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Members of the Board,  
Members of the course Planning Committee,  
Fellow members of MBCC

As some of you may be aware, my husband, Luc, and I have voiced our concern on the matter of tree cutting at MBCC in the past. I thought the 2022 Master Plan would take into account the very important role of trees in the fight against CLIMATE CHANGE, but unfortunately this is not the case. Moreover, I wonder if the Master Plan proposals of numerous tree removals are compatible with the rules and regulation of the city of St-Bruno. I would like the Committee to share their discussions and conclusions about that topic.

Because of climate change we should limit tree cutting. "Enhancing our Willie Park heritage" should not require the replacement of all trees with fescue. We can still improve turf quality on greens and fairways, rebuild bunkers, and other elements of the Master Plan if a majority of members agree. The Master Plan states "With respect to aesthetics, the fully mature trees are blocking the Club's greatest assets: excellent views". I guess this is a matter of opinion; to me, mature trees are aesthetically beautiful.

MBCC is the custodian of one of the green spaces in Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, and this is part of its heritage. Each tree removes 10 kg of carbon dioxide from the air per year, releasing oxygen in exchange. Forests are also essential for biodiversity which is important for the environment. For me, our most important legacy is ensuring that we contribute to our City's, our province's and our country's efforts to save trees and protect future generations from devastating changes to our climate.

As an older lady and a "lesser player" my ball usually stays in the fairway and is not affected by trees. I do not agree that "From a playability standpoint, trees narrow fairways, affecting the lesser players far greater than the better player". My favourite holes are #13 and #12 with all the trees. This is the most private area of our course.

Looking at the hole-by-hole description in the Master Plan of the work to be done, there are several proposals that involve removing trees, which could be saved without impacting the essence of the Plan. I have listed the relevant excerpts below.

Best regards,  
Denise

Tree removals mentioned in the Master Plan:

Hole #1 F **Remove** trees on left to "*reveal historic features*"

Hole #2 C Expand fairway on left side +/- 10 yards\*

E **Remove** select **trees** right side.....)

G **Remove large maple trees** on left and right of approach, *restore historic fescue*

I Selectively **clear trees** behind green

Hole # 3 B Expand fescue plantings

C Selectively **remove trees** left and right of green

Hole # 4 B Reroute cart path on left of tees.

C Selectively **remove trees** on right side adjacent to hole #3 "*for view to clubhouse*"

G Selectively **remove trees** on left to expand fairway left 10 yards\*

H **Remove trees** on right side of hole to *expand fescue planting*

Hole # 5 D .....**keep** existing maple tree Good!

E ...expand fairway right selectively **remove trees** along right side of ditch

F expand fescue planting on left

Hole # 6 C .....expand fairway to right +/- 10 yards

F Selectively **remove trees** along right side of ditch .....

Hole # 7 E ..selectively **remove trees** expand fescue planting

Hole # 8 G **Remove grove of white pines** behind green

Hole # 9 B .....Selectively **remove trees** on right to conform to tee complex

E Selectively **remove trees** on left side of fairway. Shift fairway left 2 -3 meters.

F .....**keep** large maple tree on right for separation tee #1

Hole # 10 C **Remove spruce trees** on right to accommodate new line of play

E **Remove all pine and spruce trees** behind green for increased sun and air as well as to expose long views to hole #11 green

Hole # 11 C **Transplant large oak tree** from current hole to historic location.

Hole # 12 (former # 18) No trees to cut

Hole # 13 ( former # 15) No trees to cut

Hole # 14 (former # 16) B Shift tee complex 10 yards left. **Remove white pines on left** to *open views* to hole. Expand fescue planting on right.

F Expand fairway left 10 yards **Remove maple trees** on left

G ....selectively **remove trees and expand fescue planting**

H..Large **maple tree** right of green to **remain**

I.. **remove grove spruce trees** on left

Hole # 15 (former # 17 ) D Shift center of fairway 20 yards towards fescue area ....

G ... expand fescue...**remove white pine trees**

I Remove existing maintenance road and **relocate to new**

**location on hole # 16 .** *A new road involves cutting many trees in the forest and does not improve the golf course.*

Hole # 16 (former # 12) B Relocate maintenance entrance to beginning of fairway in front of white tee.

I disagree with relocating this maintenance road because it involves building a new road through the forest .This costly proposal does nothing to improve the course (cars and trucks crossing in front of white tees??)

F Expand fairway left 10-20 yards **selectively remove trees**

Hole # 17 (former hole 13) F ....**selectively clear trees** as appropriate for sunlight and air movement

Hole # 18 (former hole 14 J **Large maple tree on left to be removed**