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Hon. Doug Ford, Premier

Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries
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Toronto, Ontario M5G 2K8

Hon. Lisa MacLeod, Minister

Dear Premier Ford and Minister MacLeod:

This correspondence is to request that the Government address the opening of croquet courts at the same time as golf courses in Ontario.

The Bayfield International Croquet Club is a 100+ member club in the Village of Bayfield (Municipality of Bluewater) of 1,100 people. The governing body for croquet in Canada is Croquet Canada headquartered in Toronto.

Our Club has prepared a COVID Health & Safety Plan to guide the playing of croquet at our facility to ensure that members who wish to play can do so safely. During COVID restrictions our Board will only permit singles play which is 2 players per court. This will limit total player capacity in our 1.6 acre facility to 6 at a time.

Premier & Minister, each of our three croquet courts measure 35 X 28 yards each. Only one player is on the court at a time and the second player waits on the sidelines. There is ample space for players to practice physical distancing. Our Club has no buildings except for an equipment storage shed. The only things two people need to play croquet are two mallets, four balls, four metal clips and 6 metal hoops all of which can be sanitized and segregated.

The Bayfield International Croquet Club provides physical exercise, emotional nourishment and social engagement for our members. During this time of restrictions it is so important to offer respite to our members while observing strict health and safety practices.

Croquet is as important and relevant a pursuit to its players as golf. Our Club respectfully requests that consideration be given to our sport to open on the same criteria and timetable as golf clubs.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arlene Parker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Arlene Parker,
President
Bayfield International Croquet Club