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Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 1:02 PM
To: SPPC <sppc@london.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] River Road

To: Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee
Re: Keeping River Road Open

Dear Committee Members,

River Road Golf Course is not a money loser when you consider the following:

- 1) When operating at full capacity, River Road employs a head professional with someone to work the pro shop when he/she are elsewhere. It also employs a head greenskeeper with 2-3 full time workers assisting. Usually there are also a number of part-time/seasonal positions for students. Most of these people live in the city and therefore add to our local economy.
- 2) A number of people have given up on their "city" memberships for a variety of reasons, crowding being one of them. No one I know has stayed golfing in the city of London. They have moved on to greener pastures, ie Caradoc Sands, Fire Rock, Ironwood, The Fox (it isn't greener), Westhaven, Obow Glen etc. So these people have taken their golf/entertainment dollars outside of the city.
- 3) The covid tee time reservation system is a joke. People book 2-3 time for a foursome then don't bother cancelling. THAT'S JUST RUDE!!!! There was at least one day each week where our threesome wanted to play, but couldn't get on Thames or Fanshawe. We would have gladly played River Road had it been open. So for three members that's \$60 gone. Oh yea two beers each and a couple of hotdogs is another \$40 for city coffers. PS It would have been three hotdogs but one guy went Vegan on us.

I know that you have received numerous letters from the many people who love "city" golf. We are proud of our outstanding public system, the envy of many cities and we hope it continues as is.

Thank you,
Paul Marshman