

Salisbury Village Park Renaming (Ward 3)**Report Purpose**

To provide information to Council regarding a proposed park renaming within Salisbury Village.

Recommendation

THAT "Yohemas Park" be approved as the name for a park in Salisbury Village, as set out in Enclosure 3 of the January 23, 2018, Planning and Development Services report.

Council History

September 27, 2016 – Council approved the addition of the name "Yohemas" to the Commemorative Names Registry.

June 10, 2014 - Council previously approved the name of this park as "Waybury Park."

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: n/a

Governance: n/a

Social: The proposed park name adheres to Municipal Policy SER 008-011, which will allow for efficient police, fire, and emergency medical service responses.

Culture: The proposed park name provides an opportunity for defining and creating an urban community identity for Salisbury Village, while utilizing a name from the Commemorative Names Registry.

Environment: n/a

Other Impacts

Policy: Policy SER-008-011: Naming of Development Areas, Roads, Parks & Public Facilities.

Legislative/Legal: The *Municipal Government Act* authorizes a municipality to name parks within its boundaries.

Interdepartmental: The proposed park name for Salisbury Village has been reviewed through the circulation process. No objections were received.

Summary

Strathcona County is proposing to utilize a name off of the Commemorative Names Registry to rename the park "Yohemas Park."

An early pioneer in Strathcona County, Peter Yohemas arrived in Canada in 1907. By chance he met Wallace Ball and came to live and work with the Ball family in what was known at the time as the Salisbury community. He married Helen Ball in 1923 but was widowed when she died one year later. In 1927, Peter married Annie Melnyk and together they had eleven children.

The family lived and farmed portions of SW 27-52-23-W4, close to the current site of the Strathcona County Museum. In 1929 they moved west to the SW 28-52-23-W4, just north of the old Salisbury United Church. The family continued farming until purchasing Richardson's General Store, in 1941, from Hugh and Doris Richardson.

The Salisbury General Store was located in what was known as "Salisbury Corner" and the store served both as the community meeting spot as well as the place to purchase fuel and food. Peter was widely known as a very accommodating host to visitors and the Yohemas

family became known in the community for their various contributions in the community. Besides the commercial operation, they were involved in the church, local sports and service to the farming community.

Highway development in the 1960's forced the movement of the Salisbury General Store. Mr. Yohemas purchased a competitor's store and relocated the store to its present site, south of the Sherwood Park Freeway and west of Highway 216. The business continues to be operated by family members.

Annie Yohemas passed away in June of 1975 and Peter Yohemas passed away three months later in September of 1975. Many of the Yohemas family members continue to live in Strathcona County.

Communication Plan

Developer: Letter

Internal: Email

Enclosures

- 1 Urban Location Map
- 2 Location Map
- 3 Proposed Park Naming Map
- 4 Air Photo