

Town of Fort Frances
320 Portage Avenue
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Attention: CAO Doug Brown, Mayor Roy Avis + Town Council

Re: Renaming Colonization Road

This week, the Right Relation Circle met at the Fort Frances Museum to discuss various topics, among them the issue around the street name: Colonization Road.

For more than a hundred years, our residents have walked along Colonization Road without much thought as to it's meaning. To many of us, it simply signified a new homeland with links to the old.

And yet what does 'colonization' truly mean, and in particular, for those peoples who lived here first?

With today's increased sensitivity to the well being of First Nation communities, our shared history and a future that we must walk together, we look about Canada with different eyes. We understand that there are many past wrongs, that, we cannot hope to make right. However, among those things we can, here is a simple change that would cost little and yet say so much.

Across Canada, communities like ours will be asked to make this decision. Our neighbouring city, Kenora, has been asked and a decision to rename 'Colonization Road' was made. The request was made with a completed disposition only, no petition was required. The process of renaming the road is now in progress.

The Right Relations Circle supports the renaming of Colonization Road. We ask that you take our letter into consideration as you work towards a decision. Thank you.

Sincerely

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