



The Hamilton Golf and Country Club Limited

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Mayor and Members of Council
General Issues Committee
City of Hamilton
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As you know, Hamilton has a long and storied history with golf and the Canadian Open. As a part of the greater Hamilton community, the Hamilton Golf and Country Club understands our role in making the Canadian Open the best experience for our residents and for golf fans around the world. The pandemic has definitely added some additional challenges in how we manage our course and membership, especially since we have undertaken a significant renovation to our entire golf course, which is still under construction. This is a significant investment that is meant to further enhance our course in order to solidify its place as one of the best golf courses in the world for many years to come. Unfortunately, the renovation doesn't stop when the construction is due to be completed later this year. There is still significant "grow-in" that needs to occur in order to ensure the newly grown turf can withstand repeated play.

Hosting the Canadian Open in 2023 at Hamilton Golf and Country Club would be a risky venture given the current state of our construction, especially for play from PGA tour players who expect top conditions. With the cancellation of the last two Canadian Open tournaments, we welcomed the opportunity to postpone our event. Our members and shareholders overwhelmingly supported the move with over 90% in favour of the date change.

The move to 2024 provides us more time to allow our course to fully mature, withstand the rigors of a professional tournament and ensures we will be able to unveil our course to the golfing world to rave reviews. The Hamilton Golf and Country Club is committed to the game of golf in Canada and to our community. We do see ourselves as an important contributor to the success of our city and take that responsibility seriously. We look forward to a very successful Canadian Open in 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'David Short'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping 'D' and a horizontal line extending to the right.

David Short
Canadian Open Chair and Vice President
Hamilton Golf and Country Club Ltd.