

Proposed addition to the Commemorative Names Registry – Ezekiel Keith**Report Purpose**

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

Recommendation

THAT the addition of the name "Ezekiel Keith" to the Commemorative Names Registry be approved.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Governance Requirement

Report

Ezekiel Keith was born at Fort Edmonton on May 31, 1883 and grew up and received his schooling in the Clover Bar area. In 1914, he married Edith Hutton, and they built a cottage on his father William Keith's homestead in the Clover Bar area. They later purchased the SW 10-53-23-W4 and then the NW 10-53-23-W4, upon which they built a new home and operated a successful mixed dairy and grain farm.

In 1927, Mr. Keith was elected to the Council of the MD of Clover Bar No. 517, a position he held for sixteen consecutive years, five of which he served as Reeve. In 1943, the MD of Strathcona No. 518 and the MD of Clover Bar No. 517 amalgamated to form the MD of Strathcona. Mr. Keith was elected to the Council Division 4 for nineteen years, during which he served as Reeve for seven years.

Mr. Keith served on the Clover Bar School District, the Edmonton Union of Municipal Districts, the Alberta Federation of Agriculture and the Edmonton Exhibition Association. He was also chairman of the 50th Anniversary of the Clover Bar Settlement celebrations in 1931 and President of the Northern Alberta Old-Timers Association in 1963. In 1967, he received the Canadian Centennial medal for service to his community.

Mr. Keith passed away on September 18, 1968 and was buried in the Clover Bar Cemetery. In 1969, the County of Strathcona Council approved the name Keith Road in the then new Westboro neighbourhood. The proposed name, Ezekiel Keith, meets the guidelines set out in the Policy.

Other Impacts

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

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Interdepartmental: The proposed Commemorative Names Registry application has been reviewed through the circulation process.

Master Plan/Framework: n/a

Communication Plan

Applicant will be advised of the Council meeting.

Enclosures

- 1 Family history
- 2 The Keith residence – an aerial perspective through time