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Good afternoon Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua and Members of Council,

Please find attached a letter respectfully requesting the City of Vaughan defer the proposed amendment to remove the golf course exemption for tree cutting without a permit in any new proposed Private Property Tree Protection Protocol by-law.

Kindly review attached prior to City of Vaughan Council scheduled for March 20, 2018.

Regards,

**Laurel Floyd**

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March 19, 2018  
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Mayor and Members of Council  
City of Vaughan  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, ON  
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**Attention: Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua and Members of Council,**

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council:

**Reference: City of Vaughan Tree Protection Protocol  
Proposed Amendment to By-law 185-2007**

We are writing to respectfully request that the City of Vaughan defer the proposed amendment to remove the golf course exemption for tree cutting without a permit in any new proposed Private Property Tree Protection Protocol by-law.

The current system for tree removal outlined in "*City of Vaughan By-law 185-2007, Permit Requirements and Exemptions, Section 3. (2) Despite subsection (1), a permit is not required (e) to injure or destroy trees on a nursery or golf course.*" has worked well, and we request that this exemption remain unchanged in the new by-law.

The safety of the golfing public is of utmost importance to Eagles Nest Golf Club. Unseasonal conditions, high winds, drought, and other climate factors can and do have some dramatic effects on the trees causing potential safety hazards. If golf courses are no longer exempt from the permit process, the delay in damaged tree removal, by now having to obtain a permit, could cause undue harm to the public and disrupt business operations. Daily maintenance and course upgrades/modifications are required on the golf course to ensure public safety and quality conditions of the property – requiring a tree removal permit will put both factors at risk.


Again, we request that any decision with respect to permitting tree removal on golf courses in the City of Vaughan be deferred until city staff and golf course operations can meet, discuss, and determine if there are other options available that can be mutually beneficial.

**Reference: Review of City Processes for Protection of Trees**

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Sincerely,

**EAGLES NEST GOLF CLUB INC.**



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