

**Subject: Community Identification Committee Recommendation -
Naming the Park at Franklin Avenue and Main Street****APPROVALS:****Jamie Doyle**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT the park at Franklin Avenue and Main Street be named as "Kiyām Community Park".

Summary:

The Community Identification Committee recommends that the park at the corner of Franklin Avenue and Main Street be named "Kiyām Community Park", and that it be forwarded to Council for approval.

In accordance with the Community Identification System Policy (LDI-010), Council's approval is required for the naming of municipal facilities in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

Background:

The Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee in its meeting on February 3, 2021 discussed the name for the park at the corner of Franklin Avenue and Main Street, (a portion of Lot 4&5; Block 13; Plan 616A0, Lot 6-9; Block 13; Plan 616A0, Lot 10-12 Block 13; Plan 3523MC, Lot 19-25; Block 13; Plan 616A0).

The Committee discussed various names and decided upon the name "Kiyām" pronounced [key-yam], a Cree and Michif word meaning "Let it be" or "When you're at peace with yourself and your surroundings, nothing anyone does or says can or will affect you or no negativity or malice will touch you." The Committee forwarded this recommendation to the Community Identification Committee for consideration.

The Community Identification Committee discussed this naming request in its meeting on March 25, 2021. The Committee supported the use of this name as it recognizes the historical significance of, and provides recognition to, local Indigenous languages in the region. The Committee subsequently recommended that the name "Kiyām Community Park" be forwarded to Council for approval.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The park is now under construction and requires naming. The recommended name celebrates local Indigenous languages and is distinct from those currently used elsewhere in the Municipality. The proposed name is in accordance with the Council-approved Community Identification System Policy (LDI-010).

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government
Downtown Revitalization
Rural and Indigenous Communities and Partnerships

Attachments:

1. Subject Area Map - Kiyam Community Park