

DAVE TURNER

GOLF PARK & GOLF COURSE DESIGN

PROFILE

I was a golf professional for several years before getting my degree in Landscape Architecture which led to a career in municipal parks management. I have always had a passion for the game of golf and had always hoped for the opportunity to immerse myself in golf course design. Now that I have retired from municipal parks I want to pursue my love for the game. My greatest pleasure will be to introduce the game to kids and people who wouldn't normally get a chance to try golf.

Further to this goal I have a great understanding of the challenges of meeting the needs and desires of people living in ever densifying communities. The ability to hop in the car and travel to distant destinations is becoming less and less viable. Designing high quality, multi-use, environmentally friendly, resilient spaces close to home will be my focus. Free, public, community gathering spaces where your local public space becomes the new backyard. My mantra will be to create that 'wow' factor where people will come to the place, perhaps even just to watch but will say, wow, this is great.

EXPERIENCE

● CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER, BC

1999 TO 2018 - SECTION MANAGER PARKS

I moved to the west coast following my work in Caledon. The 12.95 square kilometer City of North Vancouver has a dense urban setting quite different from the rural villages in the 380 square kilometer Town of Caledon. None the less we were able to build on the notion of the Trans Canada Trail on the west coast working with the North Shore Municipalities and the Squamish Nation in routing and registering the trail from the ferry terminal in Horseshoe Bay, across the North Shore Mountains and over to the ferry terminal at the North Vancouver Sea Bus station. We also built a national level pavilion overlooking the Burrard Inlet and the City of Vancouver. At the time this was one of three national level pavilions; known as the 'Friendship Pavilion' it was built to recognize the partnerships between TCT and First Nations and Aboriginal Peoples. It is the only Pavilion in Canada that was allowed to alter the main design featuring Grandfather and Grandmother Greeting Figures forming the front posts carved by Squamish Nation artist Darren Yelton. It was in the City of North Vancouver that we built our first artificial turf multi-use putting green in Sam Walker Park. It transformed what was arguably the least used park in the city to a hub of activity and has become the community gathering space for that neighbourhood.

● TOWN OF CALEDON, ONT

1988 TO 1999 - PARKS MANAGER & LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

I became the Parks Manager for the Town of Caledon at the same time that they were purchasing a 35 km abandoned rail line. This was one of the first rails to trail projects in the country and coincided with the start of the idea of a Trans Canada Trail. We became the first registered section of TCT in Canada in 1995 and in 1996 we built the first Trans Canada Trail pavilion in the country. It is fair to say that our work in Caledon kept the Trans Canada Trail going at a critical moment in time and gave it some much needed credibility. Twenty five years later Trans Canada Trail, now known as The Great Trail is the longest shared use recreational trail in the world stretching 24,000 km from Sea to Sea to Sea.

● PERIWINKLE LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

1984 TO 1988 - MANAGER

After graduating in 1983 I worked for a company started by Baker Salmona & Hess Landscape Architects called Periwinkle Landscape Management Limited. Our main client was Kaneff Properties one of the largest developers and property management companies in Mississauga and Brampton. We did work for many prestigious clients including Glen Abbey Golf Club, The Toronto Golf Club, Islington Golf Club, Lambton Golf Club and the Old Mill Restaurant; a landmark landscape, wedding venue and restaurant in the Greater Toronto Area.

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EXPERTISE

- The Game of Golf & Golf Design
- Studied the History of Golf
- Experience in Landscape Design
- Experience in people, project and budget management

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

1978 - 1983

BACHELOR OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM

Graduated with a professional degree in Landscape Architecture out of the school of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, now the School of Architecture, Landscape and Design. My main interest during my school years was golf course design, following my three year stint as a golf professional. I was married and had two children while in school so needed a paying job with benefits for the past three decades plus. I am now in a position to pursue my passion for golf course design with a new twist based on my experience working in municipal parks.

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KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Graduated with a professional degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Toronto
- Past member of the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects
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- Member of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects
- Manager of a Landscape Management Company
- Manager of two award winning municipal parks departments
- Awarded national and provincial trail builders awards for work on the Trans Canada Trail
- Received the award for outstanding contribution to the Ontario Parks Association
- One of the accepters of the Royal Canadian Geographic Societies 'Gold Medal', their highest honour. I along with others accepted on behalf of all those who contributed to the complete connection of the Trans Canada Trail
- Builder of the First Trans Canada Trail Pavilion in Canada
- Registered the first section of Trans Canada Trail in Canada
- Builder of the Trans Canada Trail Pavilion that recognizes friendship between Trans Canada Trail and First Nations and Aboriginal Peoples
- Landscape design for the world class Devil's Pulpit and Devil's Paintbrush Golf Clubs, has been described as the best two course golf club in the world
- Club Champion at the Devil's Pulpit Golf Association