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MEMORANDUM

May 15, 2018

TO: Mayor and Council
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

CC: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk

FROM: Vancouver City Planning Commission

SUBJECT: Future of Langara Golf Course

The Vancouver City Planning Commission has been following the discussions surrounding the future of Langara Golf Course at both City Council and Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation closely. Commissioners believe that Langara Golf Course plays an important civic and community role as a centrally located green space in the City of Vancouver. As such, we feel that the future of the golf course will have a significant impact on the future of Vancouver more generally, particularly with regard to planning for parks and other public green and open spaces.

In particular, the Commission is interested in ensuring that any potential options being considered for the future of Langara Golf Course are guided by the principles of equity and inclusion, accessibility and empowerment. These principles emerged from a “VanPlay Deep Dive” the Commissioners participated in in February, 2018. Highlights of this discussion were included in a [March 12, 2018 Memorandum](#) to Mayor and Council and Park Board Commissioners. Specifically, we want to encourage that any potential options are welcoming to people of all demographics and backgrounds, including being financially, socially and physically accessible; and, encourage participation in programs and services to communities of people who might not otherwise participate in city-run programming.

Under Section 7b of the Vancouver City Planning Commission Bylaw 5064, the Commission has a mandate to “consider and report to Council on any proposal likely to have a significant effect on the future of the City.” This includes the future of parks, open spaces and recreational facilities. As such, we would like to be kept up to date on Council and Park Board discussions and deliberations regarding the future of Langara Golf Course through regular updates at Commission meetings by our Council and Park Board liaison.

Further, as work progresses on developing options for the future of the golf course, the Commission would like to request a staff presentation on any shortlist of potential options that are under consideration, with a chance to provide feedback.

We look forward to future updates and further opportunities to provide input as discussions proceed. Should you have any questions, or require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact us.