



July 17, 2019

Subject: Daylight Saving Time Proposal

Dear Premier Horgan and Province of B.C.

As British Columbians are being invited to share their views on how we should observe time in our province, British Columbia Golf supports staying with the existing practice of changing clocks twice yearly to move from Standard to Daylight Saving.

We favour this option because:

There is a proven, significant health benefit from playing golf. Winter golf is important and there is only a short period of time for golfers to get outside and get exercise during the winter. Moving to daylight saving time year-round would reduce the time available for play by an hour during half of the year.

It would be a huge economic loss to golf if we lost an hour of play in the evening due to darkness. It would particularly affect junior golf and we need to do everything we can to keep kids active. An extra hour of daylight in the morning does not help, as many golf courses have noise bylaws in place which would prohibit getting required maintenance done early.

We understand Legislators in California, Oregon and Washington have proposed bills to end the bi-annual time change and observe Daylight Saving Time year-round and that B.C. Premier John Horgan has reached out to the Governors of these states as well as to the Premier of Yukon, to hear their opinions and help inform the discussion in B.C.

We also agree there cannot be a different time zone in California, Washington, Oregon and BC. If the decision is to eliminate changing time twice each year, we fully support going to permanent Daylight Saving Time.

Sincerely,

CEO,
British Columbia Golf

