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TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 28, 2017
FROM:	WILLIAM C. COXHEAD MANAGING DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION
SUBJECT:	MUNICIPAL GOLF – AGREEMENT WITH ULTIMATE GOLF CLUB (formerly LONDON GOLF CLUB)

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director of Parks & Recreation, with respect to the use of third party re-sellers to assist with revenue generation for the London Municipal Golf System, the attached Proposed By-law (Appendix A) **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council Meeting on April 4, 2017 to:

- (a) approve the attached agreement between the City of London and Ultimate Golf Club for the purchase of blocks of 1850 transferable daily golf spots for use by members of the Ultimate Golf Club at the Municipal Golf Courses during restricted days and times during the 2017 playing season at a price of \$50,000 plus applicable tax per 1850 daily golf spots; and
- (b) delegate to the City Manager, and his or her written designate, and to the Managing Director of Parks and Recreation, and his or her written designate, the authority to approve such further documents, including further agreements with 3rd party golf re-sellers, that are consistent with the requirements contained in the agreement approved in (a) above, and to delegate to the City Clerk and Mayor the authority to execute the agreements.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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Community Services Committee
December 19, 2011 Municipal Golf – Use of Third Party Re-Sellers of T-Times

Community & Neighbourhood Committee
November 1, 2011 London’s Municipal Golf System 2011 Financial Performance Update and 2012 Business Plan Recommendation

Community and Protective Services Committee
November 12, 2012 Municipal Golf Agreement with London Golf Club
March 24, 2014 Municipal Golf Agreement with London Golf Club
January 20, 2015 Municipal Golf Agreement with London Golf Club
January 19, 2016 Municipal Golf Agreement with London Golf Club

BACKGROUND

The current arrangement with Ultimate Golf Club has been a positive successful venture for the City of London.

Administration has been asked by Ultimate Golf Club to negotiate a new 2017 agreement subject to revised financial terms keeping in mind the need for this agreement to be beneficial to both parties. Each year the agreement has been adjusted to better reflect actual usage and market demand. This year’s agreement guarantees a greater guaranteed revenue while moderately reducing the per round rate in the fall season.

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In keeping with the National Golf Course Owners Association (NGCOA) recommendations regarding resellers and previous advice from PwC the following principles still apply to the 2017 agreement:

1. Ensure your members get the best access to Tee times.
2. Ensure your members get the best price.
3. Restrict resellers to soft times (underutilized capacity) of the day and week while allowing your members and green fee players preferred access to the prime time.
4. Protect yourself from a variety of administrative and marketing pitfalls through supportive language in the agreements.

This agreement minimizes our risk and expands our revenue potential while protecting our interests.

City administration is recommending entering into the attached agreement (Schedule "1" to Appendix A) between the City and Ultimate Golf Club.

The key financial terms of the Ultimate Golf Club agreement are:

- Block purchase of 1850 individual daily spots in the Municipal Golf System
- Non-refundable payment of \$50,000 plus applicable tax for the 2017 golf season.
- After September 15, 2017 the City will reserve to the Reseller additional spots in excess of the Spots set out above for a further fee of \$23.00 plus tax per spot paid in advance.
- One year agreement.

The restrictions are identified in the agreement noting the number of spots available at each course and the daily time restrictions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The 2017 Proposed Golf Budget calls for a net \$0 budget where revenue matches expense after contributions to the reserve fund for future golf course capital works. This agreement contributes to the generation of revenue from otherwise underutilized capacity that will help offset operating costs and help sustain the golf system going forward. 2000 total tee times were purchased by the Ultimate Golf Club in 2016, generating approximately \$54,000 in revenue for the Municipal golf courses. This agreement anticipates a similar revenue for 2017 with a greater guarantee.

CONCLUSION

Administration has worked with Ultimate Golf Club to negotiate an agreement that minimizes the risks identified in our prior reports and addresses the principles noted above.

As a result staff recommends entering into an agreement with Ultimate Golf Club. The Division Manager of Parks and Community Sports will administer the agreement.

Staff will continue to monitor opportunities to consider third party resellers to assist in using up unused capacity while minimizing risks.

SUBMITTED BY:	RECOMMENDED BY:
SCOTT STAFFORD, DIVISION MANAGER, PARKS & COMMUNITY SPORTS	WILLIAM C. COXHEAD MANAGING DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION



APPENDIX A

Bill No.
2017

By-law No.

A By-law to authorize and approve an Agreement between Ultimate Golf Club and The Corporation of the City of London.

WHEREAS section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS section 9 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS section 10 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that the City may provide any service or thing that the City considers necessary or desirable for the public, and may pass by-laws respecting same, and respecting economic, social and environmental well-being of the City, and the health, safety and well-being of persons;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. The Agreement attached as Schedule "1" to this by-law between Ultimate Golf Club and The Corporation of the City of London is authorized and approved.
2. The City Manager, and his or her written designates, and the Managing Director of Parks and Recreation, and his or her written designates, are severally delegated the authority to approve such further other documents, including further agreements with 3rd party golf re-sellers that are:
 - i) consistent with the requirements contained in the Agreement authorized and approved in 1 above;
 - ii) that do not require additional funding or are provided for in the City's current budget; and,
 - iii) that do not increase the indebtedness or liabilities of The Corporation of the City of London.
3. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the Agreement authorized and approved under section 1 of this by-law and any other documents approved under section 2 of this by-law.
4. This by-law shall come into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council , 2017

Matt Brown
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First reading -
Second Reading -
Third Reading -



SCHEDULE "1"

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT dated the **5th** day of **April, 2017**, and effective as of the **15th** day of **April, 2017**

B E T W E E N:

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON
(hereinafter called the "City")

-and-

ULTIMATE GOLF CLUB (formerly LONDON GOLF CLUB INC.)
(hereinafter called the "Reseller")

WHEREAS the Reseller is a corporation duly incorporated pursuant to the laws of the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Reseller purchases spots on tee-off times from various golf courses, and then resells the spots on tee-off times to the Reseller's members;

AND WHEREAS the Reseller allows the Reseller's members to reserve a golf club spot via its website, and to reserve a spot on the tee-off time directly with the golf course;

AND WHEREAS the City owns and operates 4 golf courses (Thames Valley Classic, Fanshawe Traditional, Fanshawe Quarry, and River Road ["City Golf Courses"]), offering various tee-off times with 4 spots per tee-off time;

AND WHEREAS the City wishes to maximize the usage of its City Golf Courses;

AND WHEREAS the Reseller has offered to: (i) pay the City a lump sum of \$50,000 plus applicable tax in exchange for a block of up to 1850 unused spots on tee-off times at City Golf Courses which it can then resell to the Reseller's members;

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants and agreements herein, the parties hereto covenant and agree as follows:

1.0 DEFINITIONS:

1.1. In this agreement and any amendment to this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) **"City Representative"** means the person delegated the authority to represent the City for the purposes of this agreement.
- (b) **"Spot"** means one of four spots in a tee-time at a City Golf Course, and "Spots" shall have a corresponding meaning.



2.0 TERM:

2.1 Length of Term

The term of this Agreement shall commence April 15, 2017 and shall terminate on November 30, 2017, subject to earlier termination as provided for in this Agreement.

2.2 TERMINATION

2.2.1 The City may terminate this Agreement for any reason and at any time without liability, cost or penalty, upon giving written notice to the Reseller at least thirty (30) calendar days before the desired termination date.

2.2.2 The City, without liability, cost or penalty may terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving notice to the Reseller if:

- (a) in the sole discretion of the City Representative, the Reseller has breached any term, warranty, representation, condition or provision of this Agreement;
- (b) Bankruptcy:
 - (i) the Reseller is adjudged bankrupt or is insolvent according to the provisions of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. B-3 and the regulations made thereunder; or,
 - (ii) a receiver or trustee of the Reseller's property and affairs is appointed; or,
 - (iii) the Reseller makes an assignment, proposal, compromise, or arrangement for the benefit of the creditors, is petitioned into bankruptcy, or files for the appointment of a receiver; or
- (c) the City's Municipal Council ceases to own or operate the City's golf courses.

2.2.3 Where the City terminates this Agreement, the City shall return the lump sum paid by the Reseller for the term on a *pro rata* basis based on the number of unused Spots at \$23 plus tax per Spot.

3.0 OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY:

3.1 Tee-times

(a) The City shall reserve to the Reseller up to 8 Spots per day at City Golf Courses, from the start of the City's golf season to the end of the City's golf season, to a maximum of 1850 Spots at any one time, as follows and subject to the listed restrictions:

- (i) Thames Valley Classic –
 - 8 Spots per day;
 - restriction: no Spots before 10:00 a.m.
 - restriction: no Spots on Wednesday.
- (ii) Fanshawe Traditional –
 - 8 Spots per day;
 - restriction: no Spots before 10:00 a.m.
- (iii) Fanshawe Quarry –
 - 8 Spots per day;
 - restriction: no Spots before 9:00 a.m.
- (iv) River Road –
 - 8 Spots per day;
 - restriction: no Spots before 9:00 a.m.

(b) The City's obligation to reserve the Spots to the Reseller is subject to the availability of such Spots at the time the Reseller member contacts the City to book the Spot.

(c) The City shall not charge any green fees to a Reseller member who has booked a Spot directly with the City and who provides the City with their membership card and



photographic identification.

- (d) The City may charge the Reseller member for any other services the Reseller member requests, including but not limited to golf cart rental, golf lessons, pull cart rentals, club storage, lockers, food and drink.

4.0 OBLIGATIONS OF THE RESELLER:

4.1 The Reseller shall pay the City \$10,000 plus tax on April 5th followed by 8 equal consecutive monthly installments of \$5000.00 (plus applicable taxes) on the 15th of each month beginning April 15, 2017 for the first 1850 Spots, whether or not all Spots are used.

4.2 After September 15, 2017 the Reseller may request the City to reserve individual Spots above and beyond the first 1850, and the Reseller shall pay the City a fee of \$23.00 (plus applicable taxes) per Spot.

4.3 The Reseller shall ensure it advises the Reseller’s members to:
 (a) book a spot in a tee-time directly with the City; and
 (b) carry the Reseller’s membership card and photo identification when attending at the City Golf Course;
 otherwise the City’s green fees as set out in its fees and charges by-law will be imposed on the Reseller member.

4.4 (a) The Reseller shall ensure the Reseller’s members advise the Reseller that they will be reserving or have reserved a Spot at a City Golf Course.

(b) The Reseller shall be responsible for any reservation of a Spot by a Reseller’s member, including but not limited to:
 (i) in the event that the Reseller’s member has not advised the Reseller of the reservation of a Spot at a City Golf Course; and
 (ii) in the event that the Reseller’s member has made a reservation of a Spot at a City Golf Course but cancels the reservation, and such reservation of a Spot shall be used in calculating the number of Spots available to the Reseller.

4.5 The Reseller shall ensure that any rate it advertises for its use of a City Golf Course is greater than the applicable golf course member fee set out in the City’s Fees and Charges By-law.

4.6 The Reseller shall ensure that it does not use the names of the City Golf Courses for its own search engine optimization (SEO) without the prior written consent of the City Representative.

4.7 The Reseller shall ensure that it obtains the City’s prior written consent prior to using the City’s logo or other intellectual property of the City. The City retains the right to approve any marketing materials that refer to the City or the City Golf Courses or any other City facility, and such approval can be sought through the City Representative.

4.8 The Reseller shall ensure that it discloses to the City, in writing and in advance, all proposed links to any other website. The City may terminate the Agreement upon 30 days’ notice, without penalty, if in its sole discretion it does not approve of some or all of the proposed links.

4.9 The Reseller shall fully disclose to the City any of the Reseller’s programs that could leverage the City’s golf course customers.

4.10 The Reseller shall not carry on any business or endeavour that would constitute an actionable nuisance.

4.11 (a) The Reseller agrees that it shall obey and observe all laws, by-laws and regulations of the City, the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada.

(b) The Reseller represents that its purchase and resale of Spots at City Golf Courses complies with all laws, by-laws and regulations of the City, the Province of Ontario and the



Government of Canada.

5.0 INSURANCE:

5.1 **Insurance.** The Reseller shall obtain and maintain during the term of this Agreement, at Reseller's sole expense:

- (a) general liability insurance on an occurrence basis for an amount of not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) and shall include the City as an additional insured with respect to Reseller's operations, acts and omissions relating to its obligations under this Agreement, such policy to include, personal injury, contractual liability, owners' and contractor's protective, contingent employers liability, cross liability and severability of interest clauses.
- (b) comprehensive (3D) Dishonesty, Disappearance and Destruction Blanket Position Insurance Policy, or equivalent Fidelity Bond, in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000). The City shall be shown on the Policy as a named Obligee with respect to incidents affecting payment to the City as a result of losses from perils insured thereunder.
- (c) Reseller shall furnish the City with evidence of the insurance described above on the City's standard Insurance Certificate (Form #0788) which provides for a minimum of thirty (30) days' notice in advance of cancellation of such insurance on or before execution of this Agreement, and upon reasonable request thereafter as the City deems necessary.

6.0 INDEMNITY:

6.1 The Reseller shall indemnify and hold the City harmless from and against any liability, loss, claims, demands, costs and expenses, of every nature and kind whatsoever, including reasonable legal fees, occasioned wholly or in part whether willful or otherwise arising out of any breach, violation or non-performance on the part of the Reseller of any covenant or provision in this agreement, whether arising from actions of the Reseller or by its employees, servants, agents, subcontractors or others the Reseller is responsible for at law. Such indemnification shall continue in effect after expiry of this Agreement.

6.2 The Reseller shall further indemnify and hold the City harmless from and against any and all claims, assessments, charges, taxes, or other penalties or demands which may be made by the Canada Revenue Agency, the Minister of National Revenue or other official of the Government of Canada, requiring the City to pay tax, charges or penalties in respect of any claims, demands and amounts payable in accordance with this agreement which may be made by, on behalf of, or related to any government agency under any applicable statute and regulation with respect to any amounts which may in the future be found to be payable by the City on the Reseller's behalf.

7.0 NOTICE:

7.1 All notices required by this agreement shall be in writing and shall be sent by facsimile transmission or delivered in person or by prepaid courier or mailed by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, with postage prepaid.

7.2 Notice to the City shall be addressed to:

City Clerk
The Corporation of the City of London
300 Dufferin Avenue
P.O. Box 5035
London, ON N6A 4L9

and to

Division Manager, Parks & Community Sports
Parks & Recreation
The Corporation of the City of London
151 Dundas Street
P.O. Box 5045
LONDON, ON N6A 4L6



7.3 Notice to the Reseller shall be addressed to:

Cam Fowell
Ultimate Golf Club
39 Denham Way
Stittsville, ON K2S 1H5

7.4 All notices so sent shall be deemed to have been received by the recipient on the date of the facsimile transmission, or on the date of delivery or on the second business day following the mailing thereof, whichever is applicable. The above address of either the City or the Reseller may be changed by giving the other party written notice of the new address.

7.5 If postal service is interrupted, or threatened to be interrupted, or is substantially delayed, any notice shall only be sent by facsimile transmission or delivered by courier.

8.0 GENERAL:

8.1 Further Acts

The parties agree that each of them shall, upon reasonable request of the other, do or cause to be done all further lawful acts, deeds and assurances whatever for the better performance of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

8.2 Partial Severability

If any part of this agreement is rendered invalid or illegal, the remainder of the agreement continues to apply.

8.3 Headings

The headings in this agreement are for convenience only and shall not in any way limit or be deemed to construe or interpret the terms and provisions of this agreement.

8.4 Entire Agreement

This agreement embodies the entire agreement of the parties with regard to the matters herein, and no other agreement shall be deemed to exist except as entered into in writing by both parties to this agreement.

8.5 Amendments

No subsequent alteration, amendment, change or addition to this agreement shall be binding on the City or the Reseller unless in writing signed by each of them.

8.6 Assignment

Neither the City nor the Reseller shall assign this agreement or any part of it without obtaining the prior written consent of the other party, which consent may be unreasonably withheld.

8.7 Non-Exclusivity

The City's obligations under this Agreement are non-exclusive to the Reseller.

8.8 Not a Partnership

The parties are each independent of the other and this Agreement shall not operate to create a partnership, joint venture, employment arrangement, master servant relationship or any other similar relationship between the City and the Reseller or between the City and any employees, agent or contractor of the Reseller.

8.9 Enurement

This agreement shall enure to the benefit of and be binding on the parties and their respective heirs, executors, successors and assigns.

8.10 Governing Law

This agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario.

8.11 Waiver

Any waiver by the City of any breach by the Reseller of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to the exercise by the City of all or any of its rights or remedies in respect of any continuance or repetition of such breach.



8.12 Circumstances Beyond the Control of Either Party

Neither party shall be responsible for damages caused by delay or failure to perform under the terms of this Agreement resulting from matters beyond the control of the parties including strike, lockout or any other action arising from a labour dispute, fire, flood, act of God, war, riot or other insurrection, lawful act of public authority, or delay or default caused by a common carrier which cannot be reasonably foreseen or provided against.

8.13 Execution

The Reseller acknowledges that it has read this agreement, understands it and agrees to be bound by its terms and conditions. Further the Reseller agrees that it is the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between the parties, which supersedes all proposals or prior agreement, oral or written, and all other communications between the parties relating to the subject-matter of this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Reseller has hereunto affixed its corporate seal under the hands of its duly authorised officers in that behalf and the City has hereunto affixed its corporate seal under the hands of its Mayor and Clerk.

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON

Matt Brown, Mayor

Catharine Saunders, City Clerk

ULTIMATE GOLF CLUB

Per:

Name: Cam Fowell

Title:

I/We have authority to bind the Corporation.