



April 20, 2021

Mayor and Members of Council
General Issues Committee
City of Hamilton
71 Main St West
Hamilton Ont.

I am writing on behalf of Golf Canada in partnership with RBC, the PGA TOUR, and the Hamilton Golf and Country Club to formally request a change to our Agreement with the City of Hamilton to shift the hosting date of the RBC Canadian Open from June 2023 to June 2024 under the existing terms of the agreement between Golf Canada and the City of Hamilton.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Golf Canada has been forced to cancel the 2021 RBC Canadian Open for the second consecutive year. As a result, St George's Golf and Country Club, who was originally scheduled to host in 2020, will now host the event in 2022, after previously rescheduling to 2021 following the cancellation in 2020. The host club tentatively scheduled to host in 2022 has subsequently been shifted one year to 2023, thus requiring the change of date for the Hamilton Golf and Country Club, among other reasons outlined below.

This change in date to 2024 has been overwhelmingly supported by the membership of the Hamilton Golf and Country Club and brings with it two positive benefits for the City and the golf club:

It puts more distance between the current pandemic environment and the tournament scheduled to take place in Hamilton. While we hope to return to normal operations in 2022, the volatility of the pandemic could still have an impact on sport and entertainment events in the immediate years while the industry rebuilds and returns to pre-pandemic capacity for spectators and infrastructure. An extra year removed from the current hosting environment will make it more likely that the Hamilton event will reach and potentially exceed its 2019 economic and community impact.

The additional year also provides extra time for the significant golf course renovation project currently underway at Hamilton Golf and Country Club to be complete. The additional year would allow the golf course adequate time to grow in and mature leading up to the return of the PGA TOUR in 2024. The extra year will allow the club, the City of Hamilton and the RBC Canadian Open to be shown in the best conditions possible and reflect the premium quality of the competition and the event experience.

The City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Golf and Country Club are critical partners with Golf Canada and central to the long-term plan for the RBC Canadian Open. As an organization, we have worked hard to establish a select rotation of premium host courses and communities and it is our plan to return to Hamilton for many years to come beyond 2024.

We thank you for the consideration of this request and your continued support for the RBC Canadian Open.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bryan Crawford".

Bryan Crawford
Tournament Director – RBC Canadian Open, Golf Canada