

CITY OF HAMILTON NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: March 9, 2016

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA.....

Relocation of Golf Canada Offices to the City of Hamilton, King's Forest Golf Course, and the Potential of Hosting a High Profile Golf Tournament like the Canadian Open at King's Forest Golf Course

WHEREAS, Glen Abbey Golf Course in Oakville is preparing to close operations and sell-off lands for development purposes within a 5 year window,

WHEREAS, in 2012, King's Forest Golf Course hosted the Qualifying round for the Canadian Open;

WHEREAS, in recent years, King's Forest Golf Course was ranked number one municipal golf course in the country, and ranked in the Top 59 Public Golf Courses in Canada;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton was home to and supported the Canadian Open, played at Hamilton Golf & Country Club in 2003, 2006 and 2012; and,

WHEREAS, if the City of Hamilton were to be the host community to a premier event such as the Canadian Open, the event would:

- Increase tourism visitation;
- Showcase the vibrancy of the City of Hamilton's Tourism; and,
- Enhance staff and community engagement and boost civic pride;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to retain an outside agent, at an upper limit of \$50,000 to be funded from the Facility Capital Maintenance (Account #3541541550), to work on behalf of the City of Hamilton in order to pursue/investigate all the information and requirements needed in hosting the Canadian Open;
- (b) That staff be directed to contact Golf Canada to determine if there would be any interest for relocating their offices to King's Forest Golf Course in Hamilton; and,
- (c) That staff be directed to report to the Public Works Committee with the findings of the Outside Agent with respect to hosting a golf tournament like the Canadian Open and the potential relocation of Golf Canada's offices at Kings Forest Golf Course.