

Sherwood Golf and Country Club Estates park naming (Ward 6)**Report Purpose**

To provide Council with information regarding a proposed park name in Sherwood Golf and Country Club Estates Stage 2.

Recommendation

THAT the name "Matson Park" for the Sherwood Golf and Country Club Estates Stage 2 park, as set out in Enclosure 3 of the June 15, 2021 Planning and Development Services Report, be approved.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Governance Requirement

Report

The developer of Sherwood Golf and Country Club Estates is proposing to name the park in Stage 2 after golf pro Ken Matson whose name was added to the Commemorative Names Registry on September 8, 2020.

Mr. Matson was a significant member of the golfing community in Sherwood Park as well as the Edmonton area. Arriving in Sherwood Park in the mid 1960's, Mr. Matson became the head golf pro for the Broadmoor Golf Course for 22 seasons commencing in 1967 before resigning in 1989. Ken became well known as he taught many of the local pros during his time at Broadmoor Golf Course and was active on the Alberta Professional Golfers' Association (APGA) Board.

Mr. Matson also worked on promoting junior golf by developing programs and tournaments to encourage youth to pick up the sport and stay on in the golf business. Following retirement, he helped at the Northern Bear Golf Course as a starter, where he continued to make his mark on APGA professionals. His passion for golf, his profession and love for his family made Mr. Matson a remarkable and unforgettable member of the Broadmoor Golf Course and Alberta golf history. Ken and his wife Bernice made Sherwood Park their home until his passing in 2017.

The subject park currently contains a playground and multi-use trail.

The proposed park name, Matson Park, meets the guidelines set out in the Policy.

Council and Committee History

September 8, 2020	The name "Ken Matson" was added to the Commemorative Names Registry.
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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 Sherwood Golf and Country Club Estates Stage 2 has been reviewed through the circulation process. No objections were received.

Enclosures

- 1 Rural location map
- 2 Location map
- 3 Proposed park naming map
- 4 Air photo