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Community Services Briefing to
Priorities and Finance Committee
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Golf Sustainability Framework

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

The purpose of this briefing is to provide a consolidated update on multiple golf sustainability initiatives. Administration is responding to Notice of Motion C2019-0790 from 2019 June 17 that directed Administration to close Richmond Green Golf Course following the 2019 season, provide options for future use of the lands, and present updates on the Golf Course Sustainability Work Plan and Golf Course Real Estate and Development Assessment.

The work initiatives identified above have been consolidated into a single work plan: the Golf Sustainability Framework. A common schedule will unite all Golf sustainability and reporting activities and coordinate specific report back dates moving forward.

Calgary Recreation is also supporting Corporate Initiatives on a Golf Sub-service Review which will be presented on 2019 November 12 at a Strategic Council Meeting focused on Adjustments to One Calgary Service Plans and Budgets. Council direction resulting from the Sub-service Review will be incorporated into the Golf Sustainability Framework and reported on accordingly.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background

In the last seven years, Golf Course Operations (GCO) has responded to a series of golf-related directions from Council. This includes the most recent Sub-service Review being completed by Corporate Initiatives with support from GCO. See Attachment 1 for a summary of previous Council direction.

Recognizing where there are opportunities to more closely align the intent of these reports, GCO has created a streamlined approach for consolidating and completing the work and reporting back to Council. Coupled with the results of the upcoming Golf Sub-service Review, this will give Council a clear picture of what to expect in the coming months and years when it comes to Calgary Recreation's Golf Sub-service. The Golf Sustainability Framework will put the multiple reports in context with each other to ensure Council has a complete picture regarding all aspects of GCO.

Summary of work to date

Consolidation of streams of work and timeline

Recreation has consolidated multiple Golf work streams under the title: Golf Sustainability Framework. This combines the initiatives of the Real Estate & Development Services (RE&DS) assessment, future of the Richmond Green Golf course lands, and Golf Sustainability Work Plan.

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Real Estate and Development Services feasibility assessment interim update

RE&DS is undertaking a process to determine the real estate potential at each municipal golf course per CPS2019-0475. McCall Lake, as per Council approval, was excluded from the process.

The Stage 1 screening process provides an objective analysis of the golf course properties and aids in identifying which golf courses may have further real estate or land development potential. Stage 2 includes more comprehensive planning, engineering and environmental analysis of the land identified in Stage 1. (See Attachment 3A.)

The following table summarizes the status of the RE&DS assessments:

Golf course	Constraints	Proceed to Stage 2	Additional notes
Richmond Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golf course lands encumbered by underground City water reservoirs and future expansion of Water Services infrastructure 	Yes - Stage 2 Analysis subject to broadened scope to include adjacent City lands	See Attachment 3B
Confederation Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant storm water constraints within Confederation Creek drainage Reserve Designation 	No	See Attachment 3C
Lakeview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensive Environmental Reserve and slope stability setback from reservoir edge. Extensive above and below ground utilities 	No	See Attachment 3D With the closure of Richmond Green, it is expected that a number of displaced golfers may relocate to Lakeview
Maple Ridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In progress 	Stage 1 complete Q1 2020	
Shaganappi Point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In progress 	Stage 1 complete Q1 2020	

Richmond Green Golf Course closure and future use of land

As per Council direction, Richmond Green Golf Course closed permanently in 2019 September. Council directed Administration to report back with options for the future use of the lands.

Recreation is pursuing an Expression of Interest (EOI) for interim use of Richmond Green Golf Course lands as early as Q1 2020. One of the key stipulations of the EOI is that public access will be maintained during interim use. Long-term use will be determined through engagement parallel to the RE&DS Stage 2 analysis.

Golf Course Operations – Sustainability Work Plan Initiatives Towards Net Zero

On 2018 June 25 (CPS2018-0349), Council directed that Administration report back on progress of the Golf Course Sustainability Work Plan. GCO anticipates that \$1.07 million in savings will be achieved by 2022. Attachment 4 provides a description of the Sustainability

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Work Plan including options that will move Golf Course Operations towards net zero operations by 2022.

Next steps

Calgary Recreation will proceed with its consolidation of work under the Golf Sustainability Framework. A summary of the work and upcoming presentations to the Priorities and Finance Committee, SPC on Community & Protective Services, and Council can be found in Attachment 2.

The next update will occur on 12 November 2019 when the Golf Sub-service Review will be presented at a Strategic Council Meeting focused on Adjustments to One Calgary Service Plans and Budgets. The work initiatives identified as part of the Golf Sustainability Framework will be updated to align with any Council direction resulting from the sub-service review.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Previous Council Direction
2. Golf Sustainability Framework Reporting
3.
 - A) RE&DS Scope of Work
 - B) Stage 1 Richmond Green
 - C) Stage 1 Confederation Park
 - D) Stage 1 Lakeview
4. Golf Course Operations Sustainability Work Plan Initiatives Towards Net Zero