

RF: BURNABY MOUNTAIN GOLF COURSE  
RELOCATION OF THE PRO SHOP

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Following is a report from the Parks and Recreation Administrator regarding the proposed relocation of the Pro Shop at Burnaby Mountain Golf Course.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Administrator be adopted.

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TO: MANAGER 1978 NOVEMBER 15.  
FROM: PARKS AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATOR  
RE: BURNABY MOUNTAIN GOLF COURSE - RELOCATION OF PRO SHOP

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council approve in principle a loan to the Parks and Recreation Commission of approximately \$50,000 for the construction of a new Pro Shop at Burnaby Mountain Golf Course to be repaid over a five year period; the final loan sum to be dependent on the result of a tender call once plans and specifications are developed.

REPORT

A review of the Golf Course Operation for 1979 has recently been made by Parks and Recreation staff and, at its meeting of 1978 November 15 the Commission received a report.

One of the findings which has come out of this review is that the Burnaby Mountain Golf Course operation would benefit significantly from:

1. the relocation of the Pro Shop to an area adjacent to the Driving Range; and
2. the completion of #14 fairway and the irrigation of #14 and #16 greens and #14 fairway.

The relocation of the Pro Shop at an estimated cost of \$50,000 would permit the coordinated operation of the golf course, pro shop, and driving range to a much greater degree than presently possible. Some of the obvious benefits to this relocation include more efficient use of staff, more direct promotion of the driving range, additional washroom facilities, and the availability of the existing pro shop facility for an expanded coffee shop/dining facility (with increased rental and taxes).

During discussions on the new Golf Professional Contract, the advantages of relocation of the Pro Shop have featured very highly.

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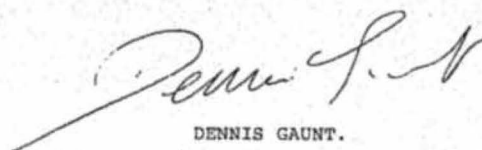
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This is particularly in connection with the patronage of the Driving Range. Mr. Richard Leisen with whom the Pro Contract discussions have taken place, will undertake a business relationship with a well-known Professional, Mr. Jack Westover, late of the Grandview Driving Range, which would involve Mr. Westover making Burnaby Mountain Golf Course Driving Range the centre of his teaching activities. There is a fairly extensive golf community which has built up around Mr. Westover's activities at Grandview Driving Range; some of which will undoubtedly transfer themselves to the Burnaby Mountain Golf Course with the resulting advantage of additional patronage. The relocation of the Pro Shop with the advantage of the opportunity for club house discussions within this golf community would undoubtedly make a major contribution towards its success.

When the Commission dealt recently with the 1979 C.I.P., the work on the review of the golf course operation for 1979 was not sufficiently advanced to include a recommendation for the construction of the new Pro Shop. However, in view of the findings which have come from this review, staff recommended to the Commission that consideration be given to the construction of a new Pro Shop at this time and that the cooperation of Council be sought for a loan from Municipal reserves for this project.

The completion of the work on the course will vastly improve the play ability and appearance of the current "back" nine holes, as well as lengthen the course by some 150 yards. This can be financed out of surplus revenues over a 3-4 year period and the Commission will make the decision to commit such funds at Recast budget time.

Should Council approve the Commission's recommendation for the funding of the relocated Pro Shop, it is the Commission's intention to proceed immediately with the plans and specifications and tender call.

  
DENNIS GAUNT.

c.c. Municipal Treasurer