



Dear Your Worship Roy Avis, and Honourable Councillors,

Find attached below the names and locations of signatories to the petition to rename Colonization Road. We are of the firm belief that the road is outdated and celebrates a dark aspect of our history. Growing up in Fort Frances, you learn to not question the road. I myself never thought about it until I received comments about it during my time in Thunder Bay, studying at Lakehead University. This road makes Fort Frances look stuck 40 years in the past to anybody not from the immediate area. Saying that my hometown has not one but two "Colonization Roads" is something I say with shame.

2017 marks 150 years of Canadian Confederation, yet marks thousands of years of living in North America for Indigenous peoples. Colonization and settlement of these lands by Europeans was a disastrous one-sided process in which acts of war, assimilation, and genocide were directed towards our Indigenous peoples. These acts are in the past, and unfortunately we cannot change them. We can, however, change our future. Will Fort Frances be a town that continues to commemorate these horrible acts, or will Fort Frances move towards the future in an act of reconciliation and partnership? Some may say this is "just a road" and that people need to "get over it." To them I reply Fort Frances has renamed roads for less, with much less antagonism directed towards the efforts. Renaming our town's Colonization Roads would let the world know that Fort Frances is looking to the future and is fostering positive relationships with our Indigenous residents.

This is what I have to say about this petition, as the person that started it. Below are comments from other signatories expressing why they want the change:

"True reconciliation starts from within."

~Candace McCormick

"I am signing this petition because I believe it's about time. This has nothing to do with how I feel about the actual name but everything to do with the way original people have reacted to it. That is very important to me because we have not shown enough sensitivity or sense to do anything about these things in the past. I will be releasing a book that I have written that deals with this issue quite extensively and in particular in the last section all about colonization and

why the word is offensive. I'm aware of it and I support this petition 100%. As a passing thought I must admit when I first moved to Fort Frances I live at 1233 colonization Road West and I never gave it any consideration at all because I thought it was a rather neat name. So I too did not understand the significance of this name and how much it hurt those people in the know."

~Jack Hedmanjack

"When explaining "colonization" to my children, they said, "That is awful. Change the name."

I agree with them....."

~Brad Oster

"As an indigenous person from Fort Frances I believe this is an important step in reconciliation and decolonization."

~Erin Gustafson

Now it is up to you as the mayor and councillors to act on this. Will the issue be ignored and Fort Frances continue to be mocked as a "racist small town" or will you show leadership and work towards positive change, involving the community and surrounding areas in a true act of reconciliation? The ball is in your court.

Sincerely a concerned resident,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Dawson Mihichuk'.

Dawson Mihichuk

Name	Location	Date
Heather Kennedy	Barrie, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jim McMahon	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Heather Algie	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jeffrey Skinner	Vancouver, , Canada	2017-04-06
Victoria Pullia	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-06
Leigh Naturkach	Toronto, , Canada	2017-04-06
Wayne McIntosh	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Hailey George	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Tyson Morrisseau	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Katelyn McCaig	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
April Matheson	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jolene Richert	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Katauyak Everard	Rankin Inlet, , Canada	2017-04-06
Ken Stanley	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Catherine Annau	Toronto, , Canada	2017-04-06
JoAnne Formanek Gustafson	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Nakita Morrisseau	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jillian Kellar	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
kim harris	toronto, , Canada	2017-04-06
Kristen McCormick	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Angela Siemens	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Maureen Aslin	Toronto, , Canada	2017-04-06
Cody Mckinnon	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
cory sky	Fort Frances, CA, Canada	2017-04-06
Candace McCormick	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Erin Gustafson	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Maureen Gustafson	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Susan Koncan	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-06

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Rich Smith	Devlin, , Canada	2017-04-06
shawn brown	emo, , Canada	2017-04-06
Karla Smith	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
karen gordon	Toronto, , Canada	2017-04-06
Joelle Barron	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Alverne Dickson	Atikokan, , Canada	2017-04-06
Rikki Kellar	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Samantha Bell	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-06
Elizabeth Gray	Hamilton, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jeff Gustafson	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Tina Pearson	Victoria, , Canada	2017-04-06
Tyler Kivari	Vaughan, , Canada	2017-04-06
Shane Jourdain	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Alanna Walsh	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-06
Tiffany Whalen	Fort frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Deborah Keegan	Toronto, , Canada	2017-04-06
Tara Allaire	Emo, , Canada	2017-04-06
Madison Allab	Emo, , Canada	2017-04-06
Rebecca Smith	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Tara Yeates	Sault Ste. Marie, , Canada	2017-04-06
Precious Rae-perrault	Fort frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jason Bruyere	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
chrisitne morrisseau	fort frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Beverley Cochrane	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Ellen Gagne	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Charles Catchpole	Barrie, , Canada	2017-04-06
Elizabeth Henderson	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Kimberly LaFleur	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
River Henderson	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Monica Fisher	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06

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Lisette Wilson	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Dianna Singleton	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Sierra Spicer	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Catherine Hubbard	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-06
Kellan H	Scarborough, , Canada	2017-04-06
Dawson Jourdain	Couchiching, , Canada	2017-04-06
eric anderson	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Erika Cochrane	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jordan White	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Rebecca Hunter	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
M Gauley	Victoria, , Canada	2017-04-06
Arlene Tucker	Fort Frances, Ontario, , Canada	2017-04-06
Nick Piotrowski	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jaime Taylor	Kitchener, AL, Canada	2017-04-06
Lily Ieroniawakon Deer	Kahnawake 14, , Canada	2017-04-06
Elizabeth DeGagne	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Evan Durance	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-06
Nigel Hunter	London, , Canada	2017-04-06
Kristen Kowlessar	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-06
Pamela Joyner	Toronto, , Canada	2017-04-06
Laurie Norris	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Lisa Loney	Emo, , Canada	2017-04-06
Miranda Godding	Ottawa, , Canada	2017-04-06
Allene Perusse	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Frank Bruyere	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
ABIGAIL Calder	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Dana Plasky	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Maggie Braun	Winlaw, , Canada	2017-04-06
mike jones	fort frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Margaret Van Drunen	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jason Jones	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06

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Nicole Broman	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-07
Nancy Taggart	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Anne Clemmer	Listowel, , Canada	2017-04-07
Kourtney Perrault	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Dirk Friesen	Emo, , Canada	2017-04-07
Pam King	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
kate crook	Drayton, , Canada	2017-04-07
Jessica Desrosiers	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Alex Bruyere	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Kelly Lyons	Toronto, , Canada	2017-04-07
Wendy Orchard	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Sandra Brunetta	Fort Frances,, , Canada	2017-04-07
Tanis Lesiuk	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Jack Hedman	Fort frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Denyse Marshall	Burton, , Canada	2017-04-07
Norma Jean Calder	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Michelle Monk	Balmertown, , Canada	2017-04-07
Nicolaas Bruyere	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Reeanna Scott	Guelph, , Canada	2017-04-07
Katelyn Ranger	Victoria, , Canada	2017-04-07
Claire Sandelovich	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-07
Brody Smith	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Stephanie Perrault	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Alex Andrushuk	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Jordan Fournier	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Selina Haltom	Sault Ste. Marie, , Canada	2017-04-07
Jillian Berry	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-07
Meagan Berry	London, , Canada	2017-04-07

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Jay McFarlane	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Mitra Fakhrashrafi	Toronto, , Canada	2017-04-07
Mikala Matias	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-07
Brenda Wilson	Westville, , Canada	2017-04-07
Chantal BATT	Ottawa, , Canada	2017-04-07
melissa rousseau	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-07
Levi Morris	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Sarah Faber	Head of Chezzetcook, , Canada	2017-04-07
David Laframboise	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-07
Sydney Radigan	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Carly Robillard	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-07
Dylan Twist	Lansdowne, , Canada	2017-04-07
Elizabeth Comegan	Morson, , Canada	2017-04-08
Tanya Korigan	Guelph, , Canada	2017-04-08
Brad Oster	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-08
Michele Visser	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-08
Sarah Irwin-Gardner	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-08
Brett Willemsen	Toronto, , Canada	2017-04-08
Melissa Shine	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-09
Kendra Duffy	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-09
Sarah Broad	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-09
Priscilla Simard	Fort Frances, Ontario, , Canada	2017-04-09
Fanny Drouet	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-09
Vanessa Big George	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-09
Heather Biggeorge	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-09
Jodie Kabatay	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-09
trevor medicine	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-10
Jessica Bird	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-10
April Field	Sault Ste. Marie, , Canada	2017-04-10
Eric Minden	Hamilton, , Canada	2017-04-10

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Melody McKiver	Sioux Lookout, , Canada	2017-04-11
Frankie Lafrance	Ottawa, , Canada	2017-04-12
Sarah Leary	Vancouver, , Canada	2017-04-15
Heather Zachozy	Windsor, , Canada	2017-04-17
Catherine Petracek	Kenora, , Canada	2017-04-17
Danielle Strachan	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-17
Michael Jensen	Brandon, , Canada	2017-04-17
Letitia Maveety	Cumberland, , Canada	2017-04-17
Elizabeth Seibel	Ottawa, , Canada	2017-04-18
Zachary Davis	Toronto, , Canada	2017-04-18
fred whitey	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-05-02
Emily Carriere	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-05-04
Ashlyn Haglund	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-05-04
Catherine Stauffert	Toronto, , Canada	2017-05-04
Gordon Lee	Toronto, , Canada	2017-05-04
Michael Dudley	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-05-04
Lucie Pekarek	North York, , Canada	2017-05-04
Douglas Lee	Red Deer, , Canada	2017-05-05
Colleen Robertson	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-05-05
Catherine Kiewning	Red Lake, , Canada	2017-05-05
April Bruyere	fort frances, , Canada	2017-05-23

Signatures

Name	Location	Date
Dawson Mihichuk	, Canada	2017-04-05
Taleah Gerhard	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Ashlee Grimard	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Ian McKay	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Carole Easton	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Carissa Copenace	Kenora, , Canada	2017-04-06
Debora Morrison	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Rochelle Bird	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Andrew Sonnasinh	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-06
danielle spuzak	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Megan Kawulia	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Riley Keast	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Andrew George	Winnipeg, MB, , Canada	2017-04-06
Larrayne Muloin	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Krishna Ksiezopolski	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-06
kelly kennedy	winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-06
Izzy Smith	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Austin King	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
brett bruyere	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Randy Roth	Aurora, , Canada	2017-04-06
Dawn ashcroftDawnAshcroft	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jeremy Caul	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Nicole Sandelovich	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Andrew Wiersema	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Lori Flinders	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Tannis smith	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-06
Charity McMahan	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jeremiah windego	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Mona-Rose Morrisseau	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
alex cochrane	Fort frances, , Canada	2017-04-06

Recipient: Mayor and Members of Council

Letter: Greetings,

Fort Frances Mayor and Council: As a resident of Fort Frances I find the name Colonization Road to be offensive to Fort Frances' aboriginal community and detrimental to the relationship between aboriginal and non-aboriginal Fort Francesians.

Please work to change the name of Colonization Road,

Following are generally accepted guidelines for a petition (taken from the Ontario Government website):

Petitions

A petition is a request that a municipal council take some specific action (or refrain from taking some action) to redress a public grievance.

The action requested must be within the scope of jurisdiction of the council, and the request must be clear, temperate, proper and respectful.

The request must appear at the top of every page of signatures submitted with the petition.

Signatures

Petitioners must be residents of the municipality; it is acceptable for petitioners to be under the age of majority.

A petition must contain original signatures only, written directly on the face of the petition.

Each person petitioning the council must print his or her name and address and sign his or her name under the text of the petition.

Form and Content

A petition must be addressed to the council.

Petitions addressed to someone other than council, or to a particular member of council will not be accepted.

Petitions must be written, typewritten or printed.

Email, faxed or photocopied petitions are not admissible and will not be accepted.