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Objet : TOO MUCH TOO FAST

Bonjour Louise,

Auriez-vous l'obligeance d'afficher notre lettre sur le site où tous les commentaires et lettres se trouvent.

Merci

Salutations,

Mathilde

TOO MUCH, TOO FAST

Dear Board Members,

Comme plusieurs l'ont souligné, nous apprécions le travail accompli par les différents Comités et la qualité du plan proposé.

Nous pensons qu'il y a façon d'adoucir le niveau d'irritants reliés au projet du parcours, réduire l'ampleur des départs anticipés et diminuer la grosseur de l'emprunt. Prendre le temps de rendre le tout plus acceptable pour la majorité.

Reality is that the membership at large has only found out in the last month what a small group has had the privilege to mull over and ponder for 3 years.

What if the actual work in whatever form, whether scaled down, priority listed or the full master plan, was delayed to 2026-27

We heard from Trevor that the course can easily go on as is for a some years. It's a 104 years old. It has made it thus far with the infrastructures we all know about by now. It won't suddenly collapse next year. We think, barring some formidable mother nature disaster, it can handle another 4-5 years.

The suggested financial increases when finalized or amended to whatever scale is suitable should start as planned, in 2023. This would give the Club time to garnish its war chest which in return would reduce the loan size.

It would go a long way in appeasing the great number of members who adhere to the philosophy we should not be borrowing or at the very least not at the proposed level. We share that belief.

Project itself has merit, and a relative support. Main issues for many lie with the level of financing and the doubled jeopardy haste of implementation .

Members recognize work needs to be done to maintain/improve our course and it's sustainability. We think most members could handle starting first with the financial plan ahead of the work itself and if not they would at least have time to prepare for a plan B. Membership needs to be treated with the outmost respect and not lectured to. We have a wise, educated and sensible membership. I have no doubt given the chance to speak, what is best for this Club will rise to the top.

There will be some inevitable attrition because of the increases and as much as we wish that was not the case, it could be significantly less and more spread out giving the Club room to adjust in a more orderly fashion.

The economic situation and looming recession will shuffle a lot of cards in the next year and most likely have adverse effect on the golf world and those who play the game. We could easily find ourselves in a few years, back to where we were pre-pandemic.

In 4-5 years, depending of the agreed upon work mandate, there might be other departures but again hopefully the Boards leading up to it will have had sufficient time to find ways to minimize project related attrition.

Who knows what could transpire in 4 years time regarding the magnitude of this endeavor when everyone has time to digest/reflect/decenter everything and every aspects this projects involves from course to membership.

We don't think every *i* or *t* have been dotted or crossed just yet and time would be beneficial for all Committees involved. We don't believe this project has only upsides. No project ever does. We haven't yet heard about environmental issues and the disruption of play will be greater and last longer than advertised should this master plan go ahead in its entirety.

TIME is what's needed to calm down the present discontent, allow members to understand all ramifications this completely new course, if fully implemented, would bring and restore harmony this Club normally enjoys along with its reputation presently taking a beating. Financially, we need time to get through this economic uncertainty and garnish our capital fund. Donors of all levels would benefit from extra time to better plan their financial support, again positively affecting the bottom line.

As for Membership, our greatest pride, we need time to curtail as much as possible the attrition rate so not to jeopardize the fabric or sustainability of the Club.

20% attrition as presented in one scenario should be *unacceptable* for a Club of this clout. That's an exodus with devastating and irreparable fallouts.

A vote at this stage with so many unknowns would be very unwise.

We hope you will take the time to reflect positively on this.

Respectfully,

Mathilde and Jean-Guy

October 18, 2022