



MOTION ON NOTICE

Langara Golf Course Drainage Improvement Project

MOVER: Commissioner Kirby-Yung

WHEREAS:

1. As per the Vancouver Charter, the Park Board has exclusive jurisdiction and control over park land use in the City of Vancouver, including any structures, programs and activities, fees, and improvements that occur within designated parks;
2. The City's Procurement Policy states that contracts with values less than \$2,000,000 can be approved solely by the Park Board;
3. Langara Golf Course, a traditional-style course located on the south slope of Vancouver, is owned and operated by the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation;
4. Langara has earned the reputation of being one of the most unplayable golf courses in the winter months in the Lower Mainland due to prevalent drainage issues. An annual drop in rounds during the shoulder and winter seasons indicates many golfers choose to play other golf courses during the wetter portions of the year. Conversely, Langara is one of the busiest public courses in BC during the dry months of June through September. Rounds in July and August of 2017 were the highest in the last 5 years since a peak in 2013;
5. With the clubhouse located within 500 meters of the Langara-49th Avenue Station on the Canada Line (Skytrain), Langara is the only public and Park Board golf course in Vancouver that is readily accessible by public transit;
6. At the March 13, 2018, 2018 City Council meeting, a motion was passed asking the Park Board to explore options for alternate park uses of Langara Golf Course. Consideration of such a significant change in park use - should the Vancouver Park Board wish to undertake it - should be subject to robust public consultation. Further such consultation to be meaningful and thorough, would naturally take a substantial period of time, as would planning and implementation for any future use changes;
7. The Langara course continues to degrade and the Park Board has a responsibility to maintain the public assets under its care to avoid further resulting costs and degradation caused by delayed maintenance;
8. The completion of needed drainage work does not preclude future alternate park uses of Langara Golf Course;
9. The Green Fund ("Golf Reserve") is funded solely through player fees and collected expressly for golf course maintenance and improvements; and
10. The planned timing window for the remedial work is between April 1, 2018 and October 31, 2018. Delay of this work will impact annual Park Board revenues for 2018 as well as 2019.



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board enter into a contract with NMP Golf Construction Inc., not to exceed \$2,000,000 to complete the first half of the necessary drainage upgrades to Langara Golf Course outlined in the staff report and recommendation of March 1, 2018, to be funded through the Park Board, Green Fund ("Golf Reserve", the "Reserve") as approved in the 2018 Capital Budget;
- B. FURTHER THAT the Park Board General Manager be authorized to execute on behalf of the Park Board the contract contemplated by Recommendation A; and
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by the Park Board's adoption of Recommendations A and B above, until the contract is executed by the authorized signatories of the Park Board as set out in these Recommendations.