

McBroom, Carrick Discuss Plans For Fox Harb'r

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Doug Carrick and Tom McBroom are expected to unveil plans for the redesign and expansion of Fox Harb'r Golf Course in Wallace, N.S. in January.

The finished 36-hole product will feature a links course and an adjacent parkland course.

"Our goal is to expand on our existing course to create the finest golf destination in Canada. We have the land, the ocean and the passion," said Steven Joyce, CEO and chairman of Fox Harb'r.

"With that in mind, we conducted an international search for architects who could see the potential of our spectacular location. The fact that the two best concepts came from Canadians was a bonus. That they were not only willing, but excited, to work together as a team was the best possible outcome," said Joyce.

Carrick and McBroom originally submitted individual bids, but Fox Harb'r proposed they work together to create a new course.

"We decided rather than just building a new course, we would instead reimagine nine of the existing holes and combine them with nine new holes, all in a links style, to create a true ocean course," said Carrick.

"Construction began in September 2022 and we hope to have it completed by the fall of 2023. Our next phase will be a separate vineyard course. The style is going to be different from what is at Fox Harb'r now. It's a big vision and very exciting," added Carrick.

McBroom pointed out that Fox Harb'r has a parkland style course on the ocean.

"The new design will take more advantage of the conditions by the sea. It will be refined and well maintained with fairways that roll and fall into the bunkers," said McBroom.

In terms of difficulty, the strategy is to create a design that will accommodate a wide range of skills.

"We will be looking to create alternative routes and multiple tees so that people can play a longer or shorter yardage. The course will have width so that the course is enjoyable and friendly for the average golfer, but still offer risk and reward strategies for experienced players," said Carrick.

"We will need to take the ocean breeze into consideration, it can blow the ball around and wreak havoc with the way people play. We need the width to ensure everyone has a fun day," added McBroom.

"Both Doug and I are excited about this incredible opportunity. It has great ownership and at this point in our careers, a project like this is really rewarding. We intend to make Fox Harb'r a landmark golf experience in Canada," said McBroom.