

August 31st, 2016

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Dear Rob;

I just wanted to circle back with you on our discussion from last month regarding the long term venue strategy around the RBC Canadian Open. My apologies for the delay in getting back as we just recently wrapped up our Canadian Pacific Women's Open in Calgary and it seems like I have been on the go since early July.

I wanted to share my thoughts on Kings Forest Golf Course and its consideration as a potential permanent home for the RBC Canadian Open following a couple of visits to the course and surrounding area prior to July. My assessment would be that with a number of renovation/updates, the course was certainly of such caliber that it could host the RBC Canadian Open. However, from an infrastructure and logistics standpoint (access to the course, on-site parking, television and operational compounds, hospitality structures, clubhouse, locker rooms, etc.) there are several challenges that make the venue less desirable than other venues currently in consideration. The investment required to construct new facilities such as a clubhouse along with the renovations required to update the course to meet PGA TOUR standards, may be more that the city is willingly to commit to such a project.

At this point, it is our goal to work with municipalities and local city officials on creating a multi-use, multi-sport property which would include a championship venue to host the RBC Canadian Open along with a Golf Canada Village supporting youth development and golf participation. The Kings Forest property does not currently have the land to accommodate such a project, even with securing the adjacent facilities.

I appreciate the time we've spent and our discussions to date with respect to Hamilton's interest in this project. Should there be other opportunities within the regional municipality to create this "big project" I am more than happy to meet and discuss with you and city officials.

Thank you for the interest expressed in exploring opportunities with Golf Canada, and we look forward to returning to the city with a Golf Canada event in the near future.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Bill Paul', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Bill Paul
Chief Championships Officer
Golf Canada