

## **CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN**

### **Naming of Southpointe Stage 6 Park to the Ken Hodgins Park**

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#### **Motion:**

That City Council approve the naming the Southpointe Stage 6 park (Lot 26MR, Block 13, Plan 1424559) as the Ken Hodgins Park.

#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to present Council with information on the proposed naming of the Southpointe Stage 6 Park to the Ken Hodgins Park.

#### **Background:**

City Council approved the inclusion of the name, Ken Hodgins, to the City Naming Registry at the November 25, 2014 regular Council Meeting.

In May 2015, Stantec approached the City with a request to name a park in Southpointe Stage 6 to the “Ken Hodgins Park” in honour of former Mayor and longtime resident Ken Hodgins. Stantec is proposing that a memorial for Ken be included within the park.

Ken Hodgins was active in community work in Fort Saskatchewan for over 40 years. He was on the City of Fort Saskatchewan’s Council for 18 years, and served as Mayor from 1995 to 2004. Ken was involved in the men’s wear business for 35 years, was named local business man of the year in 1984, and Alberta businessman of the year in 1986. He was involved with the Kinsmen Association, Fort Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, the Golf & Curling Club, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, and St. George’s Anglican Church.

Naming a park after Ken Hodgins will serve as a lasting tribute to his exemplary commitment and volunteer work for Fort Saskatchewan. Should approval be granted, a press release and unveiling ceremony for the naming of the park will be scheduled in the future.

#### **Plans/Standards/Legislation:**

The naming of this park follows the protocols under City Naming Policy GOV-002-C.

#### **Financial Implications:**

Should the City have an opening ceremony for the park, contributions would be made in-kind with supplies, such as a PA system, tent, and benches. Associated costs may also apply if refreshments were to be provided.

Stantec has offered to provide for the costs associated for a memorial/plaque for Ken Hodgins.

**Alternatives:**

1. That City Council approve the naming the Southpointe Stage 6 park (Lot 26MR, Block 13, Plan 1424559) as the Ken Hodgins Park.
2. That City Council not approve the naming the Southpointe Stage 6 park (Lot 26MR, Block 13, Plan 1424559) as the Ken Hodgins Park, and advise how they wish to proceed.

**Recommendation:**

That City Council approve the naming the Southpointe Stage 6 park (Lot 26MR, Block 13, Plan 1424559) as the Ken Hodgins Park.

**Attachments**

Appendix A - Aerial Photo of Southpointe Stage 6 Park

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