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Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Councillors c/o the Town Clerk. 101 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON, L3R 9W3

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Re: Markham Golf and Country Club lands

Dear Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Councillors,

I understand that the Markham Golf and Country Club has been closed and is listed for sale by the owner as a potential redevelopment opportunity. I also understand that a portion of the course included 19.2 acres of Town owned lands leased to the golf club and improved with 6 greens and fairways.

It would be a shame to see these lands (and the entire course for that matter) deteriorate and become a housing development.

Let me introduce myself to you. My name is Earl Fritz. I am the President/Executive Director of the Canadian Junior Golf Association (the "CJGA"). I believe that this represents a tremendous partnership opportunity for both the Town of Markham and the CJGA toward assisting our young people.

The CJGA recognizes that the future of our Country lies with our youth. Their success will be determined by the efforts we make today to develop the character, maturity and personal growth that will enable them to take their rightful place in a highly competitive international environment. These are the very skills our programs build. By helping junior golfers, regardless of their economic means, to develop these skills we are helping to build a strong future for Canada through and for its youth.

The CJGA is a "registered Canadian Amateur Athletic Association" – a charity. In fifteen short years, through the hard work and dedication of a few people, we have developed a program that has assisted thousands of Canadian young people. The teaching philosophy exemplified in our multi-day tournaments, our Tours and our Golf camps has garnered an international reputation for the quality of the program and the junior players it produces. None of this would have been possible without the generous financial support of our sponsors and volunteers.

We have only scratched the surface. While golf is a healthy, wholesome activity that relies on both physical and mental discipline to succeed, it is also relatively expensive. We have made every effort to open the door to all young people, regardless of economic means, but the reality is that without greater support these efforts will meet with limited success.



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The CJGA proposes that it enter into a lease/partnership agreement with the Town to develop the Town lands (and potentially the balance of the Markham Golf and Country Club lands that are not developable) to establish a permanent home for the CJCA which would, among other things:

- Greatly reduce our expenses and make our programs available to more young people
- Allow us to expand our Golf Camp program and run day programs for inner city youth, programs for our school systems and adult programs as well
- Allow us to expand our clinics and our teaching programs
- Enable us to expand our Tour program through more tournament events
- Provide a focal point and meeting place for youth, their parents and our sponsors

The Canadian Junior Golf Association has the expertise to run a golf facility. Many of the CJGA Staff are graduates of either the PGM programs at the colleges or the Sports Management programs at the university level. As well, the Canadian Junior Golf Association has established tremendous relationships with many PGA Tour professionals such as Stephen Ames. Richard Zokol, PGA Tour Professional is the CJGA National Spokesperson.

This golf course would be declared the "Home of the Canadian Junior Golf Association" and the "Developmental Center for junior golf in Canada".

This "partnership" arrangement would provide Town of Markham with the opportunity to ensure that our mission remained constant; that we were operating programs open to all young people regardless of economic or other disadvantages; that we were expanding programs that were indeed helping to build the competitive spirit and skills in young people.

We believe that the suggested arrangement would:

- Make the best use of the facility and lands
- Demonstrate the Town's commitment to youth and the future
- Create a valuable partnership for both parties

The important thing is to open a dialogue which would allow us both to explore this tremendous opportunity for the young people of this City, Province and the Country. There are several properties that could be of help in Markham. We are seeking your guidance and leadership and look forward to discussing the matter further.

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