

Date: October 19, 2017

Report To: Mayor & Council

From: Tyson Dennis, Chief Building Official/Municipal Planner

Re: **Request to Re-Name Colonization Road**

Council will recall at the June 19, 2017 Council meeting, a request to rename Colonization Road within the Town of Fort Frances came forward. The request was forwarded to Planning and Development Executive Committee with input to be provided by the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee.

The Operations and Facilities division has attached a report describing the estimated costs for the Town's signage and labour to change such road signs if the changes occur. These are strictly estimates.

The Planning and Development Division has researched the number of properties, including business and residential, a road name change would affect. The total number of property Roll Numbers that would be affected by a road name change is 222. Of the 222 Roll Numbers, there are 137 individual properties. Out of the 137 properties, 132 residential properties and five are primary business addresses. Home based businesses are not included in the business calculation.

When contacting representatives at Service Canada and Service Ontario, there are no fees for changing personal government identification such as driver's license, health cards or passports. The identification address changes are covered by Provincial and Federal Governments.

Regional Emergency Command Centre does not anticipate any fees for the municipality when a road name is changed. This was investigated by the Fort Frances Fire Department. Bell 911 and Emergency Response would not have fees for map and system data updates.

The Town solicitor was contacted as well to determine an estimated cost as to what the public would be responsible for cost, if the road is renamed. On a residential property, there is no foreseeable fees or costs when considering property registration fees. These are completed during a sale of a property and would not necessarily be done until the property is sold or transferred to different owners. Legal descriptions are used to determine property information, not mailing addresses. Personal time for completing new applications for address changes would be the only costs. On a commercial or business property there could be fees associated with business name registration and address, which could only be determine on a case by case scenario.

Local residents would have personal identification, memberships and mailing address information changed if Colonization Road is renamed. This would be completed by every individual living at an address that resides at a "Colonization Road" property. To determine a cost for individuals to change personal information is very difficult as it is more of a time loss, than a fee being paid for changes. What is an individual's time worth?

At the Planning and Development Executive meeting on Monday October 16, 2017, the committee heard deputations from the original letter author, Dawson Mihichuk, as well from local Colonization road resident Kevin Stewart. Both Dawson and Kevin had the opportunity to speak and have the committee ask questions about the proposed road name change.

I have attached maps of the properties which would be affected by the name changing of Colonization Road.

After processing the information presented by the two deputations on October 16, 2017, the information Administration researched and gave to the Planning and Development Committee, it is the recommendation of the Planning and Development Committee to receive the information and take no further action on the matter of renaming Colonization Road.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

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<p>Council approval of this report will: receive the information and take no further action on the matter of renaming Colonization Road.</p>
