

Date: June 1, 2011



TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: McCleery Golf Course - Golf Professional Services Contract

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board approve a two year increase to the additional seven (7) year extension for the Golf Professional Services Contract at McCleery Golf Course, on terms satisfactory to the General Manager of the Park Board and Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver.

BACKGROUND

On December 15, 2003 the Board awarded a five year contract to Muncie Booth (the Golf Professional) for Golf Professional Services at McCleery Golf Course commencing January 1, 2004, with a provision of a five year extension commencing January 1, 2009, at the Board's discretion. The five year extension was subject to the Golf Professional completing capital improvements (Professional's Upgrades) at McCleery Golf Course valued at \$300,000. The Professional's Upgrades were envisioned to be completed in 2005, providing 3+ years in the term and a further 5 year extension term, for a total of 8+ years, to recover the investment. Due to delays in the signing of a contract, on October 30, 2006 the Board approved a recommendation to increase the extension term from five to seven years

DISCUSSION

The contract was not signed until July 2007. The delayed signing of the contract held up the financing and design work for the expanded driving range. In addition there was a Park Board and City of Vancouver labour disruption in the summer of 2007 which delayed the issuing of a Building Permit until early 2008. Construction work commenced in the spring of 2008, but in October 2008 there was a concern raised by Park Board staff as to whether the planned hook-up of the new washroom was the most appropriate one. A study was commissioned to review the washroom hook-up options and in the spring of 2009 it was determined that the original plan was acceptable. The fully completed driving range was in operation by July 2009.

Due to the substantial investment and because of the length of time it has taken to finalize the contract and complete construction, staff is recommending the extension to the golf services contract by an additional two years. An amendment to the Golf Professional contract would be made which will be executed to the satisfaction of the General Manager of the Park Board and Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver.

The Golf Professional has a long relationship with the Park Board and his past performance has been consistently at a high level. Muncie has operated the unique Inner City Youth Golf Program for 11 years with more than 800 kids having participated in the summer camps. In 2003 Muncie was recognized by the Park Board for his contributions to the community with the Volunteer of the Year award. Staff have every reason to expect that future performance will continue to provide for excellent golf service and that the enhancements that the capital improvements have brought to the McCleery Golf Course will continue the positive growth of the game in Vancouver.

Summary

This report recommends a further 2 year extension for the McCleery Golf Course - Golf Professional Services Contract commencing January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017 to recognize the further delays not contemplated at the October 30, 2006 Board meeting.

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