

Address Change Considerations

- Service Ontario
- Ontario photo card
- Home internet, TV & phone provider
- Financial Institutions
- Hydro One or any other electricity or gas providers
- Your Insurance policies
- Ontario Works (Financial and Unemployment Assistance)
- Canadian Pension Plan (CPP)
- Old Age Security (OAS)
- Employment Insurance (EI)
- OSAP Loans and Bursaries
- Mobile phone provider
- Canada Savings Bond
- Ontario Savings Bond
- Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)
- Elections Canada
- Elections Ontario
- Outdoor card
- Streaming and online services
- Canadian Firearms Program (CFP) of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Pharmacist
- Employer
- Dentist
- Library
- Municipality
- Graduates/Alumni associations
- University/College
- Car manufacturer
- Car dealership
- Medical clinic
- Union
- Professional association
- Nexus Card
- Rewards Programs
- Magazines and Newspapers
- Charities you support
- Canada Revenue Agency

CANADA POST - MAIL FORWARDING

In preliminary consultation with Canada Post the following has been determined in the event of changing a street name:

- There is no direct cost to the Town
- Impacted customers will be provided with free mail redirection for 1 year
- The Town will send a letter to each affected resident informing them of the change. A copy of said letter will also be provided to Canada Post
- The Town will need to confirm all impacted addresses with Canada Post
- It may take 6 to 8 weeks for customers to see the new address information in the Canada Post Corporation public database



Renaming Colonization Road



BACKGROUND

The Town of Fort Frances is actively investigating a meaningful approach to the potential renaming of Colonization Road East and West within the community as a small step forward in our path to reconciling past, present and future relationships with our neighboring Indigenous communities.

The Town understands that entertaining such a change may generate a variety of impacts on all associated parties and is researching these potential impacts.

The Town is also actively developing a street naming/renaming policy to develop a set of guidelines to ensure a consistent approach to assigning street names within the Town.

HISTORY

Colonization Road(s), as we currently understand, were constructed in the mid to late 1800's, upon passage of the Public Lands Act, to provide European settlers with access to colonized lands throughout Canada, including Northwestern Ontario, where many of these roads continue to exist in Fort Frances and surrounding municipalities.

To provide context to the impact of these road names, *colonization* is defined as “the action or process of settling among and establishing control over the Indigenous people of an area” or “the action of appropriating a place or domain for one's own use”.

Though changing a road name does not erase history, it is a small first step forward in strengthening our relationships.

ACTION

Within Ontario, some municipalities have successfully renamed these roads within their communities and others are working towards renaming them. Regionally, Kenora has successfully renamed Colonization Road and Dryden is currently working through their renaming process.

The Town understands the significant historical, present and future impacts that the term “Colonization” carries and is committed to considering the renaming of both Colonization Road East and Colonization Road West.

As a supporting body for these changes, The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada has called upon municipal governments to “repudiate concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous peoples and lands”.

Additionally, the Ontario Human Rights Commission identifies that municipalities have an obligation under the Human Rights Code, to provide a service environment free of discrimination. To develop a welcoming and inclusive environment and to comply with the Human Rights Code, municipalities are encouraged to remove barriers that may affect various communities such as use of words that degrade people based on their ancestry, race, colour and ethnic origin.

PUBLIC INPUT

As the Town continues to work on a street naming/renaming policy, we will also work towards compiling supporting information and a list of considerations to be accounted for resulting from such potential changes. With this, the Town is seeking input from members of the public regarding the following:

- Any foreseen costs that may arise to property owners;
- Any potential address changes that may be required in addition to those outlined on this pamphlet; and
- Any other concerning impacts not related to address changes.

Input can be emailed to cvangel@fortfrances.ca or mailed to the following address, to be received no later than March 10, 2021:

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