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To: [Town](#); [Douglas Judson](#)
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Dear Mayor Caul and Councillors of the Town of Fort Frances:

I am writing to share my thoughts on the potential re-naming of Colonization Road. I ask that you please include my brief letter with the agenda package with Councillor Judson's resolution for November 23, 2020. A special thank you to Councillor Judson for actively sharing information about the re-naming on social media. His posts have made it much more accessible to share my opinion.

As a settler on Turtle Island, I fully support the re-naming of Colonization Road in Fort Frances. This is a small, but important step towards reconciliation. We must acknowledge that this simple act in no way makes up for the many forms of racism that Indigenous folks survive through on a daily basis in our area. Yet, re-naming the street sends the message to everyone in Treaty 3 territory and beyond that we, the people of Fort Frances, will no longer commemorate the attempt to erase Indigenous people, culture and communities.

With respect,
Kaylee Heyens-McMahon