

To: David Creery, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Brian Connors, Director of Parks & Recreation
Re: Disc Golf

AIM

To provide Council with information requested regarding updating Pittock Conservation Area disk golf course.

BACKGROUND

On October 3, 2024, a delegation appeared before Council to request various capital investments in the disc golf course at Pittock Conservation Area. The delegation expressed that disc golf is a growing sport throughout the province and that the disc golf course in Woodstock has been around for more than 20 years. The delegation also provided Council with metrics of rounds played to demonstrate the growth of the sport at Pittock Conservation Area. The delegation also pointed out the needs of the course being signage, tee pads and baskets as they either do not exist or are beyond their lifecycle.

COMMENTS

Disc golf in Woodstock has been a free walk-on activity for the public since the City / UTRCA land management agreement in 2019. Disc golf also has low barriers to entry and is suitable for almost all ages and abilities.

In 2024 the City of Woodstock engaged Fluent Disc Sport as a disc golf consultant and course designer to provide a safety and playability assessment at Pittock Conservation Area. This assessment not only pointed out the need for signage, tee pads and baskets but also the need for changes to several holes for both the safety of players and other park users as well as increasing the variety and playability of the course.

Course changes recommended by the Consultant are incorporated in the 2025 Capital Budget and Capital Forecast. If Council approves the capital funding to support this redevelopment, the first step will be to redesign the course while phase two will be to purchase the tee pads and baskets. The estimated cost for this is \$20,000 in 2025 and \$40,000 in 2026, which is currently part of the preliminary capital budget and capital forecast.

RECOMMENDATION

That Woodstock City Council receive the report regarding Disc Golf as information.

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