



Community Identification Committee

Conducted Electronically via MS Teams

Thursday, October 15, 2020

5:30 PM

Agenda

Public Participation for October 15, 2020 Community Identification Committee Meeting

The Community Identification Committee (Committee) will be conducting the October 15, 2020 Meeting through electronic communications in accordance with the Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation, Order in Council 99/2020.

- Anyone wishing to participate in the meeting is encouraged to do so by registering to speak as a delegate by way of teleconference or by submitting their delegation comments by email.
- To participate by teleconference:
 - Anyone wishing to speak by teleconference to an item on the October 15, 2020 Community Identification Committee Meeting Agenda must pre-register by 12 noon, October 15, 2020.
 - To register to speak via teleconference, please email boardsandcommittees@rmwb.ca or call 780-743-7001 with your name, the phone number that you will be dialing in from and an email address that you can be reached at prior to and during the meeting.
 - You must provide the name of the agenda item that you wish to speak to.
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 - Each registrant will be given a maximum of **5 minutes** to address the Committee.
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 - Please note that email comments for an agenda item must be received prior to the start of that item during the meeting. *Emails that are received after the agenda item has been introduced or are not relevant to an agenda item, will not become part of the record of this meeting.*
 - All written submissions are **public** and will be shared with the Committee verbally on the record during the course of the meeting.
 - Each submission will be shared verbally with the Committee for a maximum of **5 minutes**.

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

3. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

3.1. Community Identification Committee Meeting - January 30, 2020

3.2. Community Identification Committee Meeting - July 30, 2020

4. **New and Unfinished Business**

4.1. Name Request - Reassigning names of three ball diamonds from MacDonald Island to Syncrude Athletic Park

4.2. Name Nomination - Robert Vargo

4.3. Naming Inventory

5. **Date of Next Meeting**

Adjournment

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Identification Committee of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in Boardroom 201 at the Timberlea Landing Municipal Office located at 309 Powder Drive in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, January 30, 2020, commencing at 5:30 PM.

Present:

Phil Meagher, Councillor
Mike Allen, Councillor
Andrew Crompton
Carrie Loy
Cathy Dreier
Gerald Bussieres

Absent:

Chantelle Tatum

Administration:

Such Chandhiok, Supervisor, Planning and Development
Deepinder Dhaliwal, Planner, Planning and Development
Sonia Soutter, Senior Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order

Sonia Soutter, Senior Legislative Officer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

2.1. THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Allen, Councillor
SECONDER:	Carrie Loy
FOR:	Loy, Meagher, Allen, Crompton, Dreier, Bussieres
ABSENT:	Tatum

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

3.1 Committee Meeting - October 24, 2019

THAT the Minutes from October 24, 2019 Community Identification Committee Meeting be approved as presented.

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Phil Meagher, Councillor
SECONDER: Gerald Bussieres
FOR: Loy, Meagher, Allen, Crompton, Dreier, Bussieres
ABSENT: Tatum

4. New & Unfinished Business

4.1 Appointment of Chair

The Senior Legislative Officer called for nominations for the position of Chair. In accordance with Section 5.12 of Community Identification Committee Bylaw 07/039 Councillor Mike Allen was nominated and elected as Chair.

Assuming the Chair

Councillor Mike Allen assumed the Chair at 5.30 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT Councillor Mike Allen be appointed as Chair for the Community Identification Committee

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Cathy Dreier
SECONDER: Gerald Bussieres
FOR: Loy, Meagher, Allen, Crompton, Dreier, Bussieres
ABSENT: Tatum

4.2 Appointment of Vice Chair

The Senior Legislative Officer advised that Section 14 of the Community Identification Bylaw 07/039 states that in the absence of the Chair, the other Council Member shall Act as Chair. As a result of this the committee opted to not proceed with selecting a Vice Chair.

4.3 Community Identification System Policy

Audrey Rogers, Senior Manager, FOIP, Policy and Contract Management provided an overview of the proposed changes to the Community Identification Policy, explaining that naming for communities, subdivisions, multi-family projects, municipal facilities and major arterial roadways will be evaluated by the Committee for recommendation to Council for approval. Evaluation and approval of naming selections for minor roadways and names to be added to the Names Master List for future availability will be done by the Committee.

MOTION:

THAT the Community Identification Committee endorse the Community Identification System Policy; and

THAT the Policy be forwarded to Council for approval.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
SECONDER:	Carrie Loy
FOR:	Loy, Tatum, Meagher, Allen, Crompton, Dreier, Bussieres

4.4 Name Request - Robert James Campbell

Deepinder Dhaliwal, Planner, Planning and Development presented a request received from Ali Myers nominating Robert James Campbell for a Street/Facility/Community Name. The Committee reviewed letters received in support of this nomination that highlighted contributions made to the community by Mr. Campbell.

The Committee requested that Administration conduct some research to determine if there are any unnamed baseball diamonds in the community. Administration committed to providing this information at the next meeting.

The Committee recommended that this request be held until an appropriate facility comes forward for naming.

MOTION:

THAT Robert James Campbell be added to the Names Master List; and

THAT Administration seek an appropriate facility or road to match Robert James Campbells contributions to the Community

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Cathy Dreier
SECONDER: Gerald Bussieres
FOR: Loy, Meagher, Allen, Crompton, Dreier, Bussieres
ABSENT: Tatum

5. Review Items

5.1 Naming Inventory

Committee members present reviewed the Naming Inventory List for the Rural Communities in the region.

Exit

Gerald Bussieres exited the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Committee member Cathy Drier to research historical records on name “Gregoire, William” (Billy Gillagwere).

6. Date of Next Meeting

April 23, 2020 – Administration to canvass Committee Members for availability.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Chair

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Identification Committee held via Electronic Communication in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, July 30, 2020, commencing at 5:30 PM.

Present:

Mike Allen, Chair
 Phil Meagher, Councillor
 Gerald Bussieres
 Andrew Crompton
 Cathy Dreier
 Chantelle Tatum

Absent:

Carrie Loy

Administration:

Deepinder Dhaliwal, Planner, Planning and Development
 Sonia Soutter, Manager, Senior Legislative Officer
 Anita Hawkins, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair Mike Allen called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT Item 4.3 - Additions of Names to Inventory List, be added to the Agenda;

THAT the Community identification Committee waive any requirement to serve notice relative to the proposed addition; and

THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cathy Dreier, Public-at- Large
SECONDER:	Phil Meagher, Councillor
FOR:	Tatum, Meagher, Allen, Crompton, Dreier, Bussieres
ABSENT:	Loy

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Community Identification Committee Meeting - January 30, 2020

It was agreed approval of the January 30, 2020, will be deferred to the next Committee meeting.

4. New & Unfinished Business

4.1. Name Request - Dionne

Deepinder Dhaliwal, Planner, Planning and Development presented a request received to reconsider indicating that administration received a naming request for adding the name 'Dionne' to the name inventory in 2019. This request was presented to the Committee on August 22, 2019. Following discussions, it was felt that the information provided in the application was not enough to approve the request and the name request application was rejected. After being informed about the Committee's decision, the applicant was not satisfied and has re-submitted a naming request, with additional background information.

The Committee agreed to reconsider the application based on the additional information provided.

MOTION:

THAT the name Raymond Dionne be added to the name inventory.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cathy Dreier, Public-at- Large
SECONDER:	Chantelle Tatum
FOR:	Tatum, Meagher, Allen, Crompton, Dreier, Bussieres
ABSENT:	Loy

4.2. Roads - Renaming of Fort MacKay Road

Administration presented that while assigning addresses to properties on Fort McKay Road, it was discovered that the road is still named "Fort MacKay Road". In January 2018, Council approved the change of the hamlet name from Fort MacKay to Fort McKay, therefore, in order to be consistent, Administration is proposing to change the name of the road from "Fort MacKay Road" to "Fort McKay Road".

MOTION:

THAT the Community Identification Committee recommend to Council that the Fort MacKay Road be renamed to Fort McKay Road in order to be consistent with the formal name of the Hamlet.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gerald Bussieres
SECONDER:	Cathy Dreier, Public-at- Large
FOR:	Tatum, Meagher, Allen, Crompton, Dreier, Bussieres
ABSENT:	Loy

4.3. Additions of Names to Inventory List

Cathy Dreier presented that there are currently three ball diamonds located at MacDonald Island Park which were previously assigned names. As these ball diamonds are to be taken down, the assigned names should be returned to the name inventory in order to be re-assigned.

Action Item:

Administration to prepare name requests to place the three names currently assigned to the MacDonald Island Park baseball diamonds back into the Urban and Rural Community Inventory of Names and prepare a recommendation for the Committee's consideration at the next Committee meeting.

Exit and Return

Cathy Drier disconnected from the meeting at 6:28 p.m. and rejoined at 6:30 p.m.

5. Review Items

5.1. Naming Inventory

The Committee reviewed a portion (Absher, J.O. to Conn, Tom) of the Urban and Rural Community Inventory of Names - Unassigned.

Action Item:

Administration to review the current policy and bring forward a provision for duplicate names.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2020.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Chair

4. **New & Unfinished Business**

4.1 **Name Request – Reassigning names of three ball diamonds from MacDonald Island to Syncrude Athletic Park**

During the CIC meeting on July 30, 2020, the administration was tasked to prepare name requests to place the three names currently assigned to the MacDonald Island Park baseball diamonds, back into the Urban and Rural Community Inventory of Names and prepare a recommendation for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting. The names that are currently assigned to three ball diamonds at MacDonald Island Park are, listed as:

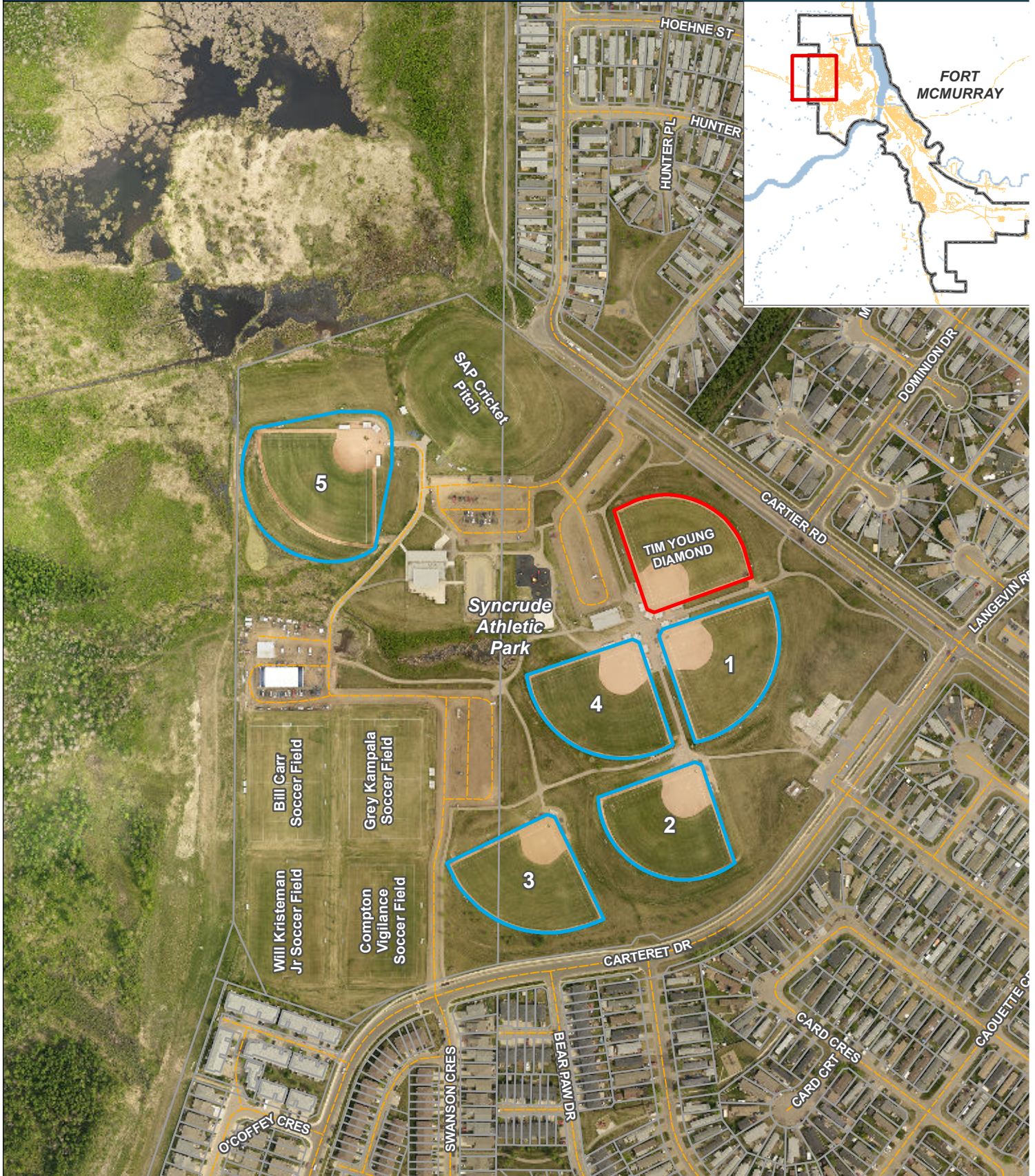
Name of the Field	History/Description
Hlushak Field	Named in honour of A.V. "Tip" Hlushak, a great ball player and coach. Co-founder of the Blueberry Fastball Tournament and a strong fastball advocate in Fort McMurray, Tip was well known for his love of the sport of fastball.
Mutton Field	Named in honour of James A. "Jim" Mutton, a great ball player and co-founder of the Blueberry Fastball Tournament. He was a strong community advocate through his work with the Chamber of Commerce, Kinsmen Club, and other community groups and committees.
MacPherson Field	Named in honour of Paul MacPherson, a strong contributor to fastball in Fort McMurray until his sudden death in 1986. Paul served as a minor team coach and manager and as a director of the Senior Men's Fastball Association.

The administration received a request from the Community Services department to reassign the identified three names from Macdonald Island Ball Diamonds to Syncrude Athletic Park Ball Diamonds on the attached map.

SUBJECT AREA MAP

Portion of Lot 2, Plan 9824820

Attachment



Subject Area



Survey Parcels



Baseball Diamond



Roadways



1 cm = 44 meters



Map Produced by the Geographic Information
System Group on 08 Oct 2020

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Attachment: Name Request Reassigning names of three ball diamonds from MacDonald Island to SAP (Name Request - Reassigning names of

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OF WOOD BUFFALO

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Community Identification Committee (CIC)

STREET/FACILITY/COMMUNITY NAME NOMINATION/REQUEST FORM

The Community Identification Committee is a Committee established by Council with the purpose of recommending names for Communities, Subdivisions, Public Facilities, Streets, and Multi-Family projects.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

- The Community Identification Committee seeks information regarding **contributions** the nominee has made towards the RMWB, their **volunteer** experience and **significant impacts** that their actions have had on the RMWB. Please provide detailed information about **social/charitable works** the nominee has done for the RMWB.
- Please **complete all sections** of this form. **Incomplete forms will not be accepted.**
- All materials submitted with this form should be **clear, legible and precise.**
- Should the information provided be considered inadequate by RMWB Administration or CIC, the application shall be deemed **incomplete** and will not be reviewed until the requirements have been satisfied.

APPLICANT's INFORMATION:

First Name: RHONDA Last Name: VARGO-COX
Address: Section 17 (1) FOIP
Telephone Number: Section 17 (1) FOIP Cell: _____
Email Address: Section 17 (1) FOIP

APPLYING FOR (Check one)

☒ Name Nomination

(A name can be nominated to be added to the RMWB's Naming Inventory to be used later for naming a street/facility/community)

☐ Name Request

(A Name request can be made to use the nominated name for a specific street/facility or community)

NOMINATED NAME: "ROBERT VARGO"

(Prospective Honouree should have multiple years of community involvement and should have demonstrated an extraordinary and consistent voluntary commitment and dedication to the community or who have contributed significantly to the community or national life and have lived or otherwise identified with this community in a substantial way)

TYPE OF NAME**:

(Please check who the nominated name(s) belong to)

☒ Person/Family ☐ Natural Feature ☐ Theme ☐ Veteran*

(*A Veteran is defined as any individual who completed basic training, actively served with Canadian armed forces and/or their allies, and was honourably discharged.)

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ASSIGNMENT OF NAME:

(Please check all boxes that you propose to use nominee's name for)

☒ Road☒ Development Area☐ Names Reserve List☒ Park☒ Municipal Facility☒ Other: Street
(Please Specify)

Legal Address: Lot _____ Block/Unit _____ Plan _____

Site Plan Attached: ☐**CONTACT DETAILS OF FAMILY OF THE NOMINEE:**

Section 17 (1) FOIP

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First Name _____ Last Name _____

Relationship to Nominee _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

REASONS FOR NOMINATION:

(**If Person/Family Box is checked above for Type of Name)

BACKGROUND

(Please provide background information of the nominee specifying dates, employer, profession, date of arrival in the area, etc.)

See Attached Document 'A'

.....Please add extra sheet

MEMBERSHIPS

(Please provide information about memberships of boards or committees that nominee served/was part of)

See Document Attached "B."

.....Please add extra sheet

**COMMUNITY SERVICE/
VOLUNTEERING**

(Please provide information about community service, social service, volunteer experiences of nominee)

See Attached Document "C"

.....Please add extra sheet

**AWARDS AND
NOMINATIONS**

(Please provide information about achievement awards of the nominee or nominations for awards)

See Attached Document "D"

.....Please add extra sheet

Attachment: 4.2 Name Nomination - Robert Vargo (Name Nomination - Robert Vargo)

**CHARITABLE
CONTRIBUTIONS/
SIGNIFICANT
IMPACTS TO THE
RMWB**

(Please provide a list of contributions or significant impacts the nominee made to the RMWB)

See Attached Document "E"

.....Please add extra sheet

**LENGTH OF STAY IN
THE RMWB**

(Please provide information about nominee's length of residence in the RMWB. Also, please provide information about any family members that still reside in the RMWB)

See Attached Document "F"

.....Please add extra sheet

**ANY OTHER
INFORMATION:**

(Please list any other noteworthy achievements of the nominee that you would like the Community Identification Committee to consider)

See Attached Document "G"

.....Please add extra sheet

Attachment: 4.2 Name Nomination - Robert Vargo (Name Nomination - Robert Vargo)

Applicant's relationship to the Nominee:Relationship to Nominee: Daughter.**CONTACTS/REFERENCES:**

Please provide three (3) names, telephone numbers, email and addresses of relatives and/or individuals who may be able to assist with verifying the background information provided above, or the title of the reference material used to obtain the above-stated information. If a relative is indicated, please specify relationship to the nominee.

Name:

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Telephone:

Section 17 (1) FOIP

Cell:

Address:

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Email:

Name:

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Please Return Completed Form To:
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Community Development Planning
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
309 Powder Drive, Fort McMurray, AB, T9K 0M3
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Attachment: 4.2 Name Nomination - Robert Vargo (Name Nomination - Robert Vargo)

Document "A" – Background

Robert Vargo moved to Fort McMurray with his now late wife Shirley in 1973 from Lethbridge. His first business was on the dusty corner of Franklin Avenue and Hardin Street. He ran a small gas station and car lot at this location until he decided to expand and move to the other end of Franklin Avenue. Alberta Motor Products Ltd. was opened in 1974 between Queen Street and Centennial Drive. He grew this business into a full 6-line GM Dealership, complete with a Body Shop and eventually his own leasing company. AMP expanded over the years and eventually covered just over 6 & 1/2 acres of property and was the largest GM Dealership in Western Canada.

Robert was proud to serve the community for over 40 years. He truly operated a family run business and treated his employees like family.

During the late 70's, early 80's, Robert also owned and operated Muffies Donuts, Baskin Robbins and Contact Airways; which had locations at both the Snye and at the Fort McMurray Airport.

Document "B" – Memberships

- Rotary Club of Fort McMurray – He was and still is one the longest standing Rotary Member of their club
- Fort McMurray Oil Barons – Acted as Treasurer on the Board of Directors for multiple seasons
- Chamber of Commerce – Long standing Member

Document "C" – Community Service/Volunteering

Robert volunteered his time as head coach for his 3 kids during their childhood. He was part of Minor Hockey, Minor Baseball and the Ringette Association. He helped out with community bottle drives, bingo's, casino's and other fundraising efforts.

Robert volunteered his time and resources with many organizations over the years including: Blueberry Festival/Parades, Santa's Anonymous, Alberta Winter Games, Trade Shows, Catholic School Board, The Oil Barons, and the Oil Barons Dream home just to name a few.

Not only was Robert generous with his time, he encouraged his staff to volunteer for many of these same organizations and allowed them to do this during work with pay. Robert was a huge believer in his local community.

Document "D" – Awards and Nominations

- In 2012 Robert was nominated by Mr. Brian Jean, Member of Parliament and received The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Metal of Honour for "tireless work as a businessman and strong supporter of local, worthy causes and amateur sports". (See attached Letter "D-1")
- Robert's business, AMP was given an award for being the largest GM Dealer in Western Canada.
- The Mayor of Fort McMurray officially made "AMP Day" in honour of Robert Vargo and his Business.
- Robert received countless awards for sponsorships and donations.

Document "E" – Charitable Contributions/Significant Impacts to the RMWB

Robert Vargo donated, sponsored and contributed *Millions* to various employees, organizations, clubs, groups and charities during his time in the RMWB. His generosity served to create a lasting and meaningful impact for so many RMWB citizens.

Here are some of the organizations that he contributed to:

- Financial help to employees
- Donation of vehicles for sports teams to travel safely out of town for tournaments
- Fort McMurray Oil Barons
- Northern Lights Health Foundation
- SPCA
- United Way
- Crisis Center – Donated a vehicle
- Santa's Anonymous
- Local Hero
- Kids Forever
- Big Brothers and Big Sisters
- Pastew Place – Donated a van and included all servicing for a year
- Girl Guides
- Boy Scouts
- Army Cadets
- Salvation Army
- Center of Hope
- HALOS
- Fort McMurray Food Bank - Significant financial donation each year; A few years ago, Robert sold the Food Bank a building at 2/3 of the appraised value to assist them in obtaining a more permanent and suitable location; In 2020, Robert sold them another piece of property, reducing the selling price substantially to make it affordable for them.
- Variety of Dance Groups and Church Groups

- Boys and Girls Club
- Educare
- Girls Inc.
- Public and Catholic School Boards – See attached “E-1 and E-2”
- Dirt Bike Club
- Little League
- YMM Softball and Slo-pitch
- Karate Club
- Taekwondo Club
- Soccer Association
- Kinsman Club
- Local Radio Stations
- Charitable Golf Tournaments hosted by numerous companies and groups
- Oil Sands Strong – See Attached “E-3”
- Nistawoyou Friendship Center
- Children’s Center
- Rotary Club
- Ducks Unlimited
- Urban Market – Donated building space

I am quite certain this list is by no means complete – but it truly shows the amazing Charitable Contributions he made during his time in Fort McMurray.

Document “F” – Length of Stay in the RMWB

Robert and his late wife Shirley lived in Fort McMurray for a total of 43 years. They started out in a small apartment on Franklin Avenue and Richard Street and then moved to Hill Drive where they resided and raised their family for 38 years. The last 5 years were spent in Abasand.

Their children were raised in Fort McMurray and all worked in the family business until he sold the franchise in 2015. After the fire in 2016, Robert and Shirley and their daughter Lisa and her family relocated to Okotoks. Shirley sadly passed away in 2016 shortly after their move. In 2019, Rhonda (daughter) and her husband also moved to Okotoks.

Their son, Jason, and his family still reside in the RMWB. Jason is now a successful Mortgage Broker with DLC Mortgage Mentors.

Document “G” – Any Other Information

Robert was committed to the RMWB community during the 43 year’s he resided there as evidenced by his business success, the longevity of his employees, and the countless contributions he made to the RMWB. These efforts created thousands of jobs and allowed people to fulfill their dreams and

aspirations and to have a great life within the RMWB. He 100% believed in supporting local businesses and encouraged his staff to do the same.

His business model was centered around Customer Service and he believed that if he took care of his staff, they would take care of the customer. He encouraged his staff to "go the extra mile" for every customer and to treat them as individuals and not just another sale.

Robert found ways to treat his staff of 250 well outside of simply paying their wages. Below are examples of some of the things he offered and provided:

- Employee Subsidized Housing: \$350,000 per year
- Year End Bonuses: \$250,000 per year
- Years of Service Bonus: \$30,000 per year
- AMP Gold Ring and Diamond: after 5 years of service, and an additional diamond up to 12 years
- AMP Gold Watch and Diamond: at 13 years of service, and an additional diamond up to 24 years
- 25 years of Service – Substantial Cash Bonus
- Sobey's Gift Cards for Staff at Christmas: \$20,000 per year
- Employee And Children's Christmas Parties: \$130,000
- Golf Memberships: \$60,000 per year
- Gym Memberships: \$40,000 per year
- Wandering River Employee Campground: \$50,000 per year

This was an additional \$920,000 per year in extras for employees. Items that benefited not only his staff, but other local businesses as well. Robert gave back what he made to his staff and his community.

Robert always believed and promoted the motto "Shop Local, Hire Local, Sponsor Local." Robert was focused on bringing people and their families (employees) to Fort McMurray and believed it was important for them to live here and make the RMWB their home. To make this feasible, he built 70 houses in an effort to provide affordable housing to his staff and their families. By giving his staff an affordable place to live, it allowed more people to contribute back to the RMWB by spending their money at the local grocery stores, movie theatres, restaurants, etc.

In closing, I believe that Robert Vargo embodies the spirit, loyalty and commitment to the RMWB in a way that should be recognized. He selflessly gave to the community for 43 years and wasn't the type that wanted or expected recognition. He believed in taking care of people and supporting the people that supported him. The impact of his donations over the years are immeasurable. Robert was/is a local icon for Fort McMurray/RMWB and has touched the lives and impacted so many people in the community in great ways. Having something and/or someplace named after him is a great way to honouring his commitment and dedication to the region. Most of the time, the naming gets done once a person passes, but please consider doing this for Robert to enjoy and appreciate now.

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate Robert Vargo for this project.



SE. OF COMMONS
PRE. DES COMMUNES
CANADA

Brian Jean, QC
Member of Parliament
Fort McMurray - Athabasca



June 7, 2012

REGISTERED

Robert Vargo

Section 17 (1) FOIP

Dear Robert:

I am pleased to advise you that I nominated you to be a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. Congratulations, my nomination of you was successful.

Your tireless work as a businessman and your strong support of local worthy causes and amateur sport are worthy of the great recognition this award bestows upon you.

To recognize your contributions to our community and to celebrate with myself and others, I invite you to join me and other recipients for a gathering to honour your significant contributions at our Northern Alberta celebration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

Here are the details.

DATE: Sunday, June 24, 2012

TIME: 2 p.m.

PLACE: Heritage Park
1 Tolen Drive
Fort McMurray, Alberta

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Robert Vargo Donates Painting to Dr. KA Clark Public School



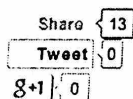
Fort McMurray is known as a generous community. This weekend we again saw this generosity as Robert Vargo bid on a very special Russell Thomas painting of Dr. Karl Clark (the FMPSD school namesake). After paying a WHOPPING \$10,000.00 for the beautiful piece, he then donated it back to the school! Thank you so much Mr. Vargo for this very generous and thoughtful donation for Dr. K.A. Clark Public School – this beautiful portrait will have a place in our school for generations to come!

Dr Karl A Clark was the scientist who discovered how to separate oil from sand, thus laying the foundation for oil extraction in Fort McMurray and area. The painting was completed in the evening and auctioned off at the event.

Mr.Vargo is a long time business man in town, owns Alberta Motor Products (General Motors Dealer) and is also a Rotarian.

Artist Russell Thomas is regular blogger, freelance writer, artist, actor and Director of Communications and Community Impact for the United Way of Fort McMurray. Russell (together with his wife Heather) is co-owner of Birdsong Connections and is the father of two boys (one current Dr. Clark student and one Dr. Clark alumni).

The purchase of the painting came at the Oilsands Dance Party this past Saturday night. Thank you to the Fort McMurray today for the great coverage of this event!



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Attachment: 4.2 Name Nomination - Robert Vargo (Name Nomination - Robert Vargo)

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015

Painting Dr. Clark



I arrived at the We Love Oil Sands dinner and dance just before the guests were let in.

Thankfully, I ran into Trevor Watson, one of the technical masters running the sound and lights for the event.

"I'll take you in the secret way," he said, allowing me to bypass the Jerry Neville red carpet.

It was probably about 6:30 when I actually started painting. Guests trickled in as I applied my yellows, light green, light blue and orange. Soon the place was packed and the energy was humming.

I had brought ear protection, in case the sound became too much for my aging ears. They went unused in the end, as I absorbed the rhythms and flavours of what was going on around me. I also had many people come up to chat, ask about commissions, and share positive comments about the painting that I was doing of Dr. Karl Clark.

"Who was Dr. Karl Clark?" asked Robbie Picard, organizer and emcee of the event, as he stuck a microphone to my face during his kind introduction.

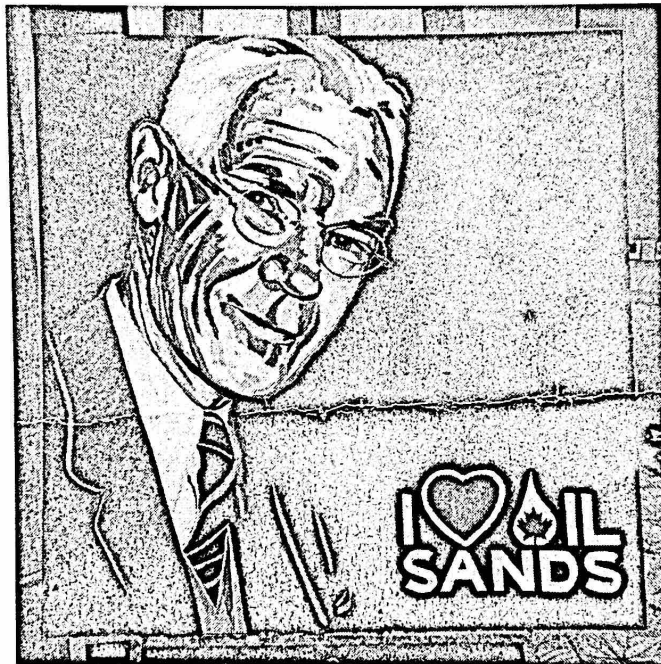
"He was the father of oil sands extraction," I said. "He's the guy that figured out how to use hot water to separate the oil from the sands. If it was not for this guy, none of us would be here tonight."

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As part of the program, many community leaders were invited to the front to share, in one minute, why they love the oil sands. I was pleased to hear several people include Dr. Clark in their compelling testimonies.

Just before they began the dancing portion of the evening, Mark Armstrong from CRUZ FM began the auction of the painting, with all proceeds going to HALOS (Helping Assist Local Organizations Society). The bidding started at \$500 and went up, slowly at first, then into the thousands. In the end, Robert Vargo, owner of Alberta Motor Products, bid \$10,000 and announced that he would be donating the painting to Dr. Clark School. Then Doug Golosky, another bidder, threw in an additional \$5,000 for HALOS. I was shocked and delighted that so much had been given through the conduit of my portrait of Dr. Clark.



I'm grateful to Robbie Picard and Kim Farwell for asking me to do this project, and to the many people who were so kind in their comments last night. It was a great way to spend an evening and it produced an extraordinary result. I also grateful and humbled that Mr. Vargo will donate the painting to the school that has meant so much to my sons Dylan and Ben.

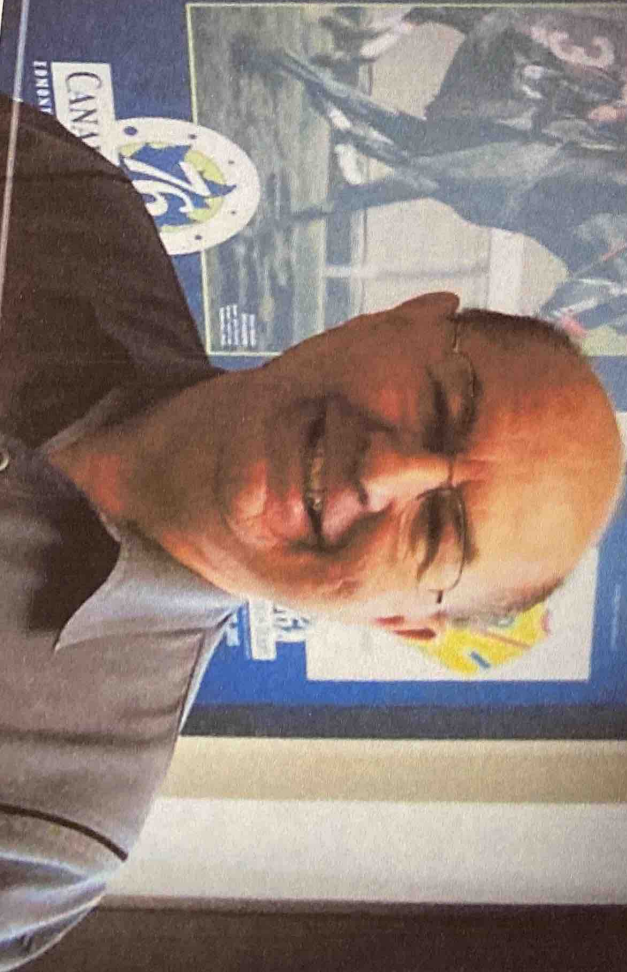
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THANK YOU ROBERT VARGO

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MENT IN THE COMMUNITY HAS CREATED THOU-
SANDS OF JOBS AND ENABLED PEOPLE TO
FULFILL THEIR DREAMS.




4.3 Naming Inventory

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COOPER, Edward *not used	Edward is the eldest remaining member of the Metis Family who resides in Fort MacKay with his wife since 1935. He, along with his siblings was raised in the area that is now known as one of the Registered Fur Management Areas. The Cooper's used to hunt, fish, and trap in areas along the Athabasca River. Aside from the long term residency, Ed has worked in the tar sands industry for more than three decades and has witnessed the growth of the Region.	
COOPER, Jerry *not used Timberlea Outdoor Rink @ 105 Brett Drive "Jerry Cooper Outdoor Rink"	Jerry was a long-time resident of Fort McMurray. He worked with Suncor for 13 years and died tragically in a workplace incident on January 19, 2014. Jerry was actively involved with the local ice rinks and with Fort McMurray Minor Hockey and coached his son's team. He loved hunting, boating, and snowmobiling. Jerry is survived by his wife Tammy and their young children, Brayden and Breanna.	
CORLESS, Jack D ? *not used (Field)	Elected to Council October 19, 1977 – 1980. Re-elected October 23, 1983 – 1986.	
COSTELLO, NEIL ? *not used "Neil Costello Centre"	Died April 23, 2001, after losing his battle to cancer. Neil is remembered for his very dry sense of humor and was very cheerful and always positive about life and his friends. Neil is described as a gentleman's gentleman. He came to Fort McMurray in the 1960s to open the Peter Pond Hotel. He also managed the MacKenzie Park Inn, Sheraton Hotel (Sawridge), and the Nomad Inn. Neil was heavily involved in the community, sitting on the Visitor's Bureau Board and president of the Chamber of Commerce for many years. Neil celebrated and promoted Fort McMurray on his travels in search of new wines for his wine store, acting as an ambassador for the city where ever he traveled. Neil also sat on the town council from 1974 - 1980 and ran for mayor in the 1986 election.	
COURTERVILLE, Lawrence *not used	Elected to Council April 3, 1995 - 1998	
COUTU, Kendra Lorene *not used	The first baby to be born on the day the Town of Fort McMurray became the City of Fort McMurray, September 1, 1980. Great Great Grandmother Marie Gaboury, was the first white woman to locate in the west and her son, Jean Baptiste Jr., was the first white boy to be born in Alberta in August 1808. In 1810, she gave birth to Josette, the first white baby girl born in Alberta. Marie's son Romain, married Marie Ann Vaudry and had a daughter Julie, (born August 26, 1820), who married Louis Riel and was mother to Louis Riel Jr.	
COWIE, Isaac *not used	Freighter, 1860's, on the Clearwater.	
CREEKS: *not used	Alice Creek Archer Creek Beaver Creek Big Creek	Moose Creek Parsons Creek Pony Creek Rainbow Creek

Attachment: Naming Inventory (Naming Inventory)

	Black Fly Creek Buckton Creek Cache Creek Cameron Creek Clarke Creek Claussen Creek Coffey Creek Conn Creek Cottonwood Creek Crown Creek Donald Creek East Jackpine Creek Green Stocking Creek Halfway Creek Joselyn Creek Keane Creek Miller Creek	Rattlepan Creek Red Clay Creek Reid Creek Robert Creek Saline Creek Salt Creek Schmidt Creek Shelley Creek Sunday Creek Surmont Creek Sutton Creek Sweezy Creek Tea Kettle Creek Trout Creek Winefred Cowpar Creek Wood Creek
CROZIER, Father *not used	Founder of the Fort MacKay Mission in the late 1800s.	
CROSS, Dempson *not used	Elected to Council June 11, 1951 – 1954. Re-elected 1954 - 1957	
CYPRIEN, Archie *not used	Elected to Council April 3, 1995 - 1998	
DAVIS, Sam *not used	“Twelve Foot” - originally a woodcutter who traded with Beaver Indians around 1981 in the Peace River District.	
DAVIDSON, Jean A. *not used	June 20, 1973, elected to Council through a by-election to 1974. Re-elected 1974 – 1977. Resigned June 21, 1977.	
DELORME, Sammy (Deleurmé, S.) *not used	Lived on an acre of land where Tamarack Village is currently located. He perished in a house fire approx 30 years ago.	
DEMERCE, Mr. *not used	Taxi owner/operator 1930's.	
DESAULT, Mr. *not used	Carpenter/Contractor. Worked on the rebuilding of the part of town that was burned down in May 1934.	
DICKS, Judy E. *not used	Member of Council 1983 – 1989. Resigned January 1989.	
DIENER, Walter V. *not used	Member of Council 1971 – 1973. Resigned May 1, 1973	
DICKENSFIELD SCHOOL *not used		Named after Clenell Dickins and after the area, the school is located in.
DIONNE, Earl A.	Member of Council 1989 - 1992	

*not used	
DONAVON, James *not used	Was an early freighter in this area. In the early years, there was a street named “Donavon”, but it no longer exists on the map.
DORT –MACLEAN, Ann *not used	Member of Council 1989 – 1992.
DUNVEGAN *not used	From the “Edmonton, Dunvegan & B.C. Railway” (nicknamed the Exceedingly Dangerous and Badly Constructed Railway!) which ran to Peace River Landing. Starting around 1910.
DUROCHER, Josaphat “Joe” & Marie *not used	The family moved to Fort McMurray in 1941. Started the first power plant one block North of Franklin Avenue and was operated by two Blackstone diesel engines. Diesel-powered generators produced electricity and the cost was \$0.25 per kilowatt-hour. A Fairbanks Morris motor, which is now at Heritage Park, was later purchased during World War II along with a Vivien motor. In 1943 he moved his operation to the Hanging Stone Creek across from No. 1 Fire Hall, which, was Fort McMurray’s first Land Fill Site. Joe sold the power plant to George Sandulac in 1953. In 1946, Joe founded the McMurray Air Service which provided mail services, passenger service, and air Medivac from Stoney Rapids, Fondulac, Embra Portage, and Uranium City. In 1948 Joe sold McMurray Air Service to Edgar T. Jones, who had been his hired pilot. Jones later sold the business to Burt Bury. Joe also owned a uranium mine with Hector Demers and Bob Heron in Uranium City. Marie and Joe raised six daughters. Marie was a member of the Catholic Women’s League.
DWYER, Dr. Des *not used (Close)	Dr. Dwyer came to Fort McMurray in the early 1970s when the town had a population of less than 9,000 and was a Rotary Charter member (from 1977). Dwyer received the Governor General’s award for bringing to light service of health problems in small native communities. In 1969, and through the early 1970s, Dwyer launched a “flying doctor” service to assist communities such as Janvier. Dwyer became concerned that isolated native communities were not receiving proper medical attention. He left Fort McMurray in 1979; however, his contribution to providing health care service to the community is best known at the time.
EDGEWATER — *not used	Name suggested by Developer due to the location of the Development, which is by the edge of the Clearwater River.
EGBERT, William, — Doctor *not used (Note: Eglert Drive is named in his honor - and is misspelled, but the residents do not	Lieutenant Governor of Alberta from 1927 - 1931. Dr. Egbert was a leader in his profession like his predecessor, Dr. Brett. He was active in Alberta Municipal and Provincial politics. Born February 25, 1857, in Welland County, Canada West (Ontario). In 1904 he moved to Calgary to practice medicine upon the completion of his medical training. From 1917 till 1925, he served on a number of Boards and Associations in Alberta; ie: President of the Alberta Provincial Medical Association, Edmonton Board of Health, etc. Dr. Egbert passed away October 15, 1936 in Calgary and is buried there.

want it changed)	
ENTWHISTLE, Debra (Peace Park) ♥ *not used	Following the brutal dismemberment of Debra, at the hands of her common law-husband, the neighbors (members of the Willow Square Tenant's Association) petitioned to have their local park named in her honor. Alberta Municipal Affairs conceded to name it "Entwhistle Peace Park". A dedication ceremony was held and a memorial plaque which notes abuse of woman was placed at the park.
FADER, DOUG *not used	(See Appendix 1)
FAIRBAIRN, John (Jack) *not used	Member of Council 1955 – 1958. Resigned Nov 4, 1957
FALCONER, Frank (M.L.A.), M.P. for Athabasca *not used "Falconer Crescent"	Member, first Board of Trade, 1921. Frank Falconer was a member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for Athabasca region from 1930 to 1935 sitting with the Liberal caucus in opposition.
FAULKNER, Douglas *not used	Member of Council 1992 – 1998. Resigned April 8, 1997. Elected as Mayor May 26, 1997. Re-elected October 19, 1998 – 2001; 2001 – 2004.
FAVEL, Captain Joseph *not used (Heritage/Culture)	Favel was a pioneer steamboat pilot from Saskatchewan River. He was the first master of the SS Grahme in 1884.
FERGUSON, Roger *not used	Freighter in this area, early 1900's.
FIRE HALL #5 *not used	Gregoire Fire Hall
FIRLOTT, Scott Bruce *not used	Sat on Council 1962 – 1963 when he resigned.
FLETT, Lloyd (Sonny) *not used	Elected to Council October 19, 1998 – 2001. Re-elected October 18, 2004 – 2007. By-election June 9, 2008 – 2010. Re-elected October 18, 2010 – 2013
FORT MCMURRAY ⌆ COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL *not used	Named after the town of Fort McMurray. First High School to be built in. "Composite" means mixed public/separate school boards.