

Motion following Notice of Motion

Change of Street Name – Blackfoot Road

THAT a change in the road name from “Blackfoot Road” to “Herb Belcourt Road” be approved.

Background

Councillor Bidzinski served Notice of Motion at the January 17, 2017 Council Meeting to be presented at the February 7, 2017 Council Meeting.

Council is the authority for the approval of Development Area, Road, Park and Public Facility names either listed or not listed within the Commemorative Names Registry and such authority includes adding, deleting or amending names on the Commemorative Names Registry.

The name in the road names change must be:

- The name of a person or family who was instrumental in the development of Strathcona County or of particular significance in the development of a community amenity within Strathcona County, the Province of Alberta or Canada.
- The name of an individual who was an influential innovator or business leader, or other community leader within Strathcona County, and/or the Province of Alberta or Canada.
- The name of an individual who made significant contribution or participation in a broad range of public service or community activities within Strathcona County or the Province of Alberta and Canada.

Mr. Belcourt was featured in an article originally published on CBC.ca News on January 9, 2017. Highlights from the article include, “... Herb Belcourt, the latest recipient of the Aboriginal Lifetime Achievement Award, is no stranger to scarcity, but it's a fear of failure that kept him motivated as he built a business empire.”

CBC.ca stated that, “... Belcourt has been honoured with the 2017 Aboriginal Business Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award. He is the first Métis person to receive the honour, which is presented by the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business. He will receive the award in a Jan. 20 ceremony at Festival Place in Sherwood Park.”

They go on to state that, “... over the span of his career, Belcourt, who now lives in Sherwood Park, would build a series of successful companies and go on to help hundreds of Métis students get a higher education. His philanthropy and business success has won him numerous accolades, including the Order of Canada. But none of that compares to the pride he feels when encountering someone he's helped, he says.”

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