

CITY HONOURS LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATE

Elke's Peninsula to be officially recognized in the spring

An area in the southwest corner of the City will be named in honour of a local environmental advocate. City Council has decided to officially name the peninsula at the Riel Stormwater Pond after St. Albert resident, Elke Blodgett.

Ms. Blodgett was chosen because of her long-term commitment to the environment and her efforts towards the preservation and restoration of St. Albert's natural areas. The City will designate the peninsula 'Elke's Peninsula' as it is one of the preferred locations in St. Albert for wetland birds to nest.

"Elke is a great example of someone giving back to the community. Her dedication over the years has helped Council and Administration in their quest for environmental excellence," said Mayor Nolan Crouse. "It is fitting for Elke to be recognized and I can think of no better way of doing so than to name this area within the constructed wetlands after her."

In the spring of 2011, the City will officially recognize the naming honour with a commemorative item that will be placed on site.

"Elke is a wonderful ambassador for the environment in our community," said Leah Jackson, the City of St. Albert's Environmental Manager. "Elke's enthusiasm and commitment is inspiring and it is an honour for our Office of Environment to work on this recognition item."

The City of St. Albert is dedicated to environmental protection and sustainability. The City has a corporate policy that provides direction for environmental performance as well as a framework for setting environmental objectives and targets. To read more about St. Albert's environmental priorities and initiatives, please visit www.stalbert.ca/our-environment

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