



May 7, 2020

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **COVID-19 Golf Operations Update (Langara) – Board Briefing Memo**

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Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to update you about the planned reopening of Langara Golf Course on Friday, May 15, which will be announced in an information bulletin later this morning.

The reopening of the Fraserview and McCleery golf courses on Friday, May 1 went very smoothly, with no reported concerns around compliance with the comprehensive physical distancing measures implemented to ensure both player and staff safety. Since reopening, over 90% of the available daily tee times have been booked.

Staff are now preparing to reopen Langara following the same rigorous safety measures:

- all bookings will be completed online with no walk-ups allowed;
- onsite contactless pay will be required (debit and credit only, no cash);
- golfers will be asked to arrive at the course no more than 20 minutes prior to tee-off and to remain in their vehicles (no congregating) until they are ready to play; they will be directed to leave immediately after completing their play;
- a golf starter will be stationed outside the Golf Shop to direct guest entry, start groups off the first tee, and to enforce physical distancing;
- only two patrons will be allowed in each Golf Shop at a time;
- food and beverage services will remain closed,
- a single rider cart policy will be implemented, with all carts being sanitized in a designated area between use;
- all frequent touch points such as bunker rakes, garbage can lids, sand bottles, ball washers, and shoe blowers have been removed;
- physical distancing standing circles will be painted on the cart paths at every tee box area;
- pull carts will be cleaned and sanitized for every user; no rental clubs will be available;
- flag sticks will not be touched; cup fillers will keep the ball from going to the bottom of the hole.

Langara's clubhouse will remain closed to the public. Staff continue to use its kitchen to prepare thousands of daily meals as part of the joint effort with the City of Vancouver to provide food to vulnerable residents in the Downtown Eastside. The three Park Board pitch and putt courses will also remain closed for the time being.



Vancouver's golf courses offer ample space to support safely resuming this healthy activity, and the perimeter trails at Fraserview and Langara, along with the Fraser River Trail on the south border of McCleery, remain open for community access to nature and greenspace.

Staff continue to review the feasibility of reopening other facilities and will make operational adjustments based on the latest guidance provided by Vancouver Coastal Health and the BC Provincial Health Officer. Further updates will be provided as new information becomes available.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Malcolm Bromley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Malcolm Bromley  
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