

## MGC BoD Meeting Friday 27 January 2017

### Members in Attendance

John Stanton - President  
John Foottit - Secretary/Vice President  
Tom Reynolds - Membership  
Brian Bond - Treasurer  
Dave Evans - House  
Don Green - Club Captain  
Peter Beerli - Greens

### Staff in Attendance

Dan Kolar - Manager  
Bill Hudson - Greenskeeper

### Decision Record

1. The meeting was convened at 2:00 PM.
2. At the 19 January special shareholders' meeting, the motion to modernize our irrigation system by authorizing the Board to borrow \$1.2 million (including the existing mortgage of \$330,000) and to amortize that loan over a period of 25 years was approved by a vote of 116 to 11.
3. Several action items flow from that decision:
  - Bank: rather than blend a new loan into the existing mortgage, it was decided to borrow \$870K with a 25 year amortization period and an initial term of 5 years. This was done to avoid a cancellation fee on our existing mortgage of \$330K and because the \$870K loan can be approved locally and does not require an updated property evaluation (approximate cost: \$5,000). Our current mortgage has an interest rate of 4.08% and its term is up in September 2018. Our treasurer, Brian Bond, expects to lock in an interest rate on the \$870K loan within about 3 weeks. The total loan obligation does not change from what the members approved on the 19th of January.

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- Atkinson Irrigation: a Canadian Construction Document Committee (CCDC) standard contract is being negotiated with this supplier.
  - Pumps Plus: a similar CCDC contract is being signed with this supplier. A \$40K down payment has been made so that the pumps could be ordered. Delivery is expected within 3 months. The supplier agreed to a \$1,515 rebate because the value of the Canadian dollar has recently gone up against US currency.
  - Pump house extension: Following building approvals, the concrete floor extension should go in by early April. Extension of the pump house and pump installation is expected by the May/June time frame depending upon spring flooding and the weather.
  - Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) and the Municipality of Mississippi Mills: The Board wishes to thank Jane France and Ian Edwards for their tireless work obtaining construction approvals from the township and the MVCA. The next township Committee of Adjustment meeting where they could consider our application is 15 March.
4. The Board approved adding a \$24 irrigation system assessment to the intermediate and limited membership categories. The special assessment notices will be distributed to all members sometime in May.
  5. The idea of increasing our green fees to assist in capitalizing the new irrigation system was set aside on the grounds that our green fees are already amongst the highest in the area.
  6. The delivery of our sound dampening panels has been delayed. They are currently expected by the end of February or early March. Several members have volunteered to assist Ken Maheral with their installation.
  7. The following 2017 projects were discussed (funding is in place as part of the Capital Plan):

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- Leasing 10 more carts: the Greenskeeper will obtain an updated quote from the supplier.
  - The Board approved the purchase of a new Toro fertilizer spreader for \$9,000. There is no trade-in or resale value for old equipment of this sort because the mechanism is chemically rusted out by the time it reaches the end of its life cycle. The Board also approved the purchase of a used fairway mower for approximately \$18K (the Greenskeeper hopes to get about \$4K for our old one). A new or used greens mower will be required in 2018. The Greenskeeper will also modify an existing trailer to hold a 500 - 700 gallon water tank, so that his crews can spot-water the sod that will cover the new pipes (this grass will require more water than the surrounding area until it is properly established).
  - Replacing furnace #1 in the clubhouse: it has been delivered. Installation should be complete by mid-February.
  - Purchasing a new hot water heater. the supplier will shortly provide a price quote to the Manager for an on-demand system. Installation could take place in same time frame as the new furnace;
  - Purchasing a new “salamander” (shallow) oven: the Manager will obtain a price quote for an electric model that will not require installation under the vent hood.
8. The manager provided an update on the plan to renovate the patio and extend it to the south side of the clubhouse (overlooking the river). The supplier, Rod Ayotte, will draw up a plan now that the extent of the coverage area has been determined. The manager will ask how much more it will cost for stamped concrete rather than brushed. The total cost is expected to be in the \$30K range, including a safety railing and gravel fill.
9. In response to a suggestion by a member, the Greenskeeper advised that the fountain on hole # 1 could become operational as part of the new digitally controlled irrigation system. He will explore this with Atkinson Irrigation. Initially, the intent would be to

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use it on weekends and during tournaments to create a “signature hole” effect. The fountain on number 16 would not be included in the new system as “Lamb’s Lake” often does not have enough water in it.

10. The MGC website is being modified to display clear greens & membership fee information. On the recommendation of the Membership Chair and the Manager, the Board decided to use a series of “e-mail blasts” from Ottawa Golf to their 30,000 members rather than continue with ads on TSN radio. We will pay for an ad with Flagstick Magazine for their first issue only.
11. The Greenskeeper’s report is attached.
12. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21 February at 6 PM in the Myers boardroom.
13. If any member has a question or concern, please contact me at [john.foottit@gmail.com](mailto:john.foottit@gmail.com).

John Foottit  
Secretary/VP

### Greenskeeper’s Report

We have just finished and submitted our 2016 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) desk review. Every third year we have an audit where someone comes in and reviews the past three years. This will be taking place this summer.

We are currently working on our water-taking submission for 2016.

We just attended a two-day seminar and trade show put on by the Ottawa Valley Turfgrass Association. We attend this show to get IPM credits that we need to retain our agent status.

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The pest management Regulatory agency are re-evaluating the use of Merit. Merit is the insecticide we use for grubs. An environmental assessment has shown that in aquatic environments, Merit is being measured at levels that are harmful to aquatic insects. It is proposing to phase out all use on golf courses.

They are also evaluating Daconil. It is a fungicide we apply bi-weekly on our greens throughout the playing season to control diseases such as dollar spot.

We have blown air under the tarps twice on the putting green of holes 3,6,11,13,14,15,16,17 since Christmas. There is some ice on a few areas of some of the greens.

We have a lot of damage to mostly evergreen trees after the ice storm we had four weeks ago. It will take more time to clean up the course than it normally does owing to all the broken branches.