

Description of Proposed Name: Irfan Bangash

Name Request	Naming Item	Name Origin	Brief Biography
<p>Irfan Bangash Cricket Field</p>	<p>Cricket Field</p>	<p>Irfan Bangash</p>	<p>Irfan Bangash moved to Fort McMurray in January 2011. Despite working three jobs, he took time out to help organize cricket games and events in Fort McMurray. At the start of his volunteering, Fort McMurray Cricket Club was struggling to recruit twenty players to form two teams and have a proper game. Today there are six teams with fifteen talented players in each team.</p> <p>Fort McMurray Cricket Club elected Irfan as President in 2012. In just one year, he made it possible to have Fort McMurray's first ever cricket league in 2013 with three teams participating. He successfully led Fort McMurray Cricket Club's approval and entry into the Alberta Cricket Association. Mr. Bangash worked with the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo to provide better playing conditions and facilities to the players. Fort McMurray Cricket team participated in the first ever cricket championship held in Red Deer in August 2015 and brought the trophy home beating quality teams from Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer. In September 2015, Fort McMurray hosted the first ever cricket tournament. Teams from Calgary, Grand Prairie and Saskatchewan participated in this tournament. Fort McMurray won this championship too, remaining unbeaten in all games.</p> <p>Irfan initiated the Wood Buffalo Juniors Cricket Development program in 2013 with indoor sessions in winter and outdoor sessions in summer with over fifty kids registered. In order to provide proper coaching, International standard coaches were invited to Fort McMurray to train the local coaches. In summer 2015, Irfan Bangash initiated a Women Cricket Program.</p> <p>In January 2015, the Mayor & Council recognized Irfan for his service to cricket in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.</p>