/Club Pros and superintendence I also know that they also work for private courses like Golf North, would that not be a conflict.

2) Why, as per attached, does the citizens of London not know about the contributions that the city courses/golfers of London have made to the Aquatic Centre of at least \$750,000 in the early 2000's and much more, also at least \$500,000 to build soccer fields etc. Why do they not know that not any taxpayer money has ever gone to the golf courses, but they are stand alone, with profits after the money to the reserve fund go to help the items above.

Most members would gladly pay \$50-\$100 more to keep it open.

3) Why did the City close River Road this past year, when the reports from Ontario Golf Association, say that it was one of the best years for Golf course in North America and to the best of my knowledge, River Road was the only course closed.

4) Why was it never said that the main reason that rounds were down at River Road in 2018 was because of the contamination of the water caused by a Recycling Plant nearby and they only had 15 holes open. The city also decided not to go after them for loss of revenue, don't know why??? They were just fined.

5) How much of a refund did the City give back to members for closing River Road, I got near \$500, would rather have had RR open, they said they would lose \$80,000 if open, my guess is the refund was much higher, no other courses gave refunds because of late start.

6) Why are they not promoting the fact that London has one of the best Public course systems in the Ontario

Thank You
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