Ontario ADVOCACY SUMMARY

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Issue	Jurisdiction	Lead Associations	Status	Investments	Success Factors
AGCO - Alcohol Regularions	Ontario	NGCOA Canada	Beginning	Ont Advisory Boards & Staff time	Consistent application of regulations, recognition of unique golf course conditions and BMP's to serve
Best Management Practices - Environment	Halton Region	NGCOA Canada	Ongoing	Staff Time	To ensure regional requirements for environmental concerns are manageable for golf course operators
Source Water Protection: Regional Committees Identify & protect threats to quality & quantity of water supply	19 Ontario Regional Committees	(OAGA) NGCOA CANADA;; OGSA; CGSA,	Ongoing	Golf Owner & Staff time to monitor 7 of the 19 committees	To avoid unreasonable practices & conservation standards to safeguard water supply
Water Use and Conservation:	Ontario	(OAGA) NGCOA CANADA; OGSA; CGSA	Ongoing	Staff time	To avoid unreasonable water charges and conservation practices
Nutrient Management: Manage the use of nutrients on golf courses	Ontario	(OAGA) NGCOA CANADA; OGSA; CGSA	Pending	Staff time	Allowance for reasonable practices to manage fertilizer (nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium etc.) proximity to water
Re-Entry Time: PMRA guidelines on length of time necessary before re-entering areas treated with pesticide	Canada	CGSA	June '09 and ongoing	Staff time	Have PMRA adopt more realistic and consistent requirements
Golf Entertainment as an Expense Deduction:	Canada	NGCOA CANADA	Aug '08 ongoing	Staff time: \$30,000	CRA to allow golf entertainment expense as a standard business deduction.
Property Taxes: Current value methodology by MPAC caused increases to unfair valuations	Ontario	NGCOA CANADA	Success	Staff & Advisory Board time: \$600,000	Revised income approach methodology to yield substantial reduction in average valuations.
Pesticide Legislation: To restrict cosmetic use of pesticides; Bill 64	Ontario	(OAGA) NGCOA CANADA, RCGA; OGSA; CGSA; CSCM	Success	Staff time	Golf exception from restrictions – IPM Accreditation is the required standard of use
Harmonized Sales Taxes: New budget to collect 8% PST on golf in addition to 5% GST, effective July'10	Ontario	NGCOA CANADA	Failure	Staff & Advisory Board time	Advocate a withdrawal of legislation prior to implementation by Ministry of Finance