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To: Environment, Infrastructure & Community Services Committee

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Re: Report RCC-01-21 Tyandaga- Public Park and Golf Course Follow Up

Environment, Infrastructure & Community Services Committee:

The Tyandaga Senior Men's Golf League is an 18-hole Monday morning league that has been operating since the mid-1990s. Unfortunately we did not play in 2020 due to Covid-related restrictions on league play. The league is managed by a volunteer Executive Committee and has enjoyed a good working relationship with course management and staff.

We are not a collection of elite players. Skill levels vary widely and our system of organizing weekly play ensures everyone has fun and an opportunity to play with all of the other members over the season. The nature of our operation combined with Tyandaga's location and relative affordability are major attributes that contribute to an ongoing healthy interest in our league. Membership has been stable in recent years with some golfers leaving and new ones joining each year

We currently have about 65 active members, mostly Burlington residents. A number of league members volunteer at the course and a number have purchased Tyandaga golf memberships. We range in age from the late 50s to well into the 80s. As we age the number of opportunities to participate in sports declines. Golf is one activity that we can continue to enjoy with players of all ages. While a few of us walk the course, most ride carts due to age, physical limitations and Tyandaga terrain.

Our season runs from late April to early October. The course allocates up to 15 tee times to the Senior Men's League each week. Depending on the time of year our tee times generally start before 7:30 am. We are followed immediately by a nine-hole women's league

We have reviewed report RCC-01-21 and have the following thoughts for your consideration:

- We appreciate the efforts made by the Recreation, Community and Culture Department to provide the public with opportunities to learn about the various options for Tyandaga and provide input.
- We commend the City's direction to maintain Tyandaga as greenspace and the effort to broaden recreational opportunities on the site to improve year-round opportunities for all citizens.
- With respect to golf, we support maintaining a viable 18-hole golf course and improvements to sand traps, greens, irrigation and practice facilities that will enhance the golf experience.

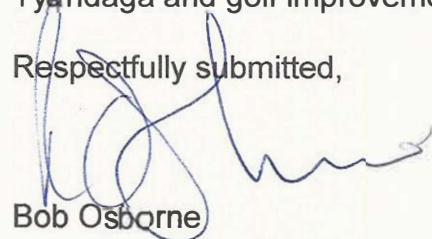
We also support the expansion of, and improvements to, cart paths throughout the property. On occasion, even when there is good weather, we cannot play because of wet conditions that prevent use of carts. Our league cannot operate without carts.

This investment in cart paths would make the course more accessible during wet conditions and, we assume, potentially expand the golfing season by 4 to 6 weeks (earlier start and later close), thereby increasing golf revenues. We will leave it to Recreation staff to comment on the opportunity for a cart path system to be used all seasons for walking, biking, cross-country skiing, etc.

- Going forward we would like to maintain our early Monday morning tee times.

Thank you for your consideration. We are always available to discuss options for Tyandaga and golf improvements.

Respectfully submitted,



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