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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Input to City of London SPPC around possible River Road Golf Course closure

Dear SPPC Members,

I am writing to recommend the City of London open and operate River Road Golf Course for 2021 and future years.

Last year with only Thames and Fanshawe City golf courses open to those with memberships, it was very difficult to reserve a golf time even close to the time or the day one wanted to play. I have had a membership for the past 3 years. Because of last year's frustrating experience to get t times, if River Road is not opened, I will golf elsewhere in 2021. I know a number of other city golf members who will also do this.

The City of London staff say they are loosing money with operating River Road and the other 2 courses. The private golf courses just outside London offer rounds at more reasonable rates than the City courses and turn a profit. Otherwise they wouldn't be in business. Lessons can be learned from them. Are there too many high priced managers in this department?

Covid-19 brought out many new and golfers last year. Of all years, the City would have done well with keeping River Road open during 2020.

Sincerely,

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