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Saturday, October 7, 2017.

To: John Bolognone, Clerk, City of Kingston

From: Frank Dixon, member of 2017 Belle Park Working Group and 2017 Belle Park Fairways

Ref: Official Correspondence: Belle Park developments

Hello John,

I hope you are doing well. Happy Thanksgiving!

This letter is Official Correspondence, to Council and to Heritage Kingston Committee, for the above file. Please confirm as soon as possible. Due to the high time priority for this file, I will email it directly to the Mayor, Councillors (except for Councillor George), and selected senior City staff.

In response to the Motion on Belle Park passed by Council on Tuesday, Oct. 3, I am proposing to present my new Belle Park material formally to the next meeting of the Belle Park Working Group, scheduled for Thursday, October 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in City Hall. City Councillors are eligible to attend this meeting, and I would strongly encourage their participation, should they have available time, since I do have some very important material to discuss, as will City staff and other BPWG members.

1) I will present a proposal to have Belle Park formally designated as a Heritage resource by Kingston City Council and Heritage Kingston. I briefly presented this concept at the meeting on October 4 of the Coalition of Kingston Communities, and it is written in the Minutes for that meeting, which are now available.

Note that heritage-related aspects of Belle Park have been almost entirely ignored during the five-year period of the staff-led Review process for the file, which began in early 2012.

Precedents for the province of Ontario, in this regard, include Heritage-designated municipal courses in both Mississauga (Lakeview Golf Course) and Windsor (Roseland Golf Course), as well as the very recent (within the past few weeks) Heritage designation, by Oakville Town Council, of the privately-owned Glen Abbey Golf Course, over the legal objection of its owners,

ClubLink Corporation. I have played all three of those courses, and fully support their designations as such.

Belle Park has important additional heritage elements which are NOT shared by any of those three courses, strengthening the case for its heritage designation.

2) I will present a schematic sketch (already shared briefly with Commissioner Lanie Hurdle on Oct. 5), with accompanying description, for what I believe is the ideal outcome for Belle Park's physical layout, going forward, as aspects of the future plans for the site, as explained in Council's Motion.

This material would include:

- a) retaining, and hopefully improving, the existing driving range and putting green,
- b) building a new nine-hole Pitch-and-Putt course, using some golf aspects already existing, with new construction as part of the comprehensive future redesign of the 80-acre space (this possibility was part of the Motion passed by Council);
- c) new and expanded pickleball court usage, using refurbished courts (part of Council's Motion);
- d) new rugby pitch (s) (part of Council's Motion);
- e) large areas of naturalized space (part of Council's Motion);
- f) retained, and possibly expanded, clubhouse (part of Council's Motion);
- g) picnic and playground areas;
- h) leaving the physical landscape as it is otherwise, NOT removing golf features which don't interfere with the above steps; this will save the City money; this is against part of Council's Motion.

3) I will present criticism of City staff's decision to not include the BPWG 2017 from the formal debate of the October 3 Council meeting.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Dixon

BPF member 2017, 2007-2014, and 1995

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