



Naming Committee

Honouring People and Places in Our City

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Monsignor Felix Edward Otterson

(1923 - 2012)

Monsignor Felix Edward Otterson served the greater Edmonton community as a priest, educator, and caring friend for over 60 years.

Monsignor Felix Otterson, better known as “Fee”, was born in Edmonton on June 25, 1923. He knew at a young age that he would become a priest, and after studying at St. Joseph’s Seminary, he was ordained a priest for the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton on February 8, 1948. Fee furthered his education by completing a B.A. and B.Ed. from the University of Alberta and an M.A. in Latin Classics from Fordham University in New York. During his sabbatical year, he studied at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.



For 34 years, Monsignor Fee Otterson served as a teacher and school administrator. He worked at various Catholic schools including St. Joseph, St. Mary and Austin O’Brien High Schools. His contributions and readiness to help earned him the admiration of hundreds of students and colleagues, many of whom remained in touch over the years.

Following his retirement from teaching in 1985, the Alberta bishops made Fee their representative to the Alberta Catholic School Trustees’ Association. During this time he chaired the archdiocese Council of Priests and was associate pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish. In 1990 when pastor Msgr. A. O’Brien retired, Fee was appointed pastor and served for the next eight years until his own retirement from parish ministry.

In 1991, Pope John Paul II named Fee a monsignor, an honorary title for distinguished priests. His contributions to education and the community were recognized in 2010 when Monsignor Fee Otterson Catholic Elementary-Junior High school was named in his honour. Fee was also the recipient of an Alumni Honour Award from the University of Alberta in 2011.

Fee was an avid sports fan and theatre buff. Each year, Otterson attended the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario and enjoyed attending dinner theatre in Edmonton. He also played bridge and skated at Hawrelak Park. Fee was active in supporting women’s rights in the Church, as he was a thoughtful and progressive Catholic.

Monsignor Fee Otterson died on September 9, 2012. He was a proud Edmontonian who will be remembered as an individual who enriched the lives of youth, as well as those of his many friends, family, and colleagues.



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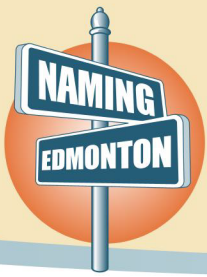
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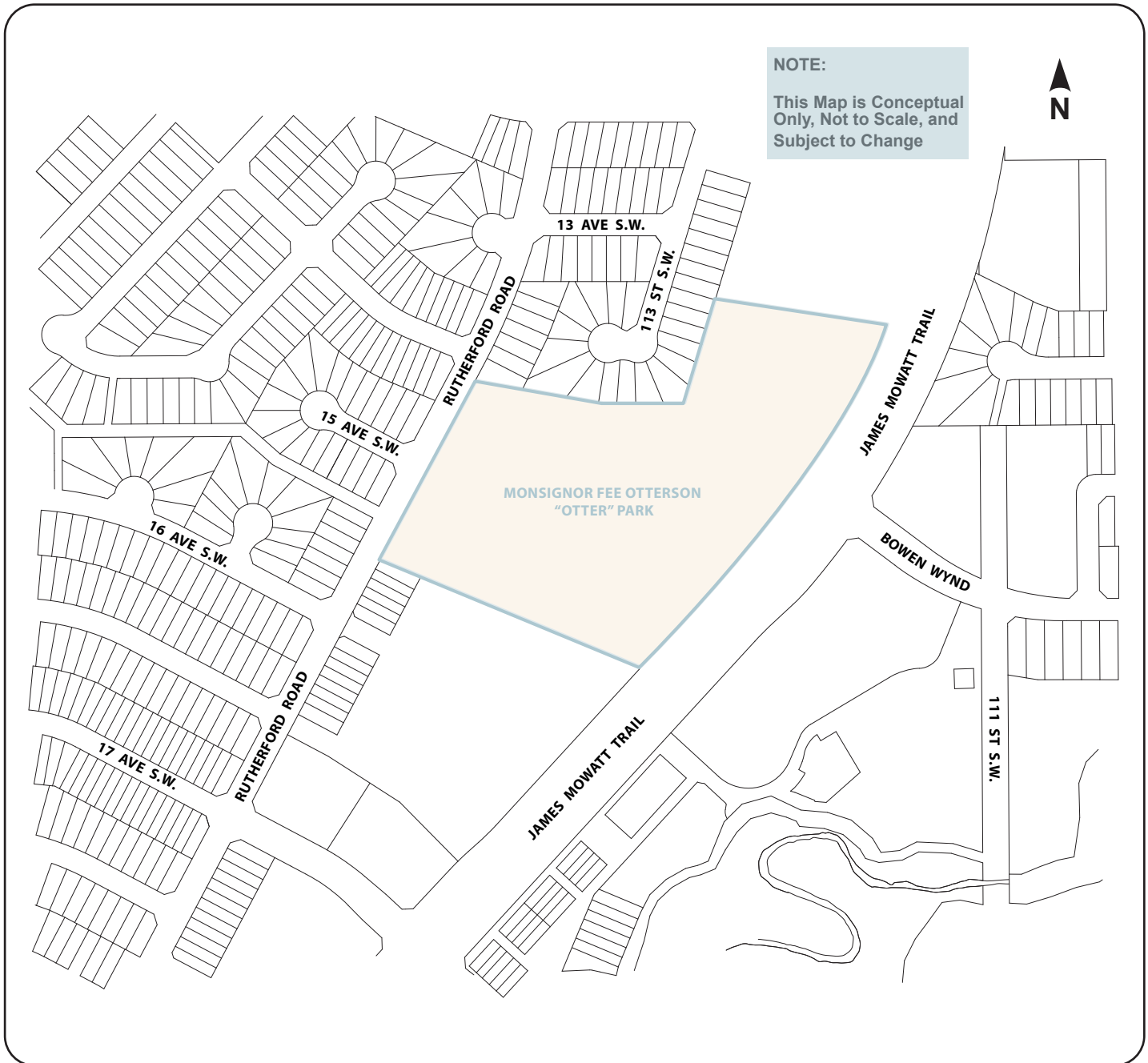


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MONSIGNOR FEE OTTERSON "OTTER" PARK

Rutherford Neighbourhood

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