

PRESS RELEASE

Ellis Granley Park Redevelopment www.mayerthorpe.ca

Mayerthorpe, Alberta, July 9, 2014 – Mayor Kate Patrick, Town of Mayerthorpe

Council on May 19, 2014 directed the Town to meet with the close relatives of late Ellis Granley regarding removal of the Reserve designation from lands known as Ellis Granley Park (Plan 762 1823, Block 29, Lot 14R) under title of the Town of Mayerthorpe. Town officials met with Mr. Richard (Dick) Granley, Mr. Jay Granley, Mrs. Loretta Johner, and Mrs. Birdina Baich on May 26, 2014 to seek their blessing before commencing the process to remove the Reserve designation. It was explained at this time that upon removal of Reserve designation, the lands would be listed for sale, and that the lands would be made available for residential development. The family members fully consented to the discharge of Reserve designation; however, requested the Town to recognize Ellis Granley's contributions to Mayerthorpe by the naming of 44th Street as Ellis Granley Dr. (44th St.).

On May 26, 2014 Council directed to proceed with the process to remove Reserve designation from the lands. The legal statutory Public Notice was advertised for two consecutive weeks being June 4 and 11 immediately preceding the public hearing in the Mayerthorpe Freelancer. The public hearing was held June 16, 2014 at the Policies and Priorities Committee meeting. On June 23, 2014 Council directed that the Registrar be notified to discharge the Reserve designation, approved naming of 44th Street as Ellis Granley Dr. (44th St.), and approved a Commercial Sellers Brokerage Agreement with provision that an offer must contain a provision recognizing Ellis Granley. Upon receipt of an offer, Council can at this time establish Seller's Conditions regarding a playground or green space. If an offer is accepted and the lands sell, the proceeds from the sale of the lands will be placed into a Recreation Reserve. The sale proceeds must be used for the purpose of a public park or public recreation area. The sale proceeds may be utilized towards enhancing existing public parks or recreation areas eg. installation of new playground equipment, new lighting, improved signage. Alternatively the sale proceeds may be utilized for enhancing new public parks or recreation areas eg. skate board park, splash park, recreation campground, etc.

Mayerthorpe is surrounded by vast green space, we enjoy use of North Side Playground, Lions Playground, Elmer Elson Elementary Playground, and the Fallen Four Memorial Park Playground. In addition to these playgrounds, Mayerthorpe also enjoys vast green spaces including Dundee School Park, Peace Park, Paddle River Park, Paddle River Valley natural area, and 74.25 Acres of undeveloped land bordering Elmer Elson Elementary School. Let's come together to grow this community, enhance existing parks/playgrounds, and plan for future parks, playgrounds, and green space.

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