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Subject: Petition to Rename Colonization Road

Council Members:

As residents of Colonization Road Wests, are writing to express our opposition to this proposal.

While we sympathize with those who find the name offensive, there is not a clear public consensus that 'Colonization' is in fact a racist or offensive term. If in fact any reference to European settlement of Canada is offensive, there are many other potential issues - our local hospital, which serves all of our community, is named for La Verendrye, the first European in the Fort Frances area. There are many more local examples. Renaming Colonization Road might well set an undesirable precedent.

Renaming a street has significant impact to those who live on it. Records must be changed - billing records, driver's licenses, mailing addresses of all kinds, signage. The town will incur significant expenditure both on changing records and for signage changes, at time when funding is so constrained stop lights are being removed. At the very least, this change should not be made without formal input and majority approval from impacted residents - those who reside on Colonization Road.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

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