

CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Naming of Southfort Park to the Henderson Park

Motion:

That Council approve the naming of Henderson Park located at Lot 52MR, Block 2, Plan 0722745, formerly known as Southfort Park.

Purpose:

To present Council with information on the proposed naming of Henderson Park.

Background:

Council approved the inclusion of the name “Henderson” to the City Naming Registry on August 15, 2006.

Four generations of Henderson’s dedicated their careers to “law and order” by working at the original North West Mounted Police (NWMP) Fort, the Provincial Gaol, municipal policing and the RCMP. It all started with Charlie Henderson in 1875 who worked as a Ferrier and located the water well as the Diviner at the NWMP Fort. His son William (second generation) followed his father’s steps and learned to shoe horses and maintain wagons. Their duties required them to travel with the NWMP in their effort to maintain law and order in the region. Albert Henderson (third generation) was an employee of the Old Provincial Gaol as a Guard, Deputy Warden and Warden. Stan Henderson and Audrey Henderson Rinas (fourth generation) worked at the Old Provincial Gaol as a Guard and Administrative Clerk for the local municipal police and RCMP detachments respectively. Additional information about the Henderson family can be found at the archives of the Fort Heritage Precinct.

The naming of Henderson Park will serve as a lasting tribute to the contribution of the Henderson family to the City’s rich history of law and order in Fort Saskatchewan. Should approval be granted, a press release and unveiling ceremony for the naming of the park will be scheduled in the summer of 2016.

Plans/Standards/Legislation:

The naming of this park aligns with the City’s 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.

The cost of the park sign and associated bronze plaque is estimate at \$5,000 and will be covered under the current 2016 Parks Services budget.

Recommendation:

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Attachments

1. Appendix A - Southfort Park Area
2. Appendix B - Henderson Park Sign

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