

Date: May 10, 2021

Report To: Planning & Development Executive Committee

From: Cody Vangel, Chief Building Official & Municipal Planner

Re: Renaming Colonization Road East and Colonization Road West

On Thursday March 25, 2021, a public notice was provided in the Fort Frances Times, on the Town of Fort Frances website and Facebook page as well as mailed to property owners abutting Colonization Road East and Colonization Road West initiating the 30-day public consultation period as well as advertising the date of the open public meeting. The notice has been attached for reference.

On Monday March 26, 2021, an open public meeting was held during the regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole meeting. At this public meeting no members of the public spoke to the matter.

Throughout this 30-day consultation period the public was asked to submit input, proposed names, and additional comments regarding the name change. A spreadsheet has been attached with this report summarizing the names, and the correspondence provided by the public with their submissions has been included as well.

Through the consultation period there was additional concern brought forward by a business owner (correspondence attached) regarding concerns over corporate business addressing on Colonization Road West. The correspondence mentions concern over who will be subject to the cost of the lawyers fees, licensing, letterheads, stamps, cheques, business cards, statement sheets, business visas. Another business located on Colonization Road West requested that perhaps a deferred enactment date be considered to allow them and others time to prepare for the transition.

The Planning and Development Executive Committee considered this matter at their May 3, 2021 session and recommended the following:

- That Colonization Road East be renamed with one of the following options:
 - o Sunrise Drive
 - o Nibi Drive (Nibi means water in Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe))
 - o Harmony Drive
 - o Agamiing Drive (Agamiing means at the water/at the lake/on the shore in Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe))
 - o Shoreline Drive
- That Colonization Road West be renamed with one of the following options:
 - o Sunset Trail or Road
 - o Heritage Trail or Road
 - o Spirit Trail or Road
 - o Moonlight Trail or Road
- That the Town will not be responsible for any costs directly or indirectly related to the name changes aside from that of the applicable street sign replacements

- That the changes will formally take place on January 1, 2022
- That a Colonization Road East sign (blue sign) be:
 - o Donated to Manitou Mounds for display within their respective facility
 - o Displayed within the Town of Fort Frances museum
 - o Donated to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights for display within the respective facility

Respectfully submitted



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Council approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of the Planning and Development Executive Committee to:

- Rename Colonization Road East to _____;
- Rename Colonization Road West to _____;
- That the Town will not be responsible for any costs directly or indirectly related to the name changes aside from that of the applicable street sign replacements;
- That the changes will formally take place on January 1, 2022; and
- That Colonization Road East signs (blue sign) be donated/displayed as mentioned in this report