

The Summerland Golf Society

Highlights of September 27, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting

- The renovation of the on-course bathrooms began on September 27. The existing structures will be strapped, and Hardi-Plank installed on the exterior. Barker board will be mounted on the inside. A drain will be installed in each bathroom floor that will be tied into the existing underground drain. These features will make the structures easier to keep clean. New doors have been ordered. All doors will close automatically to keep water, leaves/dirt, animals, etc. out. Increased venting and sunlight tubes will be installed in all bathrooms to cut down on smells and increase brightness. The bathrooms on #14 tee box, which already have power, will have automatic light and fans installed that will turn on when the doors open. Optional solar powered fans and lights may be installed in the front 9 bathrooms in the future, but are not part of the scope of the current project.
- The Board approved the purchase of two new John Deere tri-plex mowers, 2 new John Deere turf carts and a used utility tractor and loader for the maintenance of the golf course. John Deere has pledged to provide an exceptional service/maintenance policy to the club. The equipment is in stock and will likely be delivered to the course before the end of the 2021 season.
- The used tractor that will be purchased is currently owned by UBC. It is a couple of years old, has been well-maintained and will under-go a full tune up before it is delivered. The purchase price includes attachments, new tires and delivery.
- The Board of Directors approved setting aside a further \$50,000 to be added to the club's contingency fund. Any withdrawal of monies, current or future, from this contingency fund requires the specific approval of the Board of Directors.
- Pro shop numbers continue to be strong. Several core staff members will return to the pro shop in 2022. Chase will continue to take the lead and is in the process of finishing a few courses that are required for him to take on the role of head professional.
- Jason advised the BOD that the District of Summerland has approved our application to extend our Permissive Tax Credit for a further period of 4 years. This credit is extended to non-profit societies that apply for the exemption. This approval waives land taxes payable on golf course property. Tax will still be payable on the clubhouse and other buildings on the property.
- Patrick and his crew continue to work on recovery efforts following the extreme heat and drought of the summer months. Greens were aerated on October 4 and 5. Thank you to all of the volunteers who came out to assist with course maintenance on these days. During the month of October and into the early off-season, the grounds crew will continue to seed, fertilize and sod areas that are in need of refurbishment.