



Building Naming Contest Launched for the New Ponoka Civic Building

(May 27, 2019 – Ponoka, Alberta) – The public is invited to participate in a Building Naming Contest for the new Ponoka Civic Building located at the north end of 50 St. in Ponoka.

The Ponoka Civic Building opened to the public last October. It was temporarily named the Ponoka Civic Building with the understanding that a permanent name would be chosen after the building had been open for a while and the tenants had all settled in.

The building is owned by Landrex Inc. However, because it is a public-use building and a community hub that is home to the local Library, Town administrative offices, Council Chambers, and the Ponoka Learning Centre, the building owner felt it would be appropriate for the local community to help choose a name for the building.

As the main tenant in the building, the Town has been invited by Landrex to hold a Building Naming Contest that encourages the community to submit suggested names for the new building. The Building Naming Contest was launched at the Grand Opening of the Ponoka Civic Building on Friday, May 24, 2019. The contest will remain open until July 5, 2019.

Contest Details

- A judges' panel will choose what they consider to be the best name for the new building based on the historical and/or geographical significance of the suggested name to the building.
- The winning submission will be awarded a \$200 Town of Ponoka gift certificate that can be applied toward a Ponoka Aquaplex membership or a Town of Ponoka utility bill credit.
- The winning name must be appropriate for a professional-use building that is a community hub and is being used as the seat for local government.
- The winning name must also be a timeless name that remains an appropriate choice regardless of the tenants located in the building at any given time. The winning name must also be acceptable to the building owner who will sit as a member on the judge's panel.
- The judges' panel will consist of up to six people who have an interest in local history and are active supporters of the local community. The Town will approach various community groups to nominate members of the judge's panel.
- The judges' panel will review all contest submissions and select a winning name for the new building by Fall 2019.
- If more than one person submits the same name which is selected as the winning name, those entries will be placed in a hat to draw a winner.
- Contest entry forms are available on the Town website at www.ponoka.ca and at the Ponoka Town Office (#200, 5604-50 St.).



- To be eligible, completed entry forms must be received by the Town of Ponoka no later than 4 p.m. on July 5, 2019, at the Ponoka Town Office; by email at town@ponoka.ca with 'Building Naming Contest' in the subject line; or by mail to: Town of Ponoka, ATTN: Building Naming Contest, #200, 5604-50 St., Ponoka, AB, T4J 1G5.
- Employees of the Town of Ponoka, the Ponoka Jubilee Library, Campus Alberta Central and the Ponoka-Rimbey Adult Learning Society are not eligible to enter the contest, nor are their active contract personnel or immediate family members.

Historical Background of Property

The property on which the Ponoka Civic Building now stands was once home to Ponoka's first general hospital. At its peak, the old hospital was a 50-bed facility with a staff of 60, including 30 nurses and 8 doctors.

Today, the Ponoka Civic Building is home to the new Ponoka Jubilee Library which shares space on the main floor with the new Ponoka Learning Centre operated by Campus Alberta Central (CAC) in partnership with the Ponoka & Rimbey Adult Learning Society. CAC is a joint venture between Red Deer College and Olds College, which offers access to post-secondary education programs and courses to youth and adult learners in more than 20 central Alberta communities, including Ponoka at the new Learning Centre. The upper two floors of the Ponoka Civic Building house the Town of Ponoka Council Chambers and administrative offices, as well as additional lease space on the third floor which is available to the building owner to rent to other tenants.

For more information about the Building Naming Contest, please phone 403-783-4431.

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