

RESOLUTION #23-25:

A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A CO-OPERATIVE LIAISON OF MUTUAL BENEVOLENCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA, USA AND DORNOCH, SCOTLAND.

THAT WHEREAS, on November 23, 1872, Donald James Ross was born in the Town of Dornoch, Scotland; and in 1893 was named the Head Professional, Club Maker, and Keeper of the Green by the Royal Dornoch Golf Club; and

WHEREAS, in 1899 Mr. Ross emigrated to the United States and in 1900 was hired by the Tufts family to become the Head Golf Professional and golf architect in Pinehurst, North Carolina where he would become a world-renowned golf course architect until his death in 1948; and

WHEREAS, the Pinehurst Village Council desires to create a formal co-operative relationship with the Town of Dornoch to honor the work and legacy of Donald Ross; and

WHEREAS, the relationship will benefit both communities by providing awareness and tourism opportunities surrounding the sport of golf, the history of golf course architecture, and the work of Donald Ross;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Pinehurst, North Carolina, in regular meeting assembled this 13th day of June 2023, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Village will enter into a Co-Operative Liaison of Mutual Benevolence Agreement with the Town of Dornoch, Scotland, the theme of which will be “Donald Ross: Birthplace to Workplace.”

SECTION 2. There will be an annual exchange of letters on the respective founding dates. The founding date for Pinehurst will be July 9, 1895, the date that James Walker Tufts acquired 658 acres from Lewis A. Page. The founding date for Dornoch, Scotland will be July 14, 1628, the date on which Dornoch was granted a Royal Charter. The content of the letters will be related to golf activity in the respective towns, the life and work of Donald Ross and the promotion of amateur golf for all ages.

SECTION 3. Dornoch Heritage SCIO, owner of History Links Museum in Dornoch, and the Tufts Archives in Pinehurst will together explore how to advance the heritage of Dornoch and the Village of Pinehurst, and whether they can reciprocally trade exhibits and other materials centered on the life and work of Donald Ross and developments in the world of golf course architecture and equipment.

SECTION 4. Because environmental awareness and sustainable golf tourism, among other opportunities in the golf industry are areas of mutual interest, the Town of Dornoch and the

Village of Pinehurst will work with the USGA, The R&A, the Royal Dornoch Golf Club, the Pinehurst Country Club, the Donald Ross Society, and The Tin Whistles to further pursue these interests.

THIS RESOLUTION passed and adopted this 13th day of June 2023.



VILLAGE OF PINEHURST
VILLAGE COUNCIL

By: *John C. Strickland*
John C. Strickland, Mayor

Attest:

Kelly Chance
Kelly Chance, Village Clerk

Approved as to Form: *[Signature]*
Michael J. Newman, Village Attorney



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2. **WHEREAS**, in 1899 Mr. Ross emigrated to the United States and in 1900 was hired by the Tufts family to become the Head Golf Professional and golf architect in Pinehurst, North Carolina where he would become a world-renowned golf course architect until his death in 1948; and
3. **WHEREAS**, the Dornoch Area Community Council desires to create a formal co-operative relationship with Pinehurst to honour the work and legacy of Donald Ross; and
4. **WHEREAS**, the relationship will benefit both communities by providing awareness and tourism opportunities surrounding the sport of golf, the history of golf course architecture and the work of Donald Ross;
5. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Dornoch Area Community Council in regular meeting assembled on 21st.June 2023, as follows:
6. **SECTION 1.** Dornoch will enter into a Co-Operative Liaison of Mutual Benevolence Agreement with Pinehurst, the theme of which will be “Donald Ross: Birthplace to Workplace.”
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8. **SECTION 3.** Dornoch Heritage SCIO (which owns Historylinks Museum in Dornoch) and the Tufts Archives in Pinehurst will together explore how to advance the heritage of Dornoch and Pinehurst Village, and whether they can reciprocally trade exhibits and other materials centred on the life and work of Donald Ross and developments in the world of golf course architecture and equipment.
9. **SECTION 4.** Because environmental awareness and sustainable golf tourism, among other opportunities in the golf industry are areas of mutual interest, Dornoch and Pinehurst will work with the USGA, The R&A, the Royal Dornoch Golf Club, the Pinehurst Country Club, the Donald Ross Society, and The Tin Whistles further to pursue these interests.

THIS RESOLUTION was passed and adopted this 21st. day of June, 2023.

DORNOCH AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Murray', written over a horizontal line.

Patrick Murray, Provost