

**Lighthouse Links
Statement
February 19, 2020**

After reflecting on the feedback from Nova Scotians, the Gilberts have decided to take some time to explore multiple options for their existing properties in Little Harbour, Nova Scotia. This will allow for discussion with members of the Little Harbour community, provincial and federal governments, and environmental groups.

The original plan for the proposed Lighthouse Links world-class golf courses was intended to preserve the natural beauty of Little Harbour including the magnificent seaside, rugged coastline, white sandy beaches, and breath-taking seaside views. They planned to preserve the lands and provide greater public access to enjoy the natural beauty of Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore.

The Gilberts have been a mainstay of Little Harbour, Nova Scotia for more than 16 years. The Connecticut-based couple came to enjoy the people and the community after spending time in the area. Over the years, they have quietly given back through donations of books and computers to the local school, financing and backing small businesses, and creating much needed employment opportunities.

A private couple with a passion for philanthropy, this care for the community grew into a vision for an eco-tourism destination to preserve the natural environment and create sustainable employment opportunities. They will continue to discuss possible options for the lands with the federal and provincial governments, the Little Harbour community, and will have continued discussions with environmental groups.