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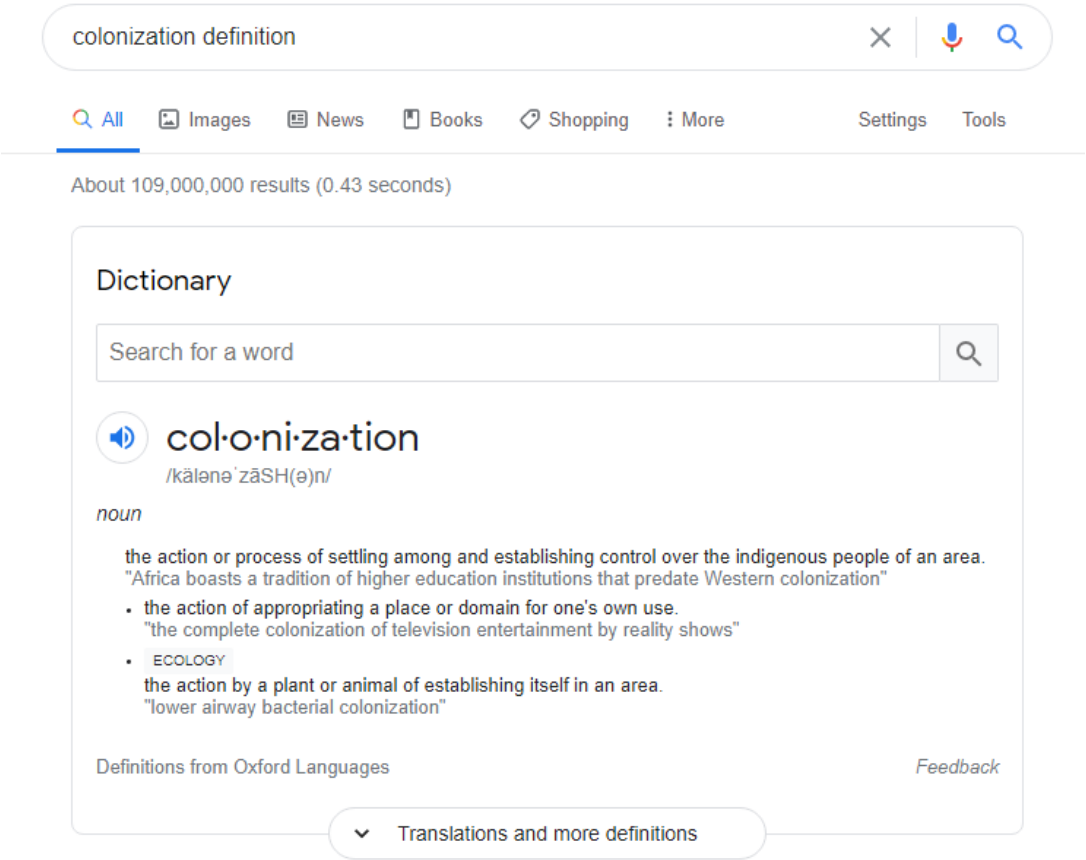
Good morning, I received a recent letter stating the citizens of Fort Frances can email this address to put their input on changing the names of "Colonization Road" in Fort Frances.

For many years, the Indigenous population of Canada have been trying to change the cycle of generational trauma caused by Residential Schools. The last residential school was shut down in 1996 in Manitoba, 24 years ago. 24 is not a large number of years, there are Residential School survivors still living on this earth today who have been greatly affected by the colonization.

If you Google "Colonization" this is what you'll see:



"the action or process of settling among and **establishing control** over the indigenous people of an area."
The literal definition of the word refers to the invasion of settlers.

This invasion cost thousands of lives, and to those who survived- they live with the traumatic horror that they had to face as a child in the Residential School system, but, this doesn't just affect the people who attended the Residential Schools. In fact, this has affected generations of generations of Indigenous families after.

As an Indigenous person, the word "Colonization" is just a reminder of the culture that was lost and not passed down to my family. There is a missing piece of myself that is gone due to the events in Canada. These events seem to linger to this day. I strongly believe that changing the name of these streets is a step forward on healing for the Indigenous population.

Thank you for the consideration.