

Addition to the Commemorative Names Registry and Park Field Naming (Ward 1)**Report Purpose**

To approve the proposed addition to the Commemorative Names Registry: "Jim Skitsko" and the proposed name of a field within Kinsmen/Westboro Park as "Jim Skitsko Field at Kinsmen/Westboro Park."

Recommendations

1. THAT the addition of "Jim Skitsko" to the Commemorative Names Registry, be approved.
2. THAT the name "Jim Skitsko Field at Kinsmen/Westboro Park" be approved for the field area set out in Enclosures 3 – 5 of the June 20, 2017, Planning and Development Services report.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: n/a

Governance: n/a

Social: n/a

Culture: The addition of the proposed name would provide an opportunity for recognition and the appreciation of Strathcona County's heritage.

Environment: n/a

Other Impacts

Policy: Policy SER-008-011 – Naming of Development Areas, Roads, Parks & Public Facilities. The proposed name meets the guidelines as set out in the Policy Handbook.

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Interdepartmental: The proposed Commemorative Names Registry and park field naming application have been reviewed through the circulation process.

Summary

Jim Skitsko has been the head coach for the Sherwood Park Rams Bantam Football Program for 20 consecutive years. He has been an ambassador to the children that he has coached for putting education first and football second. In addition, he developed a bursary program for post-secondary education for former players of the Rams. He is the first football coach to originate a bursary program at the Bantam level within Canada.

Mr. Skitsko's family has requested in addition to his name being added to the Commemorative Names Registry, that the field within Kinsmen/Westboro Park, where the Rams practice, be named "Jim Skitsko Field at Kinsmen/Westboro Park." The family has expressed that, due to his career with the Rams, the naming of this specific field would have the most significance. A number of letters of support for the naming of this field have been provided by people positively impacted by their dealings with Mr. Skitsko.

Communication Plan

Letter

Enclosures

- 1 List of Accomplishments
- 2 Urban Location Map
- 3 Location Map
- 4 Field Naming Map
- 5 Air Photo Map