QUESTION 1

We note the following have regulation length 18 hole-golf courses

Edmonton-2 (population 817,498)

Vancouver—3

Regina-2

Saskatoon-2

Thunder Bay—2 (population 121,596)

Closing a regulation length (6693 yards) McCall Lake 18-hole will only put undue pressure on the availability of prime tee-times at the only other regulation length (6576 yards) Maple Ridge and to some degree the intermediate (5,181 yards) Shaganappi Golf 18-hole golf course.

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The Capital Plan (2014-2018) presently addresses some of lifecycle needs of the other Municipal golf courses, but McCall Lake Golf Course is not included.

From 1995 to 2012, City Golf Courses funded over \$14,000,000 of its own capital requirements. Now revenues can't support such needs. Just like the other recreational tax supported areas noted above, it is time to review funding options for the Cities' Golf courses.

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Question 3: Why are City golfers given the impression they are largely treated differently than hockey players, ice skaters, soccer players, swimmers, baseball players, cyclists and others?

Comment---Personally, I am in favour big-time for living in a great City with its 700 kilometres of pathways, many parks and community recreational centres, arenas and athletic fields. I note No fees are collected from the walkers and cyclists as these are fully funded tax-supported facilities. While, there is always a need to offset Calgary's entire recreational needs through fee structures, the present treatment of City golfers gives the impression Council sometimes wishes to discriminate against this section of recreational participants.

With 74% of Calgary's golfers having played on City operated golf-courses, this represents a high level of participation of all the levels of recreation facilities. There are many budgeted items for other new and existing recreational facilities as noted in Community Priorities report (2014-2023). With Calgary Golf Courses already built and in existence, they also deserve similar attention for life-cycle needs.

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Remember the BIG PICTURE. Thank you for your time.