
TO: INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: BAYVIEW DISC GOLF COURSE

WARD: 8

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That the Report to the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee dated November 13, 2024, concerning the feasibility of developing a 9-hole disc golf course at 420 Bayview Drive, entitled "Bayview Disc Golf Course", be received.

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. The purpose of this report to Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee is to provide information regarding the feasibility of developing a 9-hole disc golf course on City-owned land at 420 Bayview Drive, including a need assessment, financial impacts, and the results of community consultation.
3. The 2010 Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan recognized disc golf as an emerging sport and recommended that further community consultation is required to support the development of any future facilities for the sport.
4. In 2011, staff conducted a review of twelve (12) candidate locations in partnership with the Barrie Disc Golf Club for a new disc golf course. The sites were: Sunnidale Park, Sandy Hollow Landfill North Buffer Lands, Little Lake Park (Crompton Drive, Partridge Road and St. Vincent Street), Lackies Bush, Chalmers Park, Huronia Buffer, Landfill South, Barrie Community Sports Complex, Dyer Tract, and the Ardagh Bluffs. The Sandy Hollow Landfill North Buffer Lands were recommended as the preferred location in a report to Community Services Committee dated November 16, 2011.
5. On November 28, 2011, City Council adopted motion 11-G-330 regarding DISC GOLF COURSE LOCATION as follows:

"That the north-eastern portion of the Sandy Hollow Landfill Buffer Area, detailed in Appendix "E" Figure 1 of the Report to Community Services Committee dated November 16, 2011, be approved as the preferred location for a 9 or 18-hole disc golf course subject to:

a) The rezoning of these required lands from Environmental Protection (EP) to Open Space (OS);

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- b) The final recommendation of the 2011 Sustainable Waste Management Strategy;
 - c) The Barrie Disc Golf Club entering into a land use agreement with the City of Barrie for the use of municipal lands for a 9-hole or 18-hole disc golf course;
 - d) The Barrie Disc Golf Club providing a disc golf course concept plan to be reviewed and approved by the City of Barrie, prior to implementation;
 - e) The initial capital start-up costs for the disc golf course, as identified in the Report to the Community Services Committee dated November 16, 2011, being borne by the Barrie Disc Golf Club without cost to the City of Barrie; and
 - f) That funding be allocated in the 2012 Operating Budget, pending approval of a Program Change, for the increased level of maintenance service required to open the disc golf facility."
6. The Sandy Hollow Disc Golf course opened in 2013. The City of Barrie simultaneously entered into a Land Use Agreement with the Barrie Disc Golf Club for the use of the Sandy Hollow Disc Golf Course, which was recently renewed in April 2024 for a two-year term with the option to extend the agreement for three additional one-year terms.
7. In 2019, an Outdoor Recreation Facility Study was completed but was limited in scope and did not include a review of every type of outdoor recreation facility type in the City. Disc golf was excluded from its analyses and recommendations for the distribution of new outdoor recreation facilities due to overall scope and budget constraints at that time.
8. In response to an Item for Discussion at the March 6, 2024, Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee, a memo titled "Item for Discussion – Development of Disc Golf Plan" provided background information on the proposed development of a new disc golf course in response to the 2026 forecasted closure of the existing Sandy Hollow Disc Golf Course due to expanding landfill operational needs. Although staff recommended that the City should not continue to undertake stand-alone studies on an individual sport-by-sport basis in place of a comprehensive Parks Strategic Plan, the proposed timing of the landfill expansion requires advance planning for the potential relocation of the course. The City-owned land at Park Place was identified as one candidate location in the agenda item (please refer to Appendix "A" for the memo).
9. On March 27, 2024, City Council adopted motion 24-G-059 regarding DEVELOPMENT OF DISC GOLF PLAN as follows:
- "That staff in the Parks Planning Branch be directed to undertake a study to investigate the feasibility, needs, and costs of developing a new nine-hole disc golf course on the City-owned land adjacent to Park Place that includes public and disc golf community consultation with a report back on results of the investigation to the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee by October 2024."

ANALYSIS

10. Disc golf is a well-established sport in Canada and according to udsic.com, which is an online platform used by players around the world to document their rounds, Canada places third behind the United States and Finland for the total number of disc golf courses and Canada is listed in the top ten with countries around the globe for the number of recorded disc golf rounds.

11. Within Canada, Barrie hosts one of the busiest courses with 14,867 rounds recorded in 2023 by udsic.com at the Sandy Hollow Disc Golf Course, placing it third in the country behind Alberta's Baker Park at 30,089 rounds and British Columbia's Raptors Knoll Disc Golf Park at 25,039 rounds. The 18-basket course is located at 434 Ferndale Drive North and is Barrie's only disc golf course since opening in 2013.
12. In 2022, Council approved project FAC1269 to improve operational efficiencies within the City of Barrie Landfill. It is anticipated that the Feasibility Study will be completed in the spring of 2025 to determine the full extent of required works and subsequent impacts affecting the future of the Sandy Hollow Disc Golf Course. The design phase will follow in 2025 with the construction forecasted to start in 2026, all contingent upon the outcomes of the Feasibility Study.
13. Development Services submitted a staff report DEV030-24 recommending the advancement of the Parks Strategic Plan from 2029 to 2025. At the time of writing the report, this staff report had not been considered by Council.

Site Feasibility

14. In consideration of the forecasted closure of the Sandy Hollow course in 2026, staff were directed to evaluate the feasibility of developing a 9-hole course on the City-owned open space lands located at 420 Bayview Drive adjacent to Park Place (please refer to Appendix "B" for Key Map). This 8.9 ha (22 acre) location is the sole focus of this report, but it does not preclude staff from completing a future review of disc golf service levels and needs should the Parks Strategic Plan be approved to proceed.
15. The lands are zoned Open Space, which permits a wide range of outdoor recreation facilities and uses, including a disc golf course, trails, kiosks, and public seating areas.
16. The lands are unique within the commercially developed area and are characterized by the large mature deciduous forest cover that predates the land purchase as part of the Molson Brewery and Park lands in 1974 and that includes a regulated watercourse (Lover's Creek tributary) that runs west to east across the bottom of the valley, a restored meadow at its eastern limit, and remnants of the trail system and a pedestrian footbridge over the watercourse developed for Molson Park that remain in use today.
17. Following the sale of the Molson property, the valley lands were enhanced as a condition of the Park Place development of Park Place in consultation with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA). Restoration works included restoration of the eastern section of the watercourse and extensive naturalization of the prior maintained open turf areas.
18. A key constraint of the proposed site is that it is landlocked by the privately-owned Park Place lands to the north and south and Highway 400 to the west, with no current parking or ability to create new, municipally owned driveways or parking areas off Bayview Drive due to the internal steep gradients and regulated watercourse bisecting the area.
19. Preliminary discussions were held with Park Place management regarding a proposed partnership to permit the City-use of their internal roadway(s) and existing forty-four stall triangle-shaped parking lot abutting the City-owned lands, which is sufficient to support the proposed level disc golf use, while allowing for parking for other commercial and recreational users.
20. The representative for the Park Place ownership indicated they would be willing to consider such a proposal pending further internal company review-

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21. The environmental conditions of the site, like the Ardagh Bluffs and other City-owned natural areas with steep slopes, exempt the site from the requirements to be fully accessible as per O. Reg. 413/12 Integrated Accessibility Standards.
22. The 8.9-hectare (22 acres) site provides several new physical challenges and opportunities for the planning and design of a disc golf course compared to the 13ha (33acre) Sandy Hollow Disc Golf Course site. Staff partnered with representatives of the Barrie Disc Golf Club ("The Club"), who prepared conceptual course layouts and a final preferred layout with input from staff for the proposed course on the site.
23. The Club proposes a 9-hole fairway layout due to the smaller land area with the course starting and finishing at the parking lot abutting the current trail entry establishing a circuit course (Please refer to Appendix "C" to review the concept). The design intends to preserve, or enhance, a public trail network adjacent to the fairways which will require sections of the existing earthen trails to be realigned or closed where appropriate. The course is planned with tee placements for beginner, intermediate and expert levels of play to attract the widest range of users.
24. Impacts to the natural heritage of the site are unavoidable in the development of the proposed disc golf course. To minimize and mitigate those impacts, staff and The Club have developed a preliminary strategy regarding vegetation removals that includes:
- Prioritizing the preservation of any endangered or species-at-risk vegetation;
 - Routing new trails and locate fairways, tees, and baskets in a manner that takes advantage of existing openings in the tree canopy and vegetation and the removal of dead, diseased, hazardous, and non-native invasive trees;
 - Preserving larger trees with a diameter at breast height (DBH) of over 10 cm in all fairways except for where an open sightline of a minimum of 1.2m (4 feet) cannot be achieved;
 - All tree removals quantified with the intention of replanting programs being implemented through ecological offsetting and through support of the Barrie Disc Golf Club;
 - Minimizing the quantity and extent of turf maintenance for the fairways with an estimated four to five cuts annually at a maximum 9-metre width which will allow for interim regeneration versus a standard parkland turf mowing regime; and
 - Preserving the meadowlands at the eastern limits of the site in their naturalized state.
25. The majority of the site is located within the regulated limits of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (please refer to Appendix "C" for a map showing the LSRCA regulatory limits) with any of the proposed works highlighted below within that limit being subject to a permit application:
- The most significant site works that are being considered include reconstruction of the existing pedestrian bridge in response to the anticipated increase in pedestrian activity, and potentially maintenance vehicle access requirements, two new pedestrian footbridge crossings over the watercourse, a new wooden stairway to traverse the steep slope near the end of Fairway 4. Staff continue to explore ideas with the LSRCA to minimize impacts on the site including a potential alternative walkaround loop directed to the Bayview Avenue sidewalk to eliminate the stairs and one footbridge crossing pending full comments from the LSRCA.

- Preliminary LSRCA comments indicate that an Arborist Report and a Trails Impact Study are required to assess the full impact of the project.
 - The estimated range of costs for the proposed site works and the permit requirements have been included in the Financial section below.
26. The proposed disc golf course would have a low impact on adjacent landowners due to the limited number of players that can play each fairway at a time, even during the tournaments held four to five times per year. The sole residential property is located on a portion of the south-east boundary beside the industrial and commercial properties with the fairways to be set back and oriented to avoid conflicts with the adjacent private property when throwing discs. Increased user volume on the trails will increase the passive surveillance and discourage undesirable behaviours in the woodlot.

Community Engagement

27. Staff conducted a community survey on buildingbarrie.ca over a two-week period from August 19 to August 30, 2024, to assess the level of interest in the Bayview location and concept. Please refer to Appendix "D" for the survey summary. Most respondents agree that the Sandy Hollow location is very busy, and most support the Bayview location on its own merits as a 9-hole course, although respondents indicated that an 18-hole course would be needed to replace Sandy Hollow and provide tournament-level play. Key findings from the survey include the following:
- **Respondent profile:** Most survey respondents are adults, with the highest range of respondents between 25-40 years old. Almost half of the responses identified as intermediate level with expert and beginner levels well represented. Almost half of respondents play weekly with a friend or family member, alone, or with a league.
 - **Geographic distribution:** Just over a third of the responses are from outside of Barrie. All wards had responses and Ward 8 had the most responses. Around 60% of respondents travel over 5 km to use the Sandy Hollow disc golf course with 32% of those travelling over 20km. Most people arrive by personal vehicle to the Sandy Hollow disc golf course. International users are also reported.
 - **Sandy Hollow Disc Golf Course:** The course is described as often busy or somewhat busy by 82% of respondents. Others commented on how the Club is growing and new leagues have had to be created to keep up.
 - **New Disc Golf Course:** 91.6% of respondents agree that Barrie would benefit from a second disc golf course (one comment noted that it would not be considered a second location if the first one is closed). An 18-hole course is preferred to provide tournament level play.
 - **Design Priorities:** 68.8% felt it was very important to cater to all skill levels with 24.6% feeling it was somewhat important and that this could grow the sport and open it up to schools.
 - **Ecological Preservation:** Most respondents (66%) valued ecological sustainability as very important. A few respondents opposed any further recreational use in this location due to concerns about destroying natural vegetation.
 - **Location:** 51.4% valued the adjacent commercial area as somewhat important or very important compared to 47% as not important. Some were concerned about the busy commercial location. Others noted that many parks in the city are sitting empty that could be repurposed for a disc golf course instead of this location.

28. The Barrie Disc Golf Club proposes to partner with the City to assist with the development of a new disc golf course by providing the volunteer hours to assist with the course design and contributing an estimated \$32,500 in funding for the supply and installation of golf targets, tee areas and tee signs. A new partnership agreement between the City and The Club should be executed prior to any works to document each party's responsibilities should this project be approved to proceed. A breakdown of the donated items and cost can be found in the Financial section below.
29. The capital cost to proceed with the Bayview Disc Golf Course as per the attached conceptual plan is estimated to cost between **\$220,000 - \$400,000**. The lowest cost is a conservative number pending a full understanding of the site conditions and LSRCA requirements. The costs include tree removals, site works, soft costs, and construction costs that would be refined through detailed design. The cost ranges exclude the costs for items that the Barrie Disc Golf Club proposes to provide. Please refer to the Financial section below for more information.

Project Delivery Process

30. Staff estimate that a typical design-bid-build project process for this type of park development would require approximately eleven (11) to fifteen (15) months to complete. The project phases and timelines are outlined below:

Project Phases		
Phase	Task	Estimated Timeline
AGREEMENT	Joint-Use Parking Agreement	1-2 Months
DESIGN	Procurement, Design, Studies, Reports, Permits, Tender Package	5-7 Months
CONSTRUCTION	Procurement, Construction	5-6 Months

31. Staff in the Operations Department estimate that the annual operating costs for the proposed Bayview Disc Golf Course are approximately **\$7,200** per year. Please refer to the Financial section below for a breakdown of estimated operational and maintenance costs.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT MATTERS

32. The following environmental and climate change impact matters have been considered in the development of the recommendation:
- The impact of increased foot traffic on sloped areas has been taken into consideration by proposing an outdoor stairway on the steepest slope to prevent slope erosion.
 - A selective process for tree removals is proposed to maximize tree preservation in fairways. Tree removals are proposed to be offset with supplementary tree planting following the City approved Ecological Offsetting Policy which will include a diverse range of native species to increase biodiversity.
 - Rough cutting fairways in the meadow area will reduce food sources and habitat for wildlife more than small natural trails but will allow some frequent regeneration to help prevent soil erosion. The remainder of the natural area will remain undisturbed.

- Maintaining lands that are zoned Open Space in a semi to fully natural state preserves water infiltration and permeability areas in support of climate change resilience. Using an existing parking lot from the adjacent development helps to provide access without creating more impermeable surfaces.
- Introducing low-impact recreational uses into natural areas that people can regularly enjoy encourages community support for nature and its preservation.
- An existing Butternut tree has been observed on site during site assessments by staff and the course has been designed to preserve this protected endangered species. No further endangered species have been observed to date.
- The project proposes to minimize erosion impacts to the existing watercourse by installing bridges and boardwalk crossings. All watercourse crossings would require approvals by the LSRCA.

ALTERNATIVES

33. There are three alternatives available for consideration by Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee:

Alternative #1

Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee could direct staff to proceed with detailed design to establish a more accurate cost forecast than outlined in paragraph 35.

Although this alternative is available, further work and expenditure on this project are not recommended until such time as a Joint User Agreement with the ownership of Park Place for the use of the parking lot is agreed to in principle or is executed.

Alternative #2

Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee could alter the proposed recommendation by directing staff to undertake a further investigation in consultation with the Barrie Disc Golf Club to find a more cost-effective location and report back to the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee.

Although this alternative is available, staff would need to defer other priority projects in the forecasted 2025 work plan and require funding in the amount of approximately \$50,000 for external consulting services. An estimated nine months of total staff time including the procurement of a consultant would be required.

FINANCIAL

34. The Barrie Disc Golf Club partnered with the City of Barrie to contribute to the costs of developing the Sandy Hollow location in 2013 and proposes to again for the Bayview location should it be approved. The following costs would be covered by the Barrie Disc Golf Club through in-kind volunteer labour, grants, and sponsorship strategies:

Bayview Course Costs Donated by Barrie Disc Golf Club

Item	Total
Disc Golf Course Design, Project Coordination and Site Layout through volunteer hours	\$ 00.00
20 Disc Golf Targets (Supplied & Installed)	\$ 13,000.00
27 Tee Areas (Includes Tee Pads)	\$ 12,600.00
27 Tee Signs	\$ 6,750.00
TOTAL	\$ 32,350.00

35. A detailed cost estimate would need to be established through a formal design process. At this stage, a high-level range of preliminary costs for the development of the Bayview Disc Golf Course are estimated to be between **\$220,000 - \$400,000** as outlined in the table below:

Bayview Disc Golf Course Cost Estimate Ranges

Item	Project Elements	Cost Estimate
Mobilization, Pre-Design and Site Preparation	Construction fencing, surveys, soil studies, locates, vegetation clearing, site grading	\$65,000 - \$90,000
Construction, Site Amenities and Restoration	Bridge, Wood Stairs, Boardwalk Footbridges, Wayfinding, Waste Receptacle, Bike Rack, Mower, Seeding, Tree Planting	\$100,000 - \$240,000
Project Soft Costs	Design, Contract Administration, Project Management, Materials Testing, LSRCA Permit	\$55,000 - \$70,000
TOTAL		\$220,000 - \$400,000

36. At this time, without more in-depth pre-design and detailed design investigations complete, there are a number of unknowns to be considered when calculating the estimated costs which include the difference between replacing or shoring the existing footbridge, the type of stair system required at the eastern limits of the site, and the type of creek crossings the LSRCA will permit.
37. Staff in the Operations Department estimate the additional annual operating and maintenance costs of the Bayview Drive Disc Golf Course at **\$7,165.94**. No additional staff resources will be required to implement the recommendation. If staff are directed to move forward with this project, the amount of **\$7,165.94** should be considered for addition to the annual Operating Budget to cover the maintenance costs. Maintenance item costs are summarized in the table below:

Bayview Disc Golf Course Annual Maintenance Costs		
Item		Total
Rough Cutting of Fairways	\$	2,400.30
Tree Maintenance of Adjacent Woodland	\$	732.95
Poison Ivy Management in Fairway & Edges	\$	800.00
Trail and Bridge Maintenance	\$	293.00
Garbage Collection/Pickup	\$	2,005.00
Subtotal Annual Maintenance Cost	\$	6,231.25
Administrative Overhead Cost (15% of Operational Cost)	\$	934.69
TOTAL	\$	7,165.94

LINKAGE TO 2022-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

38. The recommendation(s) included in this Report support the following goals identified in the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan:

☒ **Community Safety**

Introducing more use to existing natural trail areas can increase community safety by creating more eyes in the park to deter undesirable behaviours.

☒ **Thriving Communities**

Create and foster programs and opportunities to support community wellness.

A new disc golf course offers exposure to fresh air and nature for residents and visitors, a chance to have increased social experiences and connections through recreation and supports healthy cities by retaining greenspaces in infiltration mode.

Expand and maximize access to parks and recreation opportunities.

A new disc golf course creates an affordable recreational opportunity to play a parkland sport at no entry cost and no user fees. The Bayview Drive location offers active transportation access options, including transit, walking and cycling.

Attachments: Appendix "A" – Development of Disc Golf Plan Memo
Appendix "B" – Bayview West Natural Area Key Map
Appendix "C" – Bayview West Natural Area Disc Golf Course Concept Maps
Appendix "D" – Community Consultation Survey Results Summary

APPENDIX "A"

Development of Disc Golf Plan Memo



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
March 6, 2024

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TO: INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: ITEM FOR DISCUSSION - DEVELOPMENT OF DISC GOLF PLAN

WARD: ALL

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The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee with information concerning the Item for Discussion – Development of Disc Golf Plan on the March 6, 2024 committee agenda as included below:

Item for Discussion - DEVELOPMENT OF DISC GOLF PLAN

That staff in the Parks Planning Branch investigate the feasibility of developing new disc golf infrastructure including on the City-owned land at Park Place and/or other City-owned properties with the related costing and include consultation with the broader disc golf community (e.g. the Barrie Disc Golf Club, etc.) and report back on the results of the investigation to General Committee. Sponsor: Councillor, J. Harris

In late 2023, staff and Councillor Harris engaged in initial discussions with local disc golf sport groups to collect preliminary information regarding the growth of the sport locally and the broader playing trends in the emerging sport. Additionally, in response to the 2026 forecasted closure of the existing Sandy Hollow Disc Golf Course that is required to construct new infrastructure on the disc golf course and surrounding Environmental Centre lands to support the City's landfill operations, the need for future disc golf course locations on City-owned lands were further discussed.

Staff support the need to undertake this recommended study when considering the proposed timing of the closure of the existing course. However, staff recommend that the City should not continue to undertake stand-alone studies on an individual sport by sport basis (e.g. pickleball, cricket, disc golf, etc.), but should consider advancing a Parks Strategic Plan that will provide community-driven, sustainable and city-wide direction for all aspects of the City's investment, service delivery and strategic initiatives guiding the future planning, design, acquisition, improvement, management, operations, programming and use of city parks, natural heritage lands, and open spaces.

The 2010 approved Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan no longer reflects the demographics, service levels, environmental priorities, land base, needs and demands of our growing and evolving community. The Parks Strategic Plan is currently forecast in the long-range capital plan to start in 2029 and would take a minimum of eighteen months to complete. Pending available funding, consideration should be given to advance the plan to start in 2025 to be completed in the current Council's term.

In order to proceed with the proposed disc golf study in 2024, Parks Planning would require the services of external consultants at an estimated cost of \$75,000. The scope of the disc golf study is comparable to the Outdoor Racquet Sport Strategy that is currently underway at a cost of \$80,000. The scope would include:

- Current community profile and disc golf participation trends;
- Community engagement strategy (identified interest-holders and broad community consultation);
- Analysis of current regional and local disc golf course supply and utilization including benchmarking of disc golf service levels using comparator municipalities;
- Review of current disc golf course design and maintenance service levels;
- Review of comparator user rates and fees; and
- Recommendations for service level targets, range of course designs based on best practices, and an implementation plan inclusive of capital and operating costs.

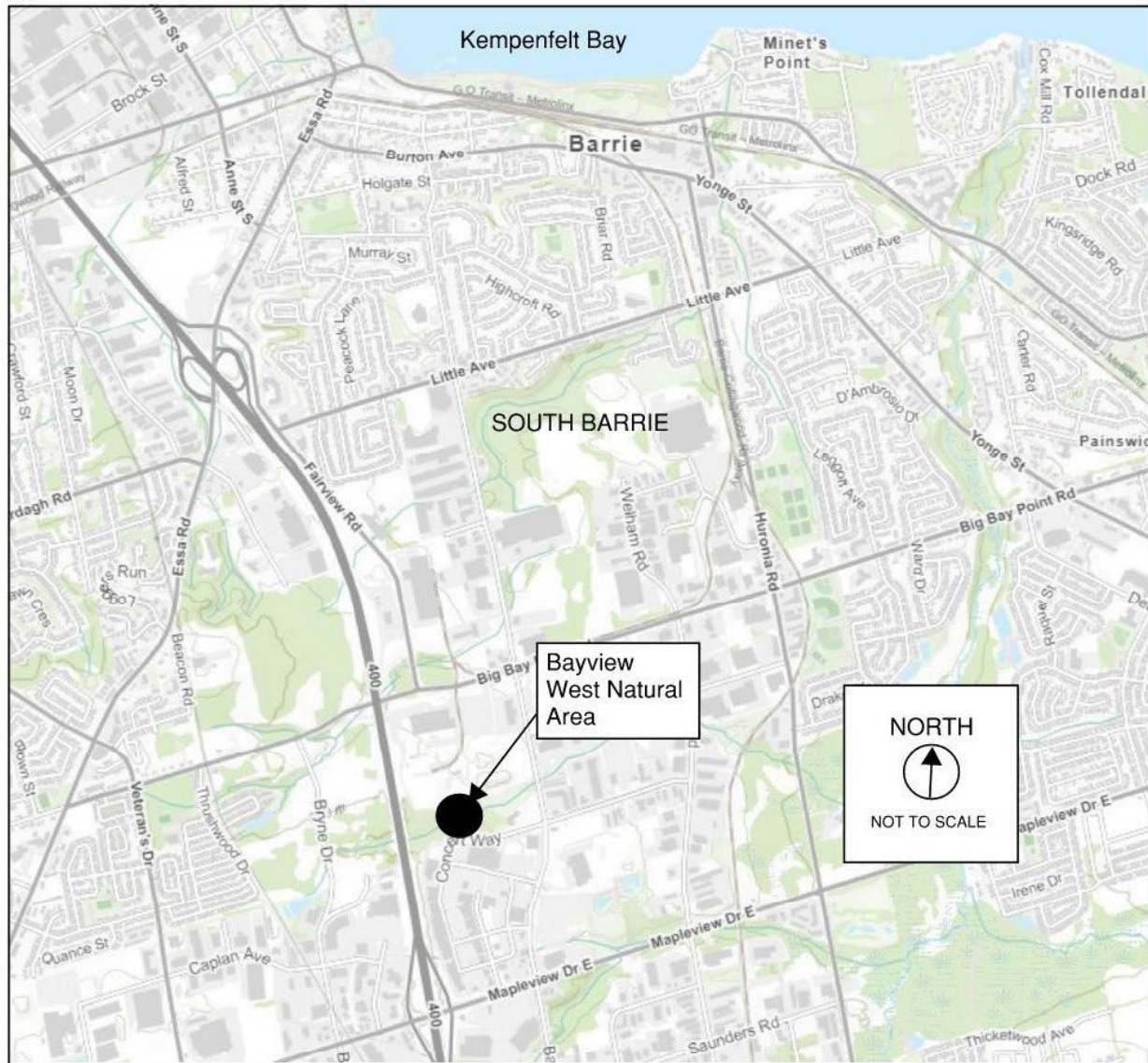
If the study and funding are approved to proceed, Parks Planning could commence the consultant selection process in June with a planned completion date and report back to committee prior to the end of the first quarter of 2025. The following amended wording for a motion is provided for consideration:

"That staff in the Parks Planning Branch be directed to undertake a study to investigate the feasibility, needs, and costs of developing new disc golf infrastructure on the City-owned land at Park Place and/or other City-owned properties that includes public and disc golf community consultation with the budget of \$75,000 for the study to be funded from the Reinvestment Reserve and a new project be added to the 2024 Capital Plan with a report back on the results of the investigation to the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee".

In the interim, staff will exercise the approved delegated authority to work with the Barrie Disc Golf Association to renew their User Agreement that expired in October 2023 with a new term that aligns with the proposed construction schedule for the landfill infrastructure improvements. In the case that the infrastructure project is delayed, staff have the authority to extend the term of the agreement to 2028.

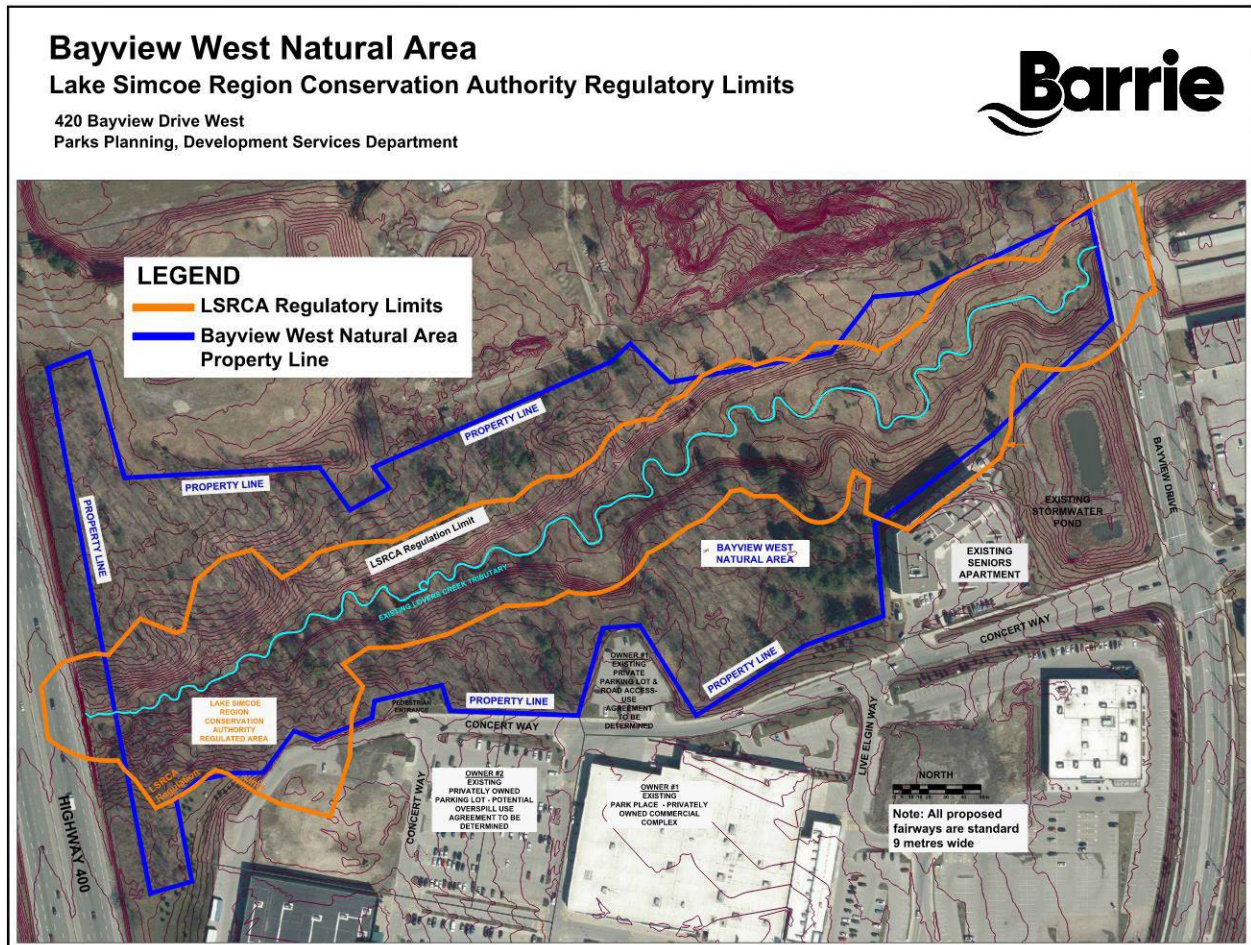
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Bayview West Natural Area Key Map

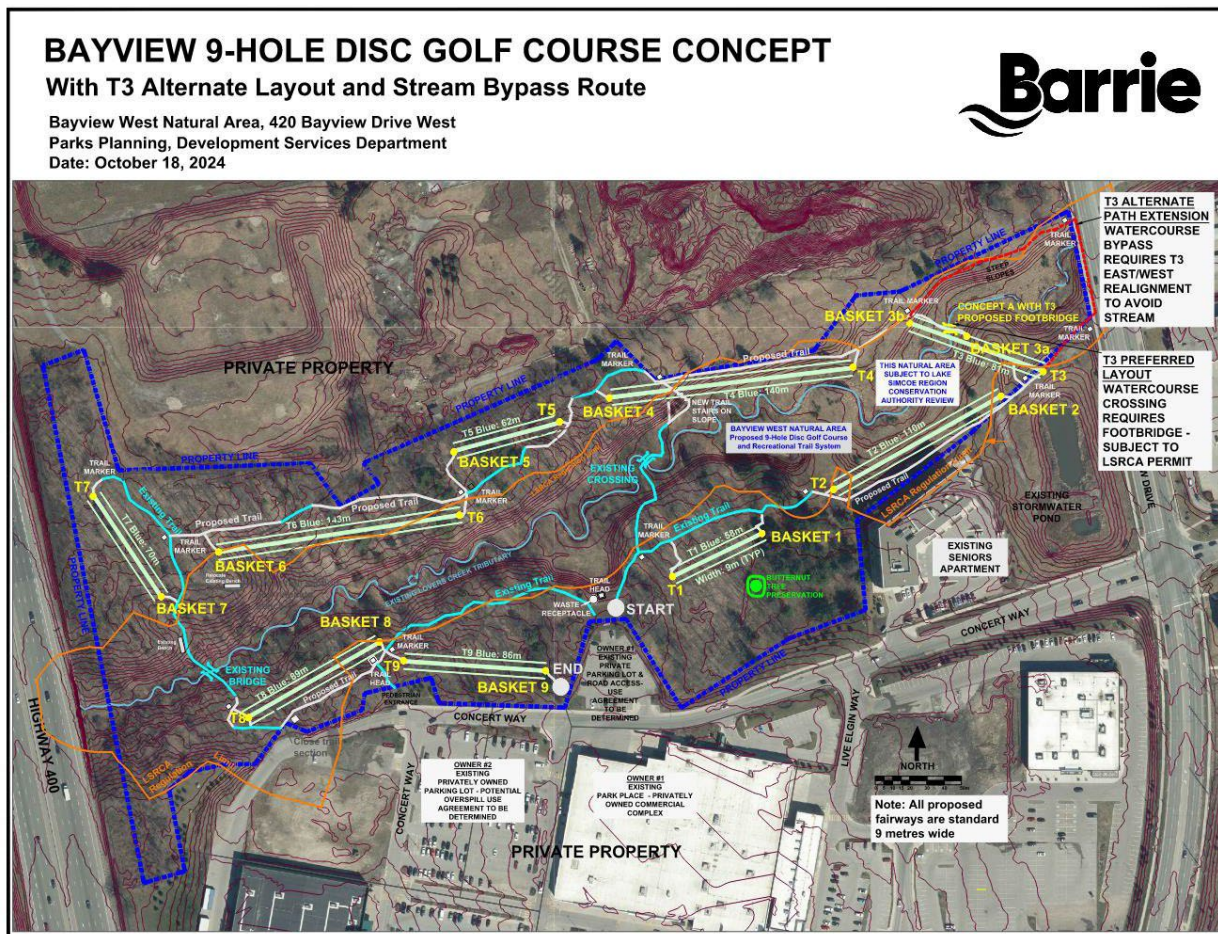


Bayview West Natural Area Disc Golf Course Concept Maps

Please see next page, Map 2 of 2 for Bayview Disc Golf Course Concept.



Please also see this concept online at buildingbarrie.ca.



APPENDIX "D"

Community Consultation Survey Results Summary

NEW DISC GOLF COURSE SURVEY

Survey Response Report: 16 August 2024 – 03 September 2024

Survey Questions

1. **What is your age group?** (553 responses, 115 skipped) *Most survey respondents are adults, with the highest range of respondents between 25-40 years old.*
 - a. 41.7%: 25 to 40 years (231 responses)
 - b. 31.4%: 41 to 54 years (174 responses)
 - c. 18.6%: 55+ years (103 responses)
 - d. 7.0%: 15 to 24 years (39 responses)
 - e. 1.3%: 14 years or under (7 responses)
2. **Which Ward do you live in?** (668 responses, 0 skipped) *Just over a third of the responses are from outside of Barrie. All wards had responses and Ward 8 had the most responses.*
 - a. 38.3%: I don't live in Barrie (256 responses)
 - b. 11.2%: Ward 8 (75 responses)
 - c. 7.6%: Ward 4 (51 responses)
 - d. 7.0%: Ward 5 (47 responses)
 - e. 7.0%: Ward 6 (47 responses)
 - f. 6.3%: Ward 7 (42 responses)
 - g. 5.7%: Ward 2 (38 responses)
 - h. 5.7%: Ward 10 (38 responses)
 - i. 3.6%: Ward 1 (24 responses)
 - j. 3.4%: Ward 9 (23 responses)
3. **How familiar are you with disc golf?** (664 responses, 4 skipped). *Almost half of the responses were intermediate level with expert and beginner levels well represented.*
 - a. 45.6%: Intermediate player - play for fun and familiar with rules (303 responses)
 - b. 25.9%: Expert player – in a competitive league, well versed in rules and able to teach (172 responses)
 - c. 17%: Beginner player – not a regular player or limited familiarity with rules (113 responses)
 - d. 11.6%: Never tried it (77 responses)
4. **How often do you play disc golf?** (665 responses, 3 skipped) *Responses indicate almost half of respondents play weekly.*
 - a. 48.2%: Weekly (321 responses)
 - b. 16.2%: Monthly (108 responses)
 - c. 10.4%: Daily (69 responses)
 - d. 10.1%: Once a year (67 responses)
 - e. 5.6%: I'm not interested (37 responses)
 - f. 5.3%: I'm interested in trying it at some point (35 responses)
 - g. 4.4%: I'm planning to try it soon for the first time (35 responses)
5. **If you play disc golf, who do you play with most often?** Please select all that apply. (649 responses, 19 skipped) *Respondents often play with a friend or family member, alone or with a league.*

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- a. 513 responses: With a friend and/or family member
 - b. 296 responses: With a group
 - c. 208 responses: By myself
 - d. 202 responses: With a league
 - e. 52 responses: I don't play
 - f. 16 responses: Other (please specify)
 - i. I play frisbee in my backyard with family
 - ii. Just interested in making this available for those who want to play
 6. **Barrie has one existing disc golf course at 434 Ferndale Drive North (Sandy Hollow disc golf course). If you play there, how far do you travel to get to the Sandy Hollow disc golf course?** (658 responses, 10 skipped) *Around 60% of respondents travel over 5 km to use the Sandy Hollow disc golf course with 32% of those travelling over 20km.*
 - a. 32.3%: More than 20 kilometres (213 responses)
 - b. 27.8%: 5-10 kilometres (183 responses)
 - c. 16.5%: Less than 5 kilometres (109 responses)
 - d. 12.6%: I never go there (83 responses)
 - e. 10.8%: 10-20 kilometres (71 responses)
 7. **How do you usually get to the Sandy Hollow disc golf course?** (615 responses, 53 skipped) *Most people arrive by personal vehicle to the Sandy Hollow disc golf course.*
 - a. 566 responses: Personal vehicle
 - b. 33 responses: Foot (walking)
 - c. 32 responses: Other (family drops off, electric scooter, carpool, rollerblade, I never go there)
 - d. 26 responses: Bicycle
 - e. 7 responses: Public transportation
 8. **When you play there, how busy would you rate the availability of the Sandy Hollow disc golf course?** (585 responses, 83 skipped) *The course is described as often busy or somewhat busy by 82% of respondents.*
 - a. 43.0%: Often busy – Sometimes I have to wait to start playing (252 responses)
 - b. 39.2%: Somewhat busy – Some waiting at peak time on the weekend and in the summer (230 responses)
 - c. 10.2%: Always busy – I always have to wait to start playing (60 responses)
 - d. 7.5%: Not busy – always available to start playing (44 responses)
 9. **What is your favourite feature of the Sandy Hollow disc golf course?** (590 responses, 78 skipped) *Respondents prioritize course layout and scenery as their favourite features.*
 - a. 352 responses: Course Layout
 - b. 320 responses: Scenery
 - c. 259 responses: Hole design
 - d. 215 responses: Course length
 - e. 55 responses: Other
 - i. Player community
 - ii. Mixture of flat and ravine lands
 - iii. Different lengths of holes for beginner and intermediate
 - iv. Top 10 holes are accessible by wheelchair and stroller
 - v. Dedicated use for disc golf without non-disc golf crowds
 - vi. Within city limits, short travel distance for 18-hole course
 - vii. Amazing topography

- viii. Well-maintained
- ix. Wildlife
- x. Free
- xi. Good for beginners
- xii. On-site washroom
- xiii. All of the above
- xiv. Don't play
- xv. Seeing people and families out and enjoying family time, sport. I don't play but support other locations as our city has grown east and south with very little north or west developments
- xvi. It's closest to me
- xvii. Location, I've travelled to play other courses but more likely to go if it's closer to me.
- xviii. Nice but I've had issues with poison ivy in spots, so we are reluctant to play there
- xix. Not squeezed into an already very busy area in the south end. Other locations in the city are more suitable
- xx. As long as not in busy south end near very busy Park Place, traffic already a nightmare
- xxi. Parking
- xxii. Don't play – just want others to be able to.
- xxiii. I don't play
- xxiv. Never been
- xxv. Closing it

10. Do you agree that Barrie would benefit from the addition of a second disc golf course?

(666 responses, 2 skipped) 91.6% of respondents agree that Barrie would benefit from a second disc golf course, although it would not be considered a second location if the first one is closed. Some were concerned about destroying natural forests or the busy commercial location. One comment was concerned about cost. Another felt that a skateboard park was a higher priority.

- a. 91.6%: Agree (611 responses)
- b. 5.4%: Disagree (36 responses)
- c. 1.8%: Other (12 responses)
 - i. Without knowing the costs associated with the current location, it's difficult to honestly answer the question
 - ii. Please do not make the mistake of destroying a natural forest area that is enjoyed by many people. I am opposed to the creation of a disc golf course on the city-owned lands next to Park Place.
 - iii. I don't know how busy the existing course is to know if a second one is needed.
 - iv. I am concerned about the existing trail systems.
 - v. NO. I think this space could be used to provide a decent skateboard park for the youth of this city. They are tragically underserved by Barrie. The current park at Queens is a disgrace. It is in a terrible state of disrepair. I have spoken to my Alderman, and he says we have no money for a Skatepark. If we can build a golf park, then we can build for our youth a decent Skatepark. I am a Senior and I know how important it is to our kids to have such a place to go that is accessible by bus or skateboard. Barrie Council has done a terrible dis service to Our Youth.
 - vi. Barrie would benefit from an additional course. But not if you plan to close Sandy hollow like the rumour is. Essentially taking away 9 holes rather than adding any.

- vii. No benefit would be gained if the end plan is to get rid of the existing course at Sandy Hollow. I mean obviously another course would be great, but can it be called a second course if you know the first is slated for elimination?

11. The Bayview Natural Area Disc Golf Course concept shows a 9-hole course and will include three levels of play for each fairway, with short, medium and long tees. Would you be interested in going to this location to play? (665 responses, 3 skipped) *86.6% of respondents would try this new location, but some feel that a 9-hole disc golf course is not worth the effort or are opposed.*

- a. 86.6%: Yes (577 responses)
- b. 6.3%: No (42 responses)
- c. 5.4%: Maybe (36 responses)
- d. 1.7%: Other Themes (11 responses)
 - i. Prefer a full 18-hole course (4)
 - ii. Want a walking trail around outside of the course (1)
 - iii. Yes, without losing current facility (1)
 - iv. Better than nothing (2)
 - v. 9-holes not worth long drives to play (1)
 - vi. Opposed to conversion in this location (2)

12. How important is it to you that the course be enjoyed by all skill levels ranging from beginners to advanced players? (662 responses, 6 skipped) *68.8% felt it was very important to serve all skill levels with 24.6% feeling it was somewhat important.*

- a. 68.8%: Very Important (456 responses)
- b. 24.6%: Somewhat Important (163 responses)
- c. 5.3%: Not Important (35 responses)
- d. 1.4%: Other Themes (9 responses)
 - i. Don't want to lose Sandy Hollow (1)
 - ii. Too environmentally damaging (2)
 - iii. Want a challenging course (1)
 - iv. Don't play, not interested (2)
 - v. Want it (1)
 - vi. Good place for beginners (1)
 - vii. Spend on other economic priorities (1)

13. How important is it to you that the course be developed using ecological sustainability principles, such as tree planting to replace removed trees, increasing tree species diversity, tree relocation and mature tree preservation? (663 responses, 5 skipped). *Most respondents (66%) valued ecological sustainability as very important, some opposed any further recreational use, one comment noted that the Barrie Art Club paints there.*

- a. 66.0%: Very Important (438 responses)
- b. 26.1%: Somewhat important (173 responses)
- c. 6.0%: Not Important (40 responses)
- d. 2.0%: Other Themes (13 responses)
 - i. Environmentally damaging (7)
 - ii. Not needed or wanted (4).
 - iii. Not an environmental concern (1)
 - iv. Spend money on other priorities (1)

14. **What amenities would you like to see at the disc golf course? Select all that apply.** (647 responses, 21 skipped) *The top amenity desired was benches, followed by a practice area. Respondents also valued lookout points and a picnic area.*

- a. 557 responses: Benches
- b. 450 responses: Practice Area
- c. 233 responses: Lookout Points
- d. 231 responses: Picnic Area
- e. 150 responses: Other Themes (10 responses)
 - i. Washroom facilities (1).
 - ii. None (4)
 - iii. Don't need a new course (3)
 - iv. Hanging holes, elevated holes, Variety (1)
 - v. Dog friendly (1)

15. **How much would you value having the proximity of the adjacent commercial/entertainment businesses in Park Place when playing disc golf?** (657% responses, 11 skipped) *47% rated the proximity of entertainment businesses as not important and 36.2% rated it as somewhat important.*

- a. 47.0%: Not important (309 responses)
- b. 36.2%: Somewhat important (238 responses)
- c. 15.2%: Very important (100 responses)
- d. 1.7%: Other Themes (9 responses)
 - i. Not needed (4).
 - ii. Interested (4)
 - iii. Opposed to disc golf course (1)

16. **Do you have any additional comments or suggestions? Themes:**

- a. Another course is needed, preferably an 18-hole course
- b. Preserve the greenspace instead
- c. Not a financial priority for the city
- d. Will reduce undesirable behaviours
- e. Location is too noisy due to Highway 400 and commercial area
- f. Limit interference with wildlife travel corridor through Lovers Creek
- g. Include a separate pedestrian trail
- h. Needs washrooms
- i. Needs potable water
- j. Great for seniors
- k. Environmentally sustainable
- l. Include multiple skill levels
- m. Like proximity to restaurants
- n. Want separate beginner and advanced level courses
- o. Want a Pro shop close by
- p. Disc Golf Club to share with other players
- q. Like proximity to Tesla superchargers
- r. Want it to be accessible
- s. Like the south end location
- t. Like the extra parking at Park Place
- u. Avoid picnic area to discourage hikers and dog walkers and tourists
- v. Include site history
- w. Keep it free to use



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- x. Have par 4's if possible
 - y. Prefer open holes, not forested
 - z. Barrie is behind with only one course
 - aa. Find a better location
 - bb. Implement a scheduling app
 - cc. Support dog walkers