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## HISTORY

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Bluegrass Irrigation Consulting Ltd. was started in January 2003 by Mr. Tom Bourassa. This company is the culmination of his education, golf course maintenance background, and irrigation industry experience and certification.

Tom has always been an avid golf and sports enthusiast that once played to a five handicap. He received a Diploma in Turfgrass Management from Fairview College in 1984 and a Bachelor of Management Degree from the University of Lethbridge in 1991.

Tom began his golf course career at the age of fifteen and over the past 30 years has worked with every type of sprinkler system. He knows that the quality of materials, proper installation of those materials and pump station operation determine the life expectancy of the sprinkler system. In 1984 - 1985 Tom, along with his golf course maintenance staff, installed a fully automatic eighteen-hole sprinkler system. This challenging experience gave him insight to the installation aspect of the business, as well as, the cooperative effort needed between the supplier and installer to produce a superior irrigation system that will serve the golf course for many years.

For twelve years, Tom was employed as an irrigation design and sales consultant for a major irrigation distributor. During that time he not only learned about product pricing and distribution, but also became certified by the Irrigation Association (IA) in both commercial and golf course irrigation design. Tom is now the only Canadian that is a Professional Member of the American Society of Irrigation Consultants. Locally, Tom is a member of the Western Canada Turfgrass Association and a past President of the Alberta Chapter of the Irrigation Association.

Tom has continued to maintain and expand the technical knowledge that supports his work by most recently becoming a Certified Golf Irrigation Auditor. He regularly audits his own work to not only prove the efficiency of his designs, but also provide a value added service to the golf course superintendent with proper irrigation scheduling based on actual site specific sprinkler distribution uniformities.

Bluegrass Irrigation Consulting Ltd. has protected its client's investment by making intelligent choices based on Tom's product knowledge, education and his irrigation industry background. Furthermore, Bluegrass Irrigation Consulting Ltd. has earned a reputation from its clients and colleagues for excellence in design and specification, attention to detail, and providing qualified contractors with a fair and reasonable contract document and bidding process.