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NEWS

ALLEGED RACIST INCIDENT AT GOLF CLUB UNDER INVESTIGATION

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A member of the Georgetown Golf Club has been expelled and banned from visiting that location and any ClubLink property, following an investigation by the club owner of an alleged racist incident.

ClubLink, the largest owner and operator of golf clubs in Canada, continues to investigate what it calls a "racist" incident that occurred at the club on Saturday, Oct. 10. A Halton Regional Police investigation is also underway.

The incident occurred between two groups of golfers when, it appeared, one of the groups was becoming frustrated with the other group's time being spent at each hole.

"Clearly there was an altercation with at least two people in one group using racist language toward another person or

golfing group," ClubLink, which operates Georgetown Golf Club, said in a Facebook post Saturday night (Oct. 10). "We are appalled by this behaviour and explicitly condemn it. Any incidents with members or guests involving racism will not be tolerated."

Videos of the incident have been circulating on social media.

The footage was taken by Brampton resident Gursher Dhillon, a member of the club, who was with at least one other person when the incident occurred. It appears to show parts of a heated confrontation, between Dhillon and another group, in which an older man hurls a racial slur at Dhillon.

Dhillon said he posted the video because he "wanted to bring awareness" to the issue of racism.

Efforts to reach the man who allegedly used the racial slur in the video have been unsuccessful.

The Halton Hills Alliance for Social Change is also asking the club and other agencies to take "immediate action" about the incident.

Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette weighed in on the incident, tweeting "no excuse for this behaviour."

Halton Regional Police Const. Ryan Anderson confirmed police are looking into the matter but didn't get into specifics.

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