

**Rivermead Golf Club** 

## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **Rivermead golf course to be renovated by Canadian golf course architect Jeff Mingay**

### September 14, 2018, Gatineau (Aylmer), Quebec

Members of the historic Rivermead Golf Club in Gatineau (Alymer), Quebec have approved a comprehensive course improvement project designed by Canadian golf course architect Jeff Mingay.

Originally designed by pioneer Canadian golf course architects George Cumming (1879-1950) and Albert Murray (1887-1974), Rivermead was renovated in 1989 by Ken Skodacek working with Ken Venturi (1931-2013).

Rivermead commissioned Jeff Mingay in 2017 to study its course and recommend improvements.

The aim of the comprehensive golf course renovation project is to improve the course's infrastructure to ensure it functions relative to modern expectations and caters to all golfers. At the same time, doing so presents the opportunity to simultaneously restore a look and feel to the course that celebrates its original, unique architectural style.

With assistance from Kelly-Ami Drainage Consultants and Daniel Lacroix Golf Creations, Mingay's plan focuses on improving drainage and reducing the total square footage of sand bunkers. Additionally, a bunker style more consistent with the course's design pedigree will be restored, green surrounds will be remodelled, and a long-range tree plan will be implemented over the coming years by golf course superintendent, Derrick Powers. The tree plan includes both new plantings and necessary removals.

The project is scheduled to be completed in several phases beginning October 1, 2018. The fall 2018 phase will included work at the 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> holes. Renovation of the par 3 8<sup>th</sup> hole was completed in fall 2017 as a preview for club members. Work on the remaining 13 holes and the practice areas, is scheduled to continue in 2019.

## Quotes

"It's exciting to be working with another of Canada's most historic clubs. Rivermead is a really good golf course that is laid-out over an interesting and beautiful property. This project provides the opportunity to restore a look and feel that celebrates the Club's original, unique architectural style and will move the club most efficiently into its future."

- Jeff Mingay, Golf Course Architect

"Rivermead is committed to ongoing investments in golf course improvements and infrastructure projects. This comprehensive improvement project will make the course more distinctive and enhance player enjoyment while retaining its challenge, reduce bunker footprints, improve putting green quality by fixing traffic issues around green complexes, and fix drainage to improve bunkers, turf health and golf playability."

- Paul Yuck, President, Rivermead Golf Club

"Our intent is to create a remarkable variety of bunkers. Some will be small, others large. Some will be shallow, others deep. Bunker shapes will also vary. Some will have simple shapes, others will be more elaborate. Note that it's possible to create this type of variety and also retain "harmony" of design style throughout the course."

- Jeff Mingay, Golf Course Architect

#### **About Rivermead**

Founded in 1910, Rivermead is one of the first private clubs and best golf courses in the National Capital Region. The club offers a range of flexible membership categories to fit a variety of lifestyles, no initiation fees, a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere as well as a convenient location less than 15 minutes from downtown. The Club's objective is to provide members and guests - whether individuals, couples, families or businesses - with the best golf, dining and social experience in the region.

Of special pride is the Rivermead Cup, which was awarded to the winner of the Canadian Open until 1935. Since 1936, the Rivermead Cup has been awarded to the Low Canadian Professional in the Canadian Open. Recent winners include Mackenzie Hughes, Adam Hadwin, Mike Weir, Graham DeLaet, David Hearn and Stephen Ames.

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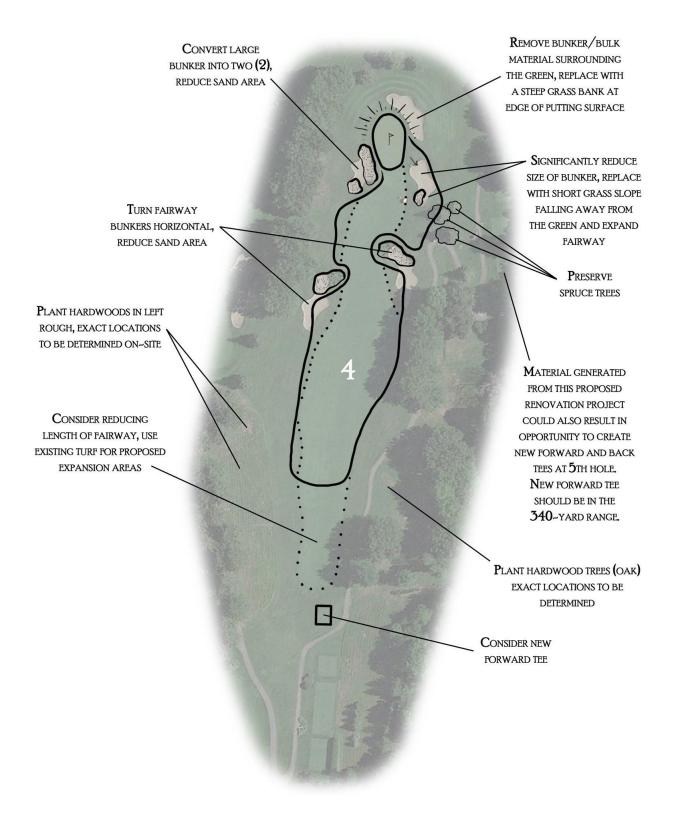
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## BACKGROUNDER

## **Rivermead Course Improvement Project Phase 1**

#### HOLE #4



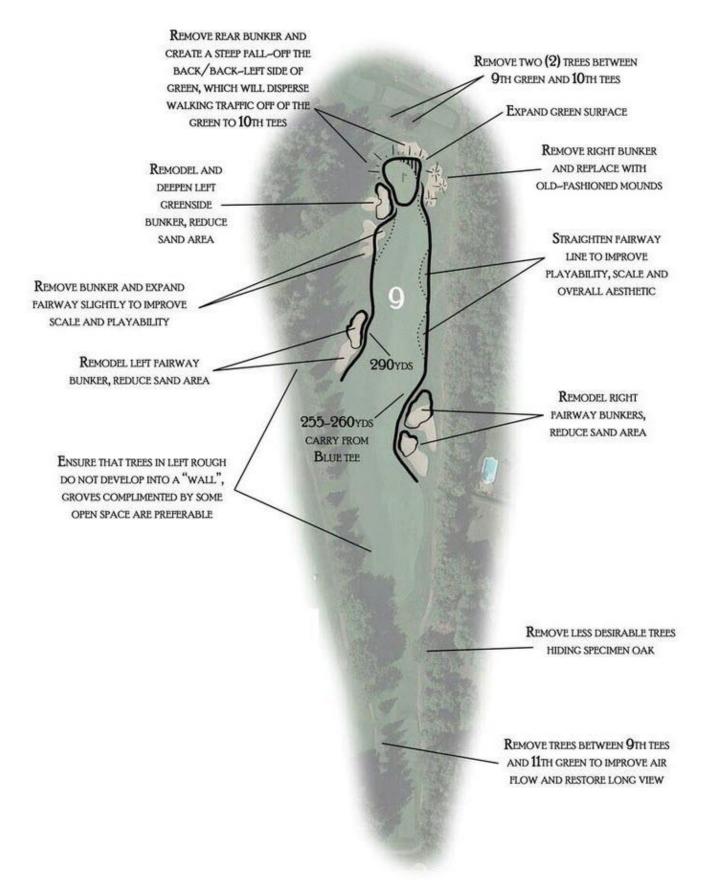
## Hole # 4 Current View



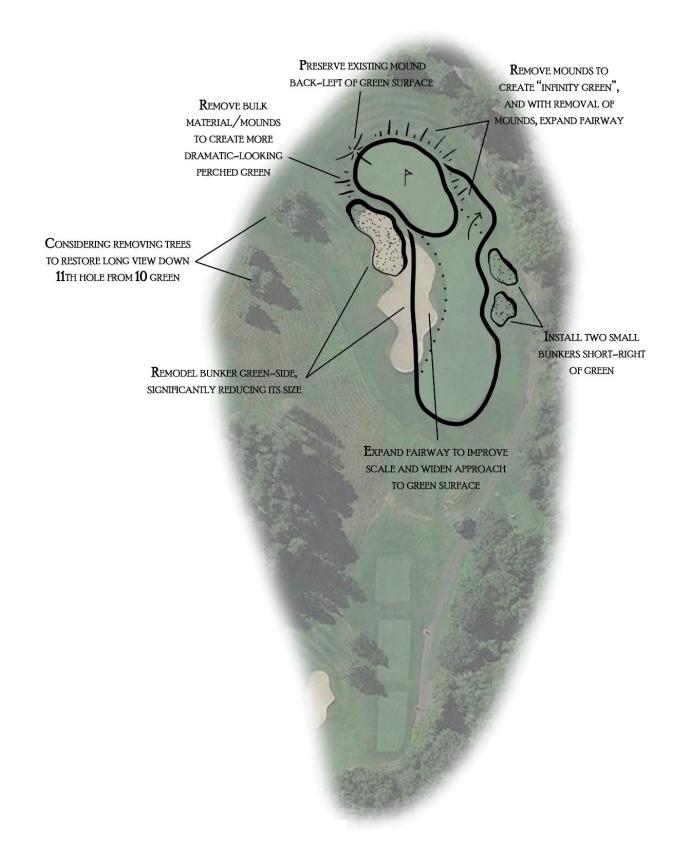
# Hole # 4 After Improvement



#### HOLE # 9







## Hole # 10 Current View



# Hole # 10 After Improvement



#### HOLE # 12

13th TEES

TURF REDUCE LEFT GREENSIDE BUNKER BY 50 % NURSERY AND INSTALL FALL-OFF TO SHORT GRASS AT FRONT-LEFT CORNER OF GREEN REMOVE SHORT-LEFT BUNKER AND MELD 12TH AND 13TH FAIRWAYS IMPORTANT GROVE OF TREES, REQUIRES PLANS FOR REPLACEMENT OF DECLINING TREES IN THIS AREA REMOVE SELECT (DECLINING) TREES TO ACCOMMODATE FAIRWAY EXPANSION

ELIMINATE LEFT TEE AT 13TH HOLE AND PLANT THAT AREA ON EXISTING ELEVATION TO ENHANCE SEPARATION BETWEEN 12TH AND 13TH HOLES

PLANT TO SCREEN VIEW OF GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE COMPOUND/TURF NURSERY

REDUCE RIGHT GREENSIDE BUNKER SIZE BY 50% AND INSTALL MOUND BACK-RIGHT OF GREEN

PRESERVE OAKS, BUT ENSURE THAT THOSE TREES ARE NOT PLANTED TOO CLOSE TOGETHER TO THRIVE INTO THE FUTURE

 SHIFT CART PATH RIGHT, INTO TREES, OUT OF PLAY/OUT OF VIEW

PIPE AND COVER SWALE CROSSING FAIRWAY (CREATE CONTINUOUS FAIRWAY) AND OPEN DITCH IN LEFT ROUGH

REMOVE LARGE BUNKER AND EXPAND FAIRWAY LEFT, FALL OFF DOWN TOWARD POND, TO ROUGH, BECOMES HAZARD WITH GROVE OF TREES IN PLAY BETWEEN SECOND SHOT AND GREEN

OPPORTUNITY TO INSTALL A NEW BACK TEE, ADD SOME YARDAGE