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Subject: My comments for 2022.IE31.11 on July 7, 2022 Infrastructure and Environment Committee
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the July 7, 2022 Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on item 2022.IE31.11, 2022 Mid Humber Gap Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

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Comments:

June 30, 2022

Infrastructure and Environment Committee
Attention: Committee Administrator
Toronto City Hall
Floor 10, West Tower
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Dear Sirs/Madams:

Re: Humber River Gap (IEC Agenda Item IE31.11)

I wish to express my serious concerns over the preferred trail alignment that is being recommended to Toronto City Council and its Committees for the closing of the 800-meter gap in the Humber River trail (the "Humber River Gap").

The closing of the Humber River Gap is a worthy project, and the completion of the Humber River trail will enhance an amenity that is used by some citizens of Toronto.

However, the City of Toronto's choice of preferred trail alignment and the process of selecting that alignment has and is proceeding without meaningful consultation with the adjacent property owners. Weston Golf and Country Club has had no meaningful direct consultations with the City of Toronto with respect to the impact of the trail and its construction on the infrastructure of the golf course and its operations.

To date Weston Golf and Country Club has been cooperating with TRCA to facilitate access for various investigations, but there has been no meaningful consultation on the impact of alternative plans on the golf course infrastructure. This is important for a number of reasons, including that the proposed trail alignment will impact upon the holding pond which is the principal means of irrigation for the entire course, and because any adjustments to the course in that area will affect the irrigation infrastructure for the entire property.

By locating the pathway on the west side of the Humber River on the existing golf course lands, a number of issues arise which need to be fully examined and costed before the impacts will be fully known and can be addressed, if that is possible. These include:

(a) Exact path location and design, which will require expensive re-design of the signature hole of this historic 107 year old Willie Park Jr. designed golf course.

(b) Construction methods and timeline which will likely require an encroachment onto the Club's lands and impact use of the property by the membership.

(c) The proposed path and area of construction abuts the irrigation infrastructure for the entire property. This is a highly sensitive area and damage to this infrastructure may result in a multi-year closure of the course. The Club has invested millions of dollars to build this infrastructure.

(d) To date, the City /TRCA has not made any inquiry of the Club as to the costs that will be incurred nor has there been any assessment of the revenue that will be lost with the proposed route. The City has not made any offer to compensate the Club for these costs and losses.

(e) There has never been any serious consideration of alternative in-ravine pathways, which could only occur in the context of the comparative costs and issues.

As a citizen of Toronto affected by this proposal, as well as a member of Weston Golf and Country Club, I am writing to express my hope that the City will not proceed with the current recommendation until it has fully engaged in meaningful consultation with Weston Golf and Country Club to achieve a better understanding of the impact of its proposal and the options available.

Thank you for your attention in this regard.

Yours truly

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