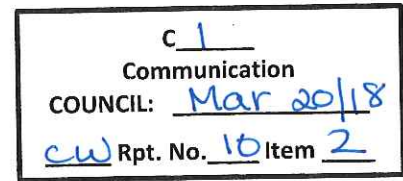


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Please circulate the attached letter to Mayor and Members of Council prior to next week's Council Meeting.

On behalf of Copper Creek Golf Group it is requested that the item be deferred until such time as Staff and members of Council have met with the various golf courses in Vaughan to discuss the motion to remove the current exemption that golf course have with respect to the removal of trees.

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March 13, 2018

Mayor and Members of Council
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
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Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

Re: City of Vaughan Tree Protection Protocol - Amendment

I am composing this letter to bring to your attention the difficulties that will be faced by Golf Course Operators in Vaughan if the proposed amendment to remove the golf course exemption for tree cutting without permits is adopted by the Tree Protection Protocol.

The safety of the public that visit the golf course is a major priority in our industry. Unseasonal conditions, high winds, drought and other climate factors can have a dramatic effect on the trees causing potential safety hazards. If golf courses are no longer exempt from the permit process, the delay in the tree removal by now having to obtain a permit could cause undue harm to the public and disturb the operation of the business. Maintenance and upgrades are a daily operational occurrence on the golf course to ensure safety and quality conditions of the property - requiring a permit will put both of these factors at risk.

The majority of the trees on the property are not naturally occurring but were planted as per the design of the approved golf course plan. The golf course is a planned landscape and if a compensation requirement is enforced, the design of the course could be negatively altered affecting the business plan.

The current system for tree removal has worked well, and I am strongly requesting that it remains intact. *"A permit is not required for emergency work, pruning, and removal of dead branches, damaging or removing trees on rooftop gardens, interior courtyards, solariums, nurseries or golf courses."*

I am further requesting that any decision with respect to Golf Courses in Vaughan be deferred until such time as City Staff and Golf Course Operators have the opportunity to meet, discuss and determine if there are other options that can be mutually beneficial.

Yours truly,



COPPER CREEK GOLF CLUB

Per:

John Young, Chief Operating Officer

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