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**Subject:** Tyandaga Golf Course - Resident Input

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Dear City Staff,

In regards to the upcoming decision regarding the future of Tyandaga Golf Course, I was shocked that I had to find out about this through a private neighbourhood Facebook group. As someone who is active in the digital space, this has not been adequately publicized in order to elicit feedback from residents and golf participants. There is no mention of this on the course website, nor has it been shared on social media.

Additionally, I would be curious to know the financial modeling and revenue projections of a 9-hole course. The demand for this would be relatively low, with older adults perhaps being interested (and I know plenty of adults aged 60+ who still prefer 18 holes). If staff were to benchmark against others in the industry, they would find that although 9-hole courses may complement 18 holes, very few courses are actively looking to become solely a 9-hole course.

With this significant drop in revenue, it would not surprise me if the course began to lose money; thus giving city staff a business case to completely close the course.

Yes, golf may be viewed as an "affluent" sport. This is all the more reason to have a publicly-run course in order to make it accessible to residents. One could argue that a park could be used by everyone, but there is plenty of green space in Burlington and nearby Conservation Halton. By eliminating an 18-hole course, the Recreation team is giving the private sector another sport/activity that it could be providing themselves.

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