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Municipality Taking Steps to Rename Umfreville Park

Sioux Lookout, ON – The Municipality of Sioux Lookout is taking its first steps toward renaming Umfreville Park. This starts with the Mayor and Council lobbying the Provincial government for permission to rename sites within the Municipality.

“The Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee has been discussing how the Municipality can recognize the Indigenous history and culture of our community by renaming sites like Umfreville Park,” explained Sioux Lookout CAO, Michelle Larose. “We want to reflect the rich Anishinaabe territory the Municipality is located on. I’m very happy to bring this initiative forward to the Mayor and Council.”

The Municipality requests that anyone who can share some of the history of the area where Umfreville Park is located contact Tiffany Thompson by email – ea@siouxlookout.ca.

There is a process to renaming the park that needs to be followed, including getting permission from the Province and community engagement. That includes seeking name suggestions from the public, creating a short list of names, a public voting period, Council approval, Ministry of Transportation approval, and a community event to present and commemorate the new name at the park.

Larose adds, “We are preparing a work plan and developing timelines right now. Our objective is to have a new name for Umfreville Park ready to present in the Spring of 2022.”

Once the Municipality is ready to receive name submissions, instructions will be provided on our website, siouxlookout.ca, and through our social media channels.

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