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2021 – 2022 RotaryLinks Review/Update,

The 2021 Golf Season has come to a close and the Board of RotaryLinks@WoodBuffalo Inc. thanks you for your support during these past 3 Seasons. We have endured the on-going challenges associated with the COVID restrictions, new construction and personnel changes.

The Rotary Club of Fort McMurray has been working to develop an 18-hole golf course known as Rotarylinks@WoodBuffalo, located on the south end of the city. As a result of the Municipality's "Design Charrette" exercise in 2003 - 04 to develop an Area Structure Plan, the public workshops identified a Golf Course to be an important feature of the Plan. Rotary undertook this major project beginning in 2005. On completion of 18 holes; we hope to provide much needed relief to the crowding and overuse experienced by the two existing courses. Because Rotarylinks@Woodbuffalo will operate through a not-for-profit board; the profits after operations will be dedicated to Rotary's many community projects.

The Rotary Club of Fort McMurray received a Municipal CIP Grant of \$2,700,000.00 in July 2020 to complete the construction of RotaryLinks@WoodBuffalo Golf Course. While this Grant is crucial to the successful completion of the Course, it addresses only the capital requirements identified in the basic construction quote to build an 18-hole golf course. This quote does not include GST costs, increased maintenance costs of the completed portions that we assume prior to opening along with additional services not specifically included with the General Contractor's contract scope. Another major addition has been with the "Tournament Tent" adjacent to the deck allowing us to increase our player participation with tournaments.

The Rotary Club of Fort McMurray is proud of the way our staff has performed during the past seasons through these trying times. Our Course has introduced events that we believe have been well received and we look forward to your continued support. Specifically, Rotary Cup, Back to the Future and The Mark Shushack Memorial Junior Golf Tournament all of which we are extremely grateful for the Sponsors and participants that make these events such a success! We are especially proud to advise that with your participation in various tournaments and member events such as Ladies and Men's nights, we were able to support local organizations such as our local Hero Foundation \$9000, United Way \$1500, Salvation Army \$1000, Autism Society of Wood Buffalo \$2000 and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Our Board is excited about the future of RotaryLinks, looking at the condition of the new holes and the way our turf team has worked to bring the course to first class condition. We

are committed to allowing the 2022 season to grow- in and mature prior to opening so we can bring you, our member and the public the first-class golfing experience you deserve. We expect to have all 18 holes playable for the 2023 golf season.

RotaryLinks@WoodBuffalo Golf

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