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Tyandaga Golf Course

The Case For Remaining an 18 Hole course

Who We Represent

- 75 members of the Tyandaga Senior Men's Golf League
- 39 members of the Tyandaga Ladies Tuesday Golf League
- Members of these Leagues played over 3,000 rounds last season
- We play golf for recreation, exercise and social interaction
- Golf is a sport we can play as we get older
- These leagues have been ongoing since 1993

18 Hole Golf Courses are Needed

- Golf has enjoyed a resurgence in popularity
- The increase in new courses has not kept pace with demand
- Other local courses are being threatened by development
- Difficult to get tee times on local courses especially at peak times
- Increasing population will add demand for more tee times

Major Safety Issues Addressed

- Major safety issues addressed by the changes to holes 14 and 18
- Remaining safety issues are minor and can be mitigated
- Very few complaints from adjacent property owners

Reasons to Keep 18 Holes

- Unique course built around natural contours, mature trees
- Short but challenging course ideal for the average golfer
- Located in the City, easy for local residents to access
- Strong support for 18-holes in all the information sessions
- A 9-hole course limits playing opportunities
- Very little support to play at Tyandaga if converted to 9 holes
- Local driving ranges exist, no need for another
- There are many local parks and green spaces for other activities (LaSalle Park, Royal Botanical Gardens, Spencer Smith Park, Hidden Valley Park, City View Park, Kern Cliff Park, Kerns Park for example)
- Financial considerations

Financial Considerations

- Current 18-hole course's income pays its operating costs
- Golf course income can be increased through improvements
 1. Install cart paths
 2. Improve irrigation and drainage
 3. Level tee boxes
- Moving to 9 holes will have a negative impact on income
- Differential rates for residents and non-residents

Conclusions

- Tyandaga Golf Course is a valuable asset for Burlington
- Major safety concerns have been addressed or can be addressed
- There is plenty of demand for courses like Tyandaga
- The public is overwhelmingly in favour of the 18-hole course
- Converting to 9 holes would result in many golfers going to alternate 18-hole courses
- Investing capital into the course results in higher income
- Financially, changing to a 9-hole course will negatively impact income
- Alternative uses can be addressed elsewhere

Our Strong Recommendation

- Keep Tyandaga Golf Course as an 18-hole course that can be enjoyed by everyone of all ages as per the staff recommendation
- Consider making improvements (cart paths, drainage, irrigation, leveling tee boxes) over the next few years