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McGrath pans study pitch

■ Vernon's mayor says a call to study environmental impact of a Silver Star golf course is politically motivated.

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The mayor of Vernon says local politicians should stop picking on Silver Star Mountain Resort.

Wayne McGrath chastised fellow North Okanagan Regional District directors for calling for an environmental impact study on a golf course the resort plans.

McGrath said Silver Star has repeatedly said it will do the study.

Coldstream council is worried the project will foul its watershed.

McGrath said Silver Star is a clean industry and Coldstream is being hypocritical in its concerns.

"Coldstream Creek comes into Coldstream essentially pollution free and it leaves highly contaminated," McGrath said.

"If this is an environmental issue let's get the government to address pollution as it exists, not as it might exist 20 years from now."

McGrath suggested the call for an environmental review was politically motivated.

Economic commission defended