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Report To: Planning and Development Executive Committee

From: Tyson Dennis, Chief Building Official/Municipal Planner

Re: **Request to Rename Colonization Road**

The Planning and Development Executive Committee will recall at the June 19, 2017 Council meeting, a request to rename Colonization Road within the Town of Fort Frances came forward. The request was forwarded to Planning and Development Executive Committee with additional input to be provided by the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee.

The Operations and Facilities division have attached a report describing the estimated costs for the Town's signage and labour to change such road signs if the changes occur. These are strictly estimates.

The Planning and Development department has researched to identify the number of properties, including business and residential, that a road name change would affect. The total number of property Roll Numbers that would be affected by a road name change is 222. Of the 222 Roll Numbers, there are 137 individual properties. Out of the 137 properties, 132 residential properties and five are primary business addresses. Home based businesses are not included in the business calculation.

When contacting representatives at Service Canada and Service Ontario, there are no fees for changing personal government identification such as drivers license, health cards or passports. The identification address changes are covered by Provincial and Federal Governments.

Regional Emergency Command Centre does not anticipate any fees for the municipality when a road name is changed. This was investigated by the Fort Frances Fire Department. Bell 911 and Emergency Response would not have fees for map and system data updates.

The Town solicitor was contacted to determine an estimated cost as to what the public would be responsible for cost, if the road is renamed. On a residential property, there is no foreseeable fees or costs when considering property registration fees. These are completed during a sale of a property and would not necessarily be done until the property is sold or transferred to different owners. Legal descriptions are used to determine property information, not mailing addresses. Personal time for completing new applications for address changes would be the only costs. On a commercial or business property there could be fees associated with business name registration and address, which could only be determined on a case by case scenario.

Local residents would have personal identification, memberships and mailing address information that would require to be changed if Colonization Road is renamed. This would be completed by every individual living at a current address at a "Colonization Road" property. To determine a cost for

individuals to change personal information is very difficult as it is more of a time loss, than a fee being paid for changes. What is an individual's time worth?

Administration of the Town would need to make address changes for all utility and service invoicing, as well as all property information files in all Town facilities.

I have attached maps of the properties which would be affected by the potential name changing of Colonization Road. The information presented is for Council to consider and further direct Administration.

Originally Signed

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