

PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

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TO:

**CEA Review Committee** 

FROM:

Jeff Plasschaert

DATE:

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RE:

Request to hold Reid Golf Course sprayer #602 and place into REP.

Parks, Recreation & Facilities Management Department is requesting permission to hold Reid Golf Course's sprayer #602 when it is replaced in 2022.

Unit #602 is currently used as a sprayer to treat surfaces for disease, weeds and pests which are detrimental to the golfer experience. This unit is one of the most important pieces of equipment in Reid's fleet and is the only piece of equipment of its kind in the fleet. Not having a backup puts a greater need for the sprayer to be operational at all times, certain pests must be treated at specific times and conditions may allow for very small application windows due to rain, wind, temperatures and golfer expectations. Not having an operational sprayer at these times could be detrimental to overall turf health and quality. Holding unit #602 will allow for a backup sprayer in the event a major issue happens to the primary unit and allow golf operations to continue smoothly without customer disruption.

A secondary benefit to holding this piece of equipment it will allow park grounds staff to utilize the sprayer for their park applications. Park grounds currently utilize a pull behind trailer sprayer which was purchased in 1988 and is need of replacement. Utilizing the reserve unit could save grounds \$17,000 for the purchase of a new trailer sprayer.

With reduced usage there will not be much cost in maintaining this piece of equipment and if a costly mechanical breakdown would occur this piece of equipment would not be fixed and sold.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.