

**Subject: Community Identification Committee Recommendation -
Names of ball diamonds at MacDonald Island Park to be reassigned
to ball diamonds at the Syncrude Athletic Park****APPROVALS:****Jamie Doyle**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT the names, 'Hlushak Field', 'Mutton Field', 'MacPherson Field', and 'Lambert Field' assigned to the ball diamonds at MacDonald Island Park, be reassigned to the ball diamonds at the Syncrude Athletic Park, as shown in Attachment 2.

Summary:

The names 'Hlushak Field', 'Mutton Field', 'MacPherson Field' and 'Lambert Field' are currently assigned to the ball diamonds at MacDonald Island Park. With these ball diamonds slated to become the site of the new Métis Cultural Centre, the Community Identification Committee recommended that the re-assignment of these names to the unnamed ball diamonds at the Syncrude Athletic Park be forwarded to Council for approval.

In accordance with the Community Identification System (Council Policy No. LDI-010), Council's approval is required for the naming and renaming of communities, subdivisions, multi-family projects, municipal facilities, streets, bridges, and highways in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

Background:

Administration was approached by the McMurray Métis in 2019 seeking land for a new cultural center. On March 26, 2020, a request was submitted to the Municipality to transfer portions of land located on MacDonald Island. This request was approved by Council on June 9, 2020.

Currently, three of the ball diamonds ('Hlushak Field', 'Mutton Field', and 'MacPherson Field') are located on the land that has been transferred for the Cultural Centre and would therefore require removal. Community Services recommended that their names be re-assigned to the unnamed ball diamonds at the Syncrude Athletic Park. This request was presented to the Community Identification Committee at its meeting on

October 15, 2020.

The Committee discussed the request and recommended that in addition to these three names, "Lambert Field" (situated across the street) also be re-assigned as all four names share a common softball history. The significance and location of these four names is described in Attachment 1. The Committee recommended that the reassignment of these names to the Syncrude Athletic Park, as shown in Attachment 2, be forwarded to Council for approval.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The proposed reassigning of names from the MacDonald Island Park ball diamonds to the ball diamonds at the Syncrude Athletic Park reflects consistency, ensures that the chosen names are relevant to the sport, and acknowledges their important history and local significance.

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government

Attachments:

- 1. Details of Names Assigned to Ball Diamonds at MacDonald Island Park**
- 2. Map Showing Location of Reassigned Names for Ball Diamonds at Syncrude Athletic Park**