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Hi, Lisa. This letter is from the Right Relations Circle. If you could include it with the agenda and any other discussion regarding Colonization Road, we would appreciate it. Thanks so much.
Sherry

Dear Mayor Caul and Town Council:

Having followed the recent discussion around Colonization Road, we the Right Relations Circle of the Rainy River District would like to go on record of being strongly in favour of changing the name to something that better reflects local indigenous history.

We believe that the reasons for changing the name should be given more weight than those for keeping it.

Both cost and inconvenience are worthy of consideration as they are important to many residents along the road, but feel they are issues that can and should be dealt with however necessary. As for leaving the past in the past, we do not see how it is possible: sadly First Nations communities are still dealing with the results of colonialism today, and will be for some generations to come.

The name "Colonization Road" is clearly offensive to many. It is the one part of our shared past that can be changed relatively simply when so many others cannot.

Thank you for allowing us to comment. We ask that you include our letter on the agenda for council and in your committee discussions.

Respectfully,

Right Relations Circle of the Rainy River District

The Right Relations Circle of the Rainy River District is an open community group committed to improving understanding and relationships between the diverse cultural groups in the Rainy River District (located in Treaty 3 Territory) through education, outreach, sharing and advocacy. Monthly meetings are typically held at the Fort Frances Museum (recently by Zoom). Facebook- Rainy River District Right Relations Circle.