

## Request for Decision

	<b>Title</b>   <b>Commemorative Naming of Cunningham Bridge</b>
<b>Proposed Motion</b>	That Council proclaim the bridge located on Meadowview Drive east of Range Road 261A as the “Cunningham Bridge”, recognizing the Cunningham family and their rich Métis heritage in the area.
<b>Administrative Recommendation</b>	Administration supports the proposed honorary bridge naming to the “Cunningham Bridge.”
<b>Previous Council / Committee Direction</b>	None.
<b>Report</b>	<p><b>Background Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Cunningham family has deep roots in the area and are one of the community’s longstanding Métis families. Several river lots were obtained by the Cunninghams as original homesteads in the 1800s.</li> <li>• One of the original homestead sites located near the bridge is occupied by the Cunningham family today.</li> <li>• Samuel Cunningham was captain of the St. Albert Mounted Rifles, and his brother Alfred was a Sergeant during the Riel Resistance in 1885.</li> <li>• James Cunningham was a freighter in the late 1800s.</li> <li>• Henry Cunningham was one of St. Albert’s first town Councillors in 1904.</li> <li>• Cunningham Transport was founded in the 1970s by Edward and Jean Comeau who also ran the family farm. Laura Doroshenko now manages the company that her parents founded, which has over 186 school buses.</li> <li>• The “Cunningham Bridge,” as many locals refer to it, has been referenced in multiple historical articles dating back to the early 1900s.</li> <li>• Sturgeon County will be undertaking rehabilitation of the bridge in the summer of 2022, which could incorporate recognition of the family’s heritage.</li> </ul> <p><b>External Communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subject to Council approval, Administration will work with the Cunningham family to plan for a formal recognition at the bridge location this summer; and to develop a permanent recognition reflecting the heritage attributes (e.g. plaque or sign) to be coordinated</li> </ul>

	<p>with planned rehabilitation of the bridge in the 2022 construction season.</p> <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administration is currently developing a formal naming policy to be brought forward at a future Council meeting. This proclamation is honorary and does not require any formal notifications or changes to current asset registries.</li> </ul>
<b>Implication of Administrative Recommendation</b>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Thriving Communities:</b> The Cunningham family’s contributions to Sturgeon County and the greater region are significant. There is a deep-rooted Métis history, a local connection, and historical reference to the “Cunningham Bridge.”</li> </ul> <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administration has sufficient capacity to process the honorary naming and support associated notifications and future recognition.</li> </ul> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>
<b>Alternatives Considered</b>	<p>Council could forego proclaiming the bridge as the “Cunningham Bridge” pending the development of a formal Naming Policy.</p>
<b>Implications of Alternatives</b>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An opportunity to recognize the Cunningham family’s contributions to the area would be delayed.</li> </ul> <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>
<b>Follow up Action</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In partnership with Musée Héritage, create content for permanent recognition reflecting the heritage attributes (COO Office, Strategic Services, Q1 2022).</li> <li>Engage with the Cunningham family to develop formal recognition (COO Office, Q1 2022).</li> <li>Install plaque/sign in coordination with planned bridge rehabilitation (COO Office, Q3/Q4 2022).</li> <li>Engage with the Cunningham family to celebrate the honorary naming at the bridge, establish a date and event aligning with COVID-19 restrictions (Council, CAO Office TBD, 2022).</li> </ol>
<b>Attachment(s)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attachment 1: Presentation</li> </ol>
<b>Report Reviewed by:</b>	<p>Scott MacDougall, Chief Operating Officer – COO</p> <p>Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner – CAO</p>

## Strategic Alignment Checklist

**Vision:** *Offering a rich tapestry of historical, cultural, and natural experiences, Sturgeon County is a municipality that honours its rural roots and cultivates desirable communities. Uniquely situated to provide world-class agricultural, energy, and business investment opportunities, the County prioritizes responsible stewardship and dreaming big.*

**Guiding Principles:** Collaboration | Accountability | Flexibility | Excellence | Safety | Future Readiness | Affordability | Innovation

Community Outcome	Not consistent	Consistent	N/A
<b>Planned Growth</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internationally competitive to attract, grow and sustain diverse businesses; tenacious focus on new growth and innovation</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modern broadband and digital capabilities</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low cost, minimal red-tape regulations</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reliable and effective infrastructure planning; comprehensive land use and infrastructure planning</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Thriving Communities</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beautiful, surprising places with high standards; integrated natural spaces &amp; trail systems; healthy and resilient</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaging cultural, historical, and civic amenities; strong community identity and pride</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe, welcoming, and diverse communities; small community feel and personal connection; commitment to high quality of life</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Environmental Stewardship</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean air, land, and water; Carbon neutral municipal practices; circular economy opportunities</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation of natural areas and agricultural lands; enhanced greening and biodiversity; safekeeping ecosystems</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable development; partnerships with industry and others to drive emission reductions</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Collaborative Governance</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Predictable and stable external relationships; volunteer partnerships</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meaningful connections with Indigenous communities</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing community consultation and engagement; transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respectful and informed debate; clear and supportive governance processes</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Operational Excellence</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaged and effective people – Council, Admin and Volunteers; continuous learning and improvement mindset; nimble and bold, with strong leadership</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality cost-effective service delivery; robust procurement and operational practices and policies; asset management and performance measurement; careful debt and reserve stewardship; long-term financial planning and sustainability</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future focused thinking to proactively respond to emerging opportunities and challenges</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternative revenue generation and service delivery models integrated strategic and business planning</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>