



To: Board of Parks and Recreation
From: Mark Heintz – Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: January 18, 2022
Re: bond issue purchase

A few years ago, we began replacing the Toro remote units which control irrigation on the golf course with the intent to replace one unit per year. This work was recommended as the units were failing and repair parts were becoming hard to find. To date we have replaced four of the nine that needed replacing.

Over the duration of the last four years, we have arrived at a time when it is necessary to get the five remaining original units replaced sooner than anticipated. This is necessary as repairs have become more frequent and repair parts are scarce and sometimes not even available. Due to this, manual watering is sometimes needed to be done which also adds to the labor costs to operate the course. This also disrupts play as manual watering must be done during daytime hours and can interfere with golfers when playing.

The equipment needs to match the other new units we've put in place over the past few years and there is only one vendor who distributes these in our area, so this is a sole source procurement. In addition to the remaining five units, the purchase will update the software, hardware, and programming to make the full system efficient for staff to operate and even allow for upgraded convenience of allowing controls to be accessed remotely by the golf superintendent.

Recommendation:

Staff is recommending your approval to purchase the remaining five Toro remote irrigation control units, necessary software, hardware, programming, and other items as described in the attached proposal from Reinders, Inc. for a total cost of \$46,624.81. This cost would be paid from the Town's 2021 G.O. bond issue where this was a budgeted cost.