

Alberta Regional Report

Fall is here, and for some of us, the first frost arrived this past weekend. There's always a different feeling when those cold mornings show up. They signal that another golf season is beginning to wind down and that winter preparations are right around the corner.

I think it's safe to say that most of us in Alberta are ready for the fall push and the months ahead. For some, this summer was certainly one for the record books. Edmonton and the surrounding area saw seemingly non-stop rain, shattering precipitation records and creating challenges that many superintendents had never experienced before. Meanwhile, the southern part of the province received less moisture and enjoyed some favorable golfing weather through July and August, giving golfers plenty of opportunities to get out and enjoy their courses.

Fall also tends to be construction season for many facilities. Whether it's irrigation upgrades, tee renovations, bunker projects, or other course improvements, this is often the window when long-planned projects finally get underway. Fingers crossed the weather cooperates and provides enough time to get the work done before winter arrives for good.

While much of this report is centered around the weather, this time of year is about more than temperatures, rainfall totals, and frost delays. It's an important time for you and your teams. Once the season begins, we're all moving from one task to the next, solving problems and focusing on what's immediately in front of us. There isn't always much time to stop and look back.

As we head into fall and begin preparing for another Alberta winter, I encourage everyone to take a moment to reflect on the season that was. Think about the challenges your team overcame, the improvements that were made, and the countless hours invested in providing great conditions for golfers across the province. Not every season goes exactly as planned, and this year certainly tested many of us in different ways, but that's often when the best work is done.

Before the leaves are gone and the snow starts flying, take a moment to appreciate what was accomplished. The rainy days, the stressful stretches, and the long hours will eventually fade into memories, but the resilience, professionalism, and dedication shown by our superintendent teams across the country should not go unnoticed. There is a lot to be proud of.

Best of luck with your fall projects, winter preparations, and hopefully a chance to catch your breath.

All the best,

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