



April 18, 2007

Town of Markham  
101 Town Centre Blvd.  
Markham, On L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor Scarpitti:

Angus Glen Golf Club has recently been informed of the Town of Markham General Committee's recommendations for the drafting of a by-law concerning non-essential use of pesticides. Angus Glen has been a proud member of Markham's business community and has had considerable involvement with Markham's charitable organizations since our opening over 12 years ago. We would like voice our opinion on what we believe is a vital step forward for both the future of our planet and also the future of the golf industry.

From our construction phase until the present day, Angus Glen Golf Club has painstakingly followed, enforced, encouraged and even celebrated the minimum use of pesticides during the maintenance of our golf course. We purchase only the safest products, even though they are also the most costly. We do this because we are committed, and our commitment has been recognized with two Toronto and Region Conservation Honour Roll Awards. We have more than our golf course to protect. Many of our employees and their families reside in homes backing directly onto these 1600 lush acres.

To further our commitment, we have actively undertaken the process to become IPM Accredited; however this is a three year process. It would be devastating to see this by-law debilitate our industry and erode the local economy by harming local business. Should this by-law be approved as is, we will not be able to provide the high quality of golf expected at Angus Glen. We could not be the privileged host of major events on the PGA Tour including the Canadian Open, which is anticipated to bring approximately \$20 MILLION of revenue into the Town of Markham this coming July.

I urge you to reconsider this by-law to include an exemption for golf courses  
Sincerely,

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