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Subject: [EXTERNAL] The Recommendation to SPPC to close River Road Golf Course

Proposal: Open River Road Golf Course to Reduce COVID Transmission

Ontario's Ministry of Health is predicting a third wave of COVID come Spring 2021, due to more easily transmissible virus mutations. If it is the intention of London City Council to open London's golf courses to the public during that time, I question the wisdom of closing River Road Golf Course.

It seems to me that opening River Road will be absolutely necessary to protect golfers from these more easily transmissible mutations because this will allow golfers to spread out across three courses instead of two.

Also, because the first tees of the Hickory and The Classic are so close together, the entry point at Thames Valley is a very difficult place in which to social distance, unlike the entry point of River Road.

River Road is also an ideal venue in which to provide golfers the opportunity to play low interaction "bubble golf" by allowing them to play in discreet social bubbles with no interaction with the pro shop or other groups.

If London's other two golf courses will be open, it only makes sense to keep River Road open to prevent the spreading of the virus that comes when people crowd together.

Given the popularity of golf, you can be sure crowding will occur with only two venues.

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