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To: [Lisa Slomke](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Renaming "Colonization Road"
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Best regards,

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Subject: Support for Renaming "Colonization Road"

To Fort Frances Mayor Caul and Council Members,

I am writing in regard to the renaming of Colonization Road in Fort Frances. Thank you to Councillor Judson for sharing information, resources, and letters from residents on his Facebook page.

I am a white settler born and raised in Fort Frances and I am in full support of renaming Colonization Road. This is an ongoing example of settler colonialism, and its normalization is an absolute shame. There must be the active acknowledgment of the overt and covert racism that Indigenous people face in the community. Removing this anti-Indigenous, colonial legacy would speak volumes- language matters.

I saw the other letters that have been sent in via Councillor Judson's Facebook page that are for the name change, and they have my unequivocal support. I hope that the Mayor and Councillors of Fort Frances use their power to make this small, but crucial, change towards true reconciliation. Additionally, by writing this brief letter, I hope that Fort Frances can critically reflect on their relationship with its history to the land, putting Indigenous voices at the forefront.

Sincerely,

Jess Ash

