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# Judge sides with Club at North Halton in class-action lawsuit

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An Ontario Superior Court Justice ruled in favour of the Club at North Halton last week in a class-action lawsuit filed against it by a shareholder.

Justice Benjamin Glustein ruled in a Toronto court on June 21 that the share sale programs offered by North Halton in 2015 were not oppressive, unfairly prejudicial or unfairly disregarded the interests of the class, nor did they constitute breaches of the duty of care and fiduciary duty owed to the club by its directors.

"North Halton submit-

ted that there was no evidence of oppressive or unfair conduct and that its board exercised its business judgment in the best interests of Halton, in furtherance of its fiduciary duty," the club said in a statement.

"The Court's decision reinforces North Halton's role as an important community hub for Georgetown and the surrounding area."

The motion for summary judgment had been brought by Peter Noble in 2015, claiming the legal action was based on a number of issues, including that North Halton's current share exchange pro-

gram is "a wealth transfer machine," resulting in economic loss to a group of 122 non-golfing and non-member shareholders, many of whom were looking to divest their shares in the venerable century-old club.

The class action also asked the court that the ownership structure of the for-profit Club at North Halton, which operates a golf course, curling and dining facilities, be dissolved and its net assets distributed among all shareholders.

Noble said he was disappointed in the decision

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