

Proposed addition to the Commemorative Names Registry – Syd Ottewell**Report Purpose**

To provide information to Council regarding a proposal to add the name "Syd Ottewell" to the Commemorative Names Registry.

Recommendation

THAT the addition of the name "Syd Ottewell" to the Commemorative Names Registry be approved.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Governance Requirement

Report

The application form submitted to add Syd Ottewell's name to the Commemorative Names Registry included an excerpt from Cherished Memories, compiled by Ardrossan Unifarm (Enclosure 1), that indicates the following regarding Josias Green "Syd" Ottewell:

- was the original homesteader for the NE 12-53-23-W4 between the period of 1885 and 1890
- broke the land using oxen and built a log home from spruce hauled from Cooking Lake
- contributed to the area through contributions through societies, government representation and local politics
- along with the aid of C.C. Bremner, solicited Grand Trunk Pacific to permit a train station at Hortonburg, later to be named "Bremner's Siding"
- contributed to the promotion of the Bremner and Clover Bar area as a representative selected by the Government of Alberta to travel to England in November 1909 to promote prospective immigration to the area for farming purposes
- furthered his mark as the first Councillor in 1918 for the Clover Bar Municipality with its offices in Fort Saskatchewan
- passed away in 1934 at the age of 67

The proposed name, Syd Ottewell, meets the guidelines set out in the Policy. Syd Ottewell was a prominent homesteader in the County and the Ottewell name carries an established historical significance in the Capital Region.

Other Impacts

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

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Interdepartmental: The proposed Commemorative Names Registry application has been reviewed through the circulation process, no concerns were received.

Master Plan/Framework: n/a

Communication Plan

Applicant will be advised of the Council meeting.

Enclosure

1 Cherished Memories – Pages 580 to 582