October 1, 2023

To:	General Government Committee
cc:	Frances Nunziata, Councillor – Ward 5, York South Weston

Re: October 2, 2023, Meeting - Agenda Item GG6.17 Proposal Document Number 3703952212 for Management of Play, Pro Shops and Food and Beverage Services at Five City - Operated Golf Courses

From: Optimists Ladies Golf Club Scarlett Woods – Monday morning senior woman's league

The Optimists were established in 1992, to promote and develop the sport of golf at the recreational level for active golfers by the Etobicoke Parks and Recreation Department. Currently the group has about 70 senior woman members from across the City of Toronto, including some who walk to the golf course.

Our executive has been following the NRFP process for the management of the city-owned golf courses and are concerned that our block of time on Monday mornings continues. We have a golf captain who organizes the groups of players and informs Scarlett Woods staff with this information a week in advance. Our group hopes this arrangement can continue.

We understand that the bid process has recommended the Thistle Group Ltd. The Ernst & Young LLP report leading to the recommendation also encourages increased access and inclusion for underrepresented groups. The report specifically mentions that senior and local resident tee times and collaboration with local leagues to organize tee times are welcome.

The Optimists would appreciate that the contract be awarded on a timely basis in advance of the golf season. In addition, we would like the opportunity to discuss the plans for the 2024 Scarlett Woods season with the new operators and ensure that our league status be maintained.

Thank you for your consideration.

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