

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

Planning & Development Executive Committee

AGENDA - March 15, 2021 at 8:30 AM

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TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

SESSION NO. #4

March 1, 2021

The meeting of Planning & Development Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held virtually on March 1, 2021 from 0830 hrs 1003 hrs.

PRESENT: J. McTaggart - Chairperson, W. Brunetta - Councillor, D. Judson - Councillor, Mayor J. Caul (ex-officio)

ALSO PRESENT: D. Brown, CAO, C. Vangel, CBO/Planner, P. Briere, By-law Enforcement Officer, K. Haney, Deputy Clerk, L. Slomke, Clerk

1. Call to Order at 0830 hrs/ Roll Call

2. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof - none

3. Approval of Previous Committee Minutes

3.1 Session no 3 - 01 February 2021 - Accepted as presented

4. Items Referred from Council - None.

5. New Business - None

6. Outstanding Items

6.1 Draft Snowmobile by-law - By-law to be reviewed annually for updating. Snowmobiling club to provide educational materials/training on by-law combined with blitzing with OPP. By-law will work in conjunction with Provincial legislation pertaining to snow machine licensing requirements.

7. Information

7.1 Land Use Planning - Beyond the Basics - Committee determined this was a duplicate course, which has been previously attended by all.

7.2 January by-law report - Accepted as presented

8. In-Camera

8.1 proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; agreement conditions. 0858 to 0943 hrs - K. Haney, D. Brown, E. Slomke, C. Vangel and P. Briere were virtually connected with Committee Members.

8.2 proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; lane way matter. 0943 to 0959 hrs - K. Haney, D. Brown, E. Slomke, C. Vangel and P. Briere were virtually connected with Committee Members.

9. Adjourn at 1003 hrs/ Next Meeting Date - 15 March 2021

Executive Committee Chair

Secretary, Planning & Development Executive
Committee

Date: March 15, 2021

Report To: Planning and Development Executive Committee

From: Cody Vangel, Chief Building Official & Municipal Planner

Re: Flint House Food Truck Patio Request

Stacey and Christine Cridland on behalf of Flint House have written to Mayor and Council requesting to locate a food truck with a licensed patio on Town property near the marina as shown in the attached site plan location. Administration can provide authorization for food trucks to set up in various locations around Town granting approval on a case-by-case basis. Typically, when reviewing a food truck license, administration reaches out to various internal divisions to determine if there are any issues or concerns prior to approving. Given that the current proposal indicated a food truck with a licensed patio we have not conducted the internal circulation as this authorization is out of our abilities under the current business license by-law. An excerpt from the business license by-law including information on “refreshment vehicles” has been attached with this report.

If we look at the food truck alone without the proposed patio, we can begin the circulation process and work towards authorizing the operation to begin in the proposed location (preferably in the parking lot) subject to feedback from the internal divisions.

However, provided the request entails a licensed patio we cannot authorize this at this time. Allowing for a temporary licensed patio for a food truck comes with some logistical challenges to be considered including but not limited to:

- Insurance coverages and liabilities
- Building Code Considerations: accessibility, restroom facility, A-2 occupancy
- Zoning
- Ensuring space for one, ensuring space for all
- AGCO temporary patio extensions
- Marina RFP

Insurance Coverages & Liabilities

Administration will need to conduct further research into required insurances for an operator on Town property. Additionally, the Town’s insurance would need to be reviewed to ensure coverage is adequate.

Building Code Considerations

Building code considerations have been included for discussion, though the proposal does not actually detail the use of a building therefore this creates a convoluted grey area as the building code provisions address patios adjacent to the associated business.

Subsection 3.7.4 of the code details several specific requirements for restroom facilities. Based on the proposed seating the requirements would typically be in the range of 1-2 water closets per sex.

Section 3.8 of the building code addresses accessibility requirements for buildings and their adjacent patios.

Zoning

The current zoning of the proposed location at the waterfront is Open Space (OS), as such, a restaurant and/or patio are not permitted uses. This may require a temporary use by-law to allow.

A mobile food truck is permitted to operate within this zone, subject to interdepartmental review, given that it is a temporary and mobile operation.

Ensuring space for one, ensuring space for all

When considering the request, it should be taken into account that additional similar requests may come forward.

AGCO temporary patio extensions

The AGCO is once again authorizing temporary patio extensions until January 1, 2022 subject to the following:

To be eligible for a temporary patio extension under the AGCO's 2021 patio policy you must have a valid "By the Glass" licence, be permitted to open for on-site consumption and must meet the criteria as set out below:

- 1. The physical extension of the premises is adjacent to:
 - a. the premises to which the licence to sell liquor applies; or*
 - b. a dock to which the boat is attached and may include land adjacent to the dock; or*
 - c. the licensed premises under the "By the Glass" licence;**
- 2. The municipality in which the premises is situated has indicated it does not object to an extension;*
- 3. The licensee is able to demonstrate sufficient control over the physical extension of the premises;*
- 4. There is no condition on the licence prohibiting a patio;*
- 5. The capacity of any temporary extension, allows for at least 1.11 square metres per person; and*
- 6. In the case of "By the Glass" licensees, the sale and service of the wine, beer and/or spirits manufactured by the manufacturer within the physical extension of the premises is primarily aimed at promoting the manufacturer's product and either providing an enhanced tourist experience or fulfilling an educational purpose.*

Further information can be found at the following link: <https://www.agco.ca/alcohol/changes-or-additions-existing-licensed-areas>

Marina RFP

It has been made aware that an RFP has been issued for a private operator of the Sorting Gap Marina. This RFP has been included with this report. Consideration of this RFP should be taken into account when deciding upon this request.

General

Through a phone call conversation with the AGCO, it was made aware that licensing a mobile food truck at a temporary patio was not a common request. The contact from AGCO stated that they were only aware of one licensed food truck which was in Toronto where the truck itself was permanent to the site, the site provided permanent restroom facilities and permanent patio seating.

Further research into the AGCO requirements is ongoing.

Summary

Administration is seeking recommendation from the Committee on the proposal whether to reject or proceed. If the Committee requires further information, administration will work with the applicants to obtain the information to assist the Committee in preparing a recommendation.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cody Vangel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cody Vangel
Chief Building Official & Municipal Planner

Part 15

REFRESHMENT VEHICLES

15.1 Definitions

In this Part:

Refreshment vehicle - defined

"refreshment vehicle" shall mean any vehicle from which refreshments are sold for consumption by the public and includes, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, carts, wagons, trailers and trucks, irrespective of the type of motive power employed to move the refreshment vehicle from one point to another.

Waste - defined

"waste" includes food, disposable eating utensils, paper, wood, cardboard, plastic, glass or metal products used in the preparation, serving or consumption of the food or beverages offered for sale from a refreshment vehicle.

15.2 License- categories - refreshment vehicles

The following categories of refreshment vehicle are hereby established:

Category 1 shall include a hand cart or peddled vehicle from which food products are sold from one location on a daily, weekly or annual basis, and where the food products are prepared or cooked on the vehicle or elsewhere.

Category 2 shall include a hand cart or peddled vehicle from which food products are sold and that is moved from one location to another location upon the completion of each sale, and where the food products are prepared or cooked on the vehicle or elsewhere.

Category 3 shall include a vehicle or trailer from which food products are sold from any one location for more than 15 days, not necessarily consecutive, in total in one calendar year, and where the food products are prepared elsewhere.

Category 4 shall include a vehicle or trailer from which food products are sold from various locations but not more than a total of 15 days, not necessarily consecutive, from any one location in one calendar year, and where the food products are prepared elsewhere.

Category 5 shall include a vehicle or trailer from which food products are sold from any one location for more than 15 days, not necessarily consecutive, in total in one calendar year, and where the food products are prepared on the vehicle or trailer.

Category 6 shall include a vehicle or trailer from which sales are conducted from various locations but not more than a total of 15 days, not necessarily consecutive, from any one location in one calendar year and the food products are prepared on the vehicle or trailer.

15.3 Operation - without valid license - prohibited

No person shall, in the Town, operate a refreshment vehicle without holding a current valid license issued under the provisions of this by-law.

15.4 Operator - responsibility - matters - prohibited

No person shall:

(a) operate a refreshment vehicle on a site located on municipal property without first obtaining the written permission of the respective superintendent or manager of the municipal property;

(b) fail to produce for inspection a written permission obtained as required in (a) of this section when asked to do so by any by-law enforcement officer, police officer or other person enforcing this by-law;

(c) operate a refreshment vehicle within the 200 Block of Scott Street on any day between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.

(d) operate a refreshment vehicle without the vehicle having the name of the licensee displayed on each side thereof in letters at least 10 centimetres (4 inches) in height;

(e) fail to affix a refreshment vehicle license plate issued under the provisions of this Part of this by-law in a conspicuous place on a refreshment vehicle for which it was issued;

(f) fail to display the Refreshment Vehicle License number in figures at least 15 centimetres (6 inches) high on a refreshment vehicle;

(g) allow waste to accumulate at the site from which the refreshment vehicle is operating during the hours of operation of the said refreshment vehicle.

(h) operate a refreshment vehicle which uses propane fuel for the preparation and/or heating of food products without an annual safety certification of such propane components of the vehicle by a certified and registered gas fitter in accordance with the guidelines of the Technical Standards and Safety Authority.

14.5 Refreshment Vehicle License - separate - each vehicle

Each refreshment vehicle shall have a separate license pertaining specifically to that refreshment vehicle.

14.6 Certificate - issued - plate - affixed to vehicle

The Refreshment Vehicle License consists of a paper certificate of license and a license plate. The license plate shall be affixed to the refreshment vehicle in a conspicuous place.

14.7 License number - affixed to vehicle - size requirement

In addition to the requirements of section 14.6 of this Part of this by-law, the license number shall be affixed to the refreshment vehicle in figures at least 15 centimetres (6 inches) high.

14.8 Health considerations - licensee - responsibility

Every person to whom a Refreshment Vehicle License is issued under the provisions of this by-law shall, at all times in respect of the premises or the vehicle for which the license has been issued hereunder:

(a) keep the same, together with all utensils and equipment therein, in a clean and sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health;

(b) when requested by the Medical Officer of Health to do so, procure and produce to him a certificate of an approved qualified physician, certifying the good health of any person employed in or occupying the said premises or vehicle, that said person is free from infection or communicable disease; and after a request referred to above, no person in respect of whom such request has been made shall be employed in, be in or occupy the said premises or vehicle without a certificate of the Medical Officer of Health that all requirements have been met.

Part 15**SECOND-HAND DEALER – SHOP, PAWN SHOP, SALVAGE YARD****15.1 Definitions**

In this Part:

Salvage yard - defined

"salvage yard" includes but is not limited to a place where motor vehicles are wrecked or disassembled and resold; a place where second-hand goods, including waste paper, bottles, automobile tires, clothing, other scrap materials and salvage are collected to be sorted and a place where used lumber and used building materials are stored for sale or resale.

Second-hand dealer - defined

"second-hand dealer" includes a person who goes from house-to-house or along highways for the purpose of collecting, purchasing or obtaining second-hand goods and includes a pawnbroker as defined in the *Pawnbrokers Act*.

Second-hand goods - defined

"second-hand goods" includes but is not limited to waste paper, rags, bones, bottles, bicycles, motorcycles, automobile tires, appliances, furniture, clothing, books, jewellery, photographic equipment, computers, electronic equipment, old metal and other scrap material and salvage.

Second-hand shop or store - defined

"second-hand shop or store" includes any premises carrying on the business of purchasing, selling, collecting, exchanging or otherwise dealing in second-hand goods and includes a pawn shop.

15.2 Operation - without valid license - prohibited

No person shall, in the Town:

- (a) operate any salvage yard for the purchase, sale or exchange of salvage or second-hand goods; or
- (b) operate any shop, including a pawn shop, or store for the purchase, sale or exchange of second-hand goods; or
- (c) except those required to be licensed under sections 15.2 (a) and 15.2 (b) of this Part of this bylaw, carry on the business of purchasing, selling, collecting, exchanging or otherwise dealing in second-hand goods, without holding a current valid license for such premises or business issued under the provisions of this by-law.

15.3 Partnerships - licensing - application - requirements

Where a license is applied for under this Part of this by-law by a partnership, the name and address of each member of the partnership shall be given on the application and entered on the license.

15.4 Class - limitation - goods - upon application

Town of Fort Frances
2021 Information Package for Preparing Written Proposal
For the Operation of the Sorting Gap Marina
RFP# 2021-CS-04

Preamble

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances wishes to enhance the services provided to the general public when visiting the waterfront and Sorting Gap Marina. In order to accomplish this, the Town is of the opinion that an opportunity exists for a private operator or entrepreneur to operate out of the existing Sorting Gap Marina Building, where the operator could provide a wide range of food, beverages, confectionary products and other services associated with a Marina building, lake, and docks. The Town is requesting that written proposals are submitted prior to April 13, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Information regarding the Sorting Gap Marina and how it was operated in the past is outlined below. In order for the Town to properly evaluate the proposals received, one shall include all the requested information as outlined in this information package. Evaluation of the proposals will be done based on the criteria laid out in schedule D attached to this package.

1. General information regarding the Sorting Gap Marina

- 74 Dock slips at the Sorting Gap
- 3 other dock locations on the river where slips are available for sale (Crowe Ave, Butler Ave, Rainy Lake Sports)
- Dual Boat launch pad
- Docking system for transient traffic
- Fuelling station with premium fuel being offered
- 2 scoop and serve freezers (Ice cream sales must be included in all proposals to be considered as eligible for Operating the Sorting Gap Marina)
- 1 large chest freezer
- 1 upright freezer
- 1 pepsi cooler
- 1 convenience freezer
- Men's washroom area
- Ladies washroom area
- Camera System with views including the docks, the launch, the hallet and the fire tower. The Town will need access to this system in the event of damage to any Town property, and access shall be granted by the operator in a reasonable period of time.
- Customs checkpoint at the Rainy Lake docks, this will need to remain available to customs.
- The building must be heated to a minimum of 10* Celsius year round.

2. Operational Information – Outlined below is how the Sorting Gap Marina was operated in the past. Your proposal should clearly indicate how you intend to operate the Sorting Gap Marina beginning in 2021.

- **Marina Season** – May long weekend (May 22, 2020) to September long weekend.
- **Operation of Sorting Gap Building** -The Marina Building was staffed for 9 hours per day 7 days per week from 12:00 noon – 9:00 pm.
- **Hallet and Fire Tower** – Please clearly indicate if you would continue to collect fees for using these facilities and remit them to the Fort Frances Museum. In 2021 it is not expected that these attractions will be open, however this requirement would be in effect from 2022 forward.
- **Dock slip Pricing** – Dock slips are priced at \$510.00 for a Sorting Gap slip in 2021 if the Marina is operated by the Town, please indicate in your proposal what price you would be offering the slips at in 2021.

- **Washroom facilities must be made available to the public.** – Your proposal must stipulate that you will provide washroom facilities out of the Sorting Gap Marina Building at a minimum of the operating hours.
 - **2020 Ground Maintenance** – The Town’s staff were responsible for cutting grass, trimming trees, picking up debris and litter, emptying garbage cans on the property, repairing picnic tables, cleaning and supplies for both washrooms and building maintenance for the Sorting Gap Marina Building, and washrooms. The Town will continue to plant the flowers in the flower beds but the Operator will be required to weed these beds.
3. **Term:** Outline how long of a term you as an operator are willing to enter into an agreement with the Town for the operation of the Sorting Gap Marina.
4. **Sorting Gap Marina & Dock Area:** The Operator shall have the exclusive right to use the common areas located in the Sorting Gap Marina Building, the Sorting Gap Docks, and the docks located at Butler Ave, Crowe Ave, and Rainy Lake Sports. The Rainy Lake Sports docks is a Canada Customs and Border Agency Check Point and Customs must be allowed to continue to use these docks.
5. **Rent:** Outline what you as an Operator are willing to pay the Town on a monthly rental basis for 5 months for the Sorting Gap Marina and Dock slips from May to September. A minimum rental amount of \$6,458.00 and 10% of gross revenue is required to offset Taxes, insurance, dock maintenance and the Beach Management Agreement which you will find attached to this document. The lease is a year round lease and the operator will be responsible for all costs associated with the building over the year, however only 5 rent payments will be made starting in May and ending in September each year.
6. **Collection of Dock Rental Fees:** The Operator will be responsible to collect all dock rental and launch fees as outlined in Schedule “A”. All revenues collected from dock rentals will belong to the operator.
- Previous three (3) years of Revenue derived from Dock Rental and Launch Fees -
 1. 2018 - \$ 33,125.11
 2. 2019 - \$ 33,597.27
 3. 2020 - \$ 38,490.68
 4. The three-year average - **\$ 35,071.02** – Over the last three (3) years the Dock slip rental and launch rates have remained constant. Where in 2021 the dock rental fees have increased by approximately 20.6% to \$510 and is scheduled to go to \$600 in 2022. The Town is expecting to receive \$42,910.00 in revenue from Dock rental and launch fees in 2021.
- 7.0 **Taxes:** All municipal taxes levied against the Sorting Gap Marina Building are included in Rent paid to the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances as noted in point 5. above.
- 8.0 **Hours of Operation:** The Operator shall outline the proposed hours of operation from the May long weekend into the Labour Day Weekend in September. If there are plans to operate outside of these dates please outline this in the proposal as well.
- 9.0 **Scope of Food/Confectionery/Fuel Services:** The Operator shall be responsible for all costs involved in the preparation and serving of food, beverages, and fuel dispensing at the Sorting Gap Marina. The Operator shall receive all other revenues derived from food, concession, gift items, Fuel, confectionery and beverage sales. All employees that are dispensing fuel must have TSSA training to be compliant. All food services on the premises must comply with the Ministry of Health’s Health Protection and Promotion Act. Clearly outline the food and confectionery products, which will be available on the premises. All orders by the Public Health Inspector related to the food service premises must be complied to within the allotted time and at the Operator’s expense.
- Previous three (3) years of Revenues and Expenditures for Confectionery
 - 2018 – Revenue- \$ 60,223.80 Expenditures – \$33,421.28 Net Profit - \$ 26,802.52
 - 2019 – Revenue- \$ 59,216.85 Expenditures – \$31,615.97 Net Profit - \$ 27,600.88
 - 2020 – Revenue- \$ 33,896.38 Expenditures – \$13,200.41 Net Profit - \$ 20,695.97
 - Previous three (3) years of Revenues and Expenditures for Fuel

- 2018 – Revenue- \$ 18,867.18 Expenditures – \$17,389.23 Net Profit - \$ 1,477.95
- 2019 – Revenue- \$ 21,630.86 Expenditures – \$20,752.65 Net Profit - \$ 934.89
- 2020 – Revenue- \$ 12,303.94 Expenditures – \$11,326.24 Net Profit - \$ 977.70

This information has been provided for the Operator to assist in determining the potential sales for 2021. Please note that the Sorting Gap was open for only 2.5 months out of the expected 3.5 months in 2020 due to COVID thus reducing the volume of sales.

- 10.0 **Reports:** The Operator shall provide the Town with a monthly written report detailing revenues from operations for purposes of collecting the 10% gross revenue amount per the Beach Management Agreement.
- 11.0 **Staffing:** The Operator shall be responsible for providing trained personnel, to be in compliance with any regulations that govern operations including but not limited to TSSA, and any food service regulators.
- 12.0 **Meetings:** The Operator or a representative of the Operator must make himself or herself available to attend meetings upon request by the Town during the Term of this agreement.
- 13.0 **Equipment and Maintenance:** The Operator shall be responsible for maintaining and keeping in good working order all equipment provided in the Sorting Gap Marina Building. Any damage due to neglect or negligence to the Sorting Gap Building and/or equipment supplied by the Town under this agreement will need to be repaired at the Operators expense. General maintenance of the building will also be the responsibility of the Operator. A list of equipment provided to the Operator at the Sorting Gap Building is attached hereto as Schedule "C". All other required equipment must be purchased and maintained by the Operator.
- 14.0 **Notice Requirement** - The Operator shall promptly give notice to the Town of any damage or defect in the Sorting Gap Building or the equipment therein, whether or not the Town is obliged to repair same, once they become aware.
- 15.0 **Building Alterations:** Provided the Operator provides detailed plans and specifications to the Town of Fort Frances with respect thereto and provided the Operator obtains written consent of the Town of Fort Frances, the Operator may make alterations to the Sorting Gap Building and may install fixtures, articles and improvements in the Sorting Gap Building. The Operator covenants and agrees that any alterations and improvements shall be performed in accordance with all municipal and governmental building regulations and standards and the Operator shall obtain all such permits and consents as may be required in this regard at its own expense, and that such work shall be performed in accordance with the terms of such permits and consents. The Operator further covenants that all work so as not to create a nuisance, and that all work to be performed will be of first class quality, using first class materials installed by qualified contractors in a good and workmanlike manner. The Operator specifically covenants and warrants that the Operator shall be responsible for any damage caused to the structure of the Sorting Gap Building because of any modification or renovations herein mentioned to the extent that any damage is caused by the Operator, its employees, agents, servants, contractors or any other person for whom the Operator is in law responsible.
- 16.0 **Utilities:**
 - **Water, Sewer, and Electrical** - The Operator shall be responsible for all the sewer, water and electrical utility costs.
 - **Telephone** - As a result of the telephone number being posted on the Town's website, the telephone number will be transferred to the Operator. The Operator shall be responsible for all monthly, local and long-distance telephone charges incurred by telephone located in the Sorting Gap Marina Building during the term of this agreement. Upon termination of the lease, the Operator agrees to transfer back the phone number to the Town.
 - **Waste** - The Operator shall be responsible for the cost of collecting, transporting and Landfill Site tipping fees for the waste generated by the operation of the

Sorting Gap Marina Building and within 15.239 meters or 50 feet in all direction from the outside wall of the Sorting Gap building.

- 17.0 **Insurance:** The Operator covenants that it will take out and maintain throughout the Term, naming the Town of Fort Frances as additional insured and including without limitation, protection of the Town in respect of claims by the Operator as if the Town and CBSA were separately insured:
- Comprehensive general public liability insurance (including bodily injury, death and property damage) on an occurrence basis with respect to the use of the Sorting Gap Building and the Operator's use and occupancy thereof, and with respect to any substances escaping from the Sorting Gap Building, in an amount of not less than \$5,000,000.00; and
 - Insurance in respect of fire and usual extended perils covering the Operator's fixtures, leasehold improvements, stock-in trade, chattels, and furniture at the Sorting Gap Building in an amount not less than the replacement cost thereof; and
 - Copies of certificates of all such insurance shall be supplied to the Town prior to the commencement of each season during the Term and the Operator agrees that if the Operator fails to take out or keep in force any such insurance, the Town has the right, without assuming any obligation in connection therewith, to effect such insurance at the sole cost of the Operator which cost shall be payable on demand.
- 18.0 **Assignment and Subletting:** The Operator shall not transfer or otherwise encumber this agreement to another person, firm or corporation, or sublet or part with the possession of the whole or any part of the Sorting Gap Building without the prior written consent of the Town, not to be unreasonably withheld. Any assignment or subletting will not relieve the Operator from any of its obligations under the agreement and all costs, including reasonable legal costs incurred by the Town in connection with such consent shall be borne by the Operator.
- 19.0 **Cleaning of Sorting Gap Building:** The Operator shall at its own expense from and after the Commencement Date and during each period of the Term, provide all janitorial supplies and cleaning services in the Sorting Gap Building and dock areas.
- 20.0 **Right of Entry:** The Town and its agents shall have the right to enter the Sorting Gap Building at all reasonable times and immediately in the case of any emergency, for any reasonable purpose including inspecting the state of repair or making repairs provided that other than in the case of an emergency, the Town will provide the Operator with twenty-four (24) hours notice of its intentions to enter the Sorting Gap Building.
- 21.0 **Termination of Agreement:** The Operator agrees that in the event the Town ceases to retain a lease of the Lands or permanently discontinues its operation of the Lands as the Sorting Gap Marina at any time during the Term of this agreement, then in such case this agreement shall, forthwith and without notice, terminate and cease to be in effect and the Operator shall not be entitled to any form of compensation or payment because of the termination of this agreement.
- 22.0 **Dock Maintenance** – The Town's workforce will continue to provide the same level of maintenance of the docks as in 2020.
- 23.0 **Business Licence Requirement** – The operator covenants to observe and fulfil the lawful provisions and requirements of all statutes, orders-in-council, by-laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, municipal or parliamentary relating to establishing and operating a business in the Town of Fort Frances.
- 24.0 **Written Proposals** – must be clearly marked **Sorting Gap Marina Operator** and enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed or delivered to:

**Mr. Doug Brown
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Fort Frances
320 Portage Avenue
Fort Frances, Ontario
P9A 3P9**

On or before 2:00 pm Local Time, Tuesday, April 13, 2021. Proposals will be opened immediately thereafter in the Committee Room of the Civic Centre. Lowest or any Proposal not necessarily accepted. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein, and to award the Proposal in the best interest of the Town in its sole and unfettered discretion. All proposals must clearly reference **RFP# 2021-CS-04** when submitted. The accepted Proposal must be approved by Council. The opening will be done publicly via Microsoft Teams and a link will be posted on the Town Website, and a copy of the link is below.

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- 25.0 **Additional Information** -Questions regarding this Proposal or information package must be directed to: **Aaron Bisson**, Recreation and Culture Manager – 274-4561 ext. 1717 or abisson@fortfrances.ca

SCHEDULE “A”

2021 Sorting Gap Marina Rates
All rates are plus HST
(below find the rates the Town is proposing for 2021)

Sorting Gap Dock Slip	\$ 510.00
River Slips	\$ 323.19
Daily (overnight)	\$ 10.44
Weekly	\$ 51.90
Launch Fees Daily	\$ 8.14
Launch Fees Seasonal	\$ 58.41
Launch Fees Commercial	\$ 195.62

SCHEDULE “B”

**2020 PRICE & PRODUCTS SOLD AT
Sorting Gap (plus HST)**

Confectionery Items

Pop	\$2.43
Water	\$1.77
Ice	\$2.90
1 scoop of ice cream	\$2.50
2 scoops of ice cream	\$3.50

SCHEDULE “C”

2020 Sorting Gap Marina Building

List of Equipment Within Sorting Gap Building

- 1 Fan
- 1 Air Conditioner
- 1 Deepfreeze
- 1 Fridge
- 1 Battery Operated Clock
- 1 Fire Extinguisher
- 1 First Aid Kit
- 2 Hard ice cream service freezers
- 1 frozen treats freezer

SCHEDULE “D”

2020 Sorting Gap Marina Proposal Evaluation Criteria

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

The Town of Fort Frances will review the proposal submitted by each individual potential Operator during April 2021. A scoring system will be utilized on the following categories:

- 1) Quality of the proposal submitted - ease of understanding, required components of the Request For Proposal
- 2) Past Experience in a hospitality or customer service industry
- 3) Key Personnel assigned to the project
- 4) Proposed monthly rent payment (to be paid for 5 months starting May with the final payment being September each year)
- 5) Greatest perceived benefit for the Town and its citizens including but not limited to: operating hours, proposed offerings at the location.
- 6) Future plans for the area and potential expansion of the business

It should be clearly understood that the Town of Fort Frances has the right to assign weighting to each of the 6 above mentioned categories and if any proposal submitted fails to include any mandatory requirements as outlined in the Terms of Reference, the proposal is automatically disqualified.

2020 Statement of Operations- General Fund

	Actual to December 31/16	Actual to December 31/17	Actual to December 31/18	Actual to December 31, 2019	Actual to December 31, 2020
<i>Waterfront Development (Sorting Gap Marina)</i>				-	-
REVENUE				-	-
Dock Rentals	(17,369.00)	(22,239.72)	(25,990.91)	(26,822.80)	(29,215.84)
Confectionery	(51,342.76)	(59,064.16)	(60,223.80)	(59,216.85)	(33,896.38)
Expense Recoveries			-	-	-
Launch Fees	(4,398.33)	(5,168.65)	(7,134.20)	(6,774.47)	(9,274.84)
Sales - Gas & Oil	(15,603.79)	(16,437.05)	(18,867.18)	(21,630.86)	(12,303.94)
Sales - Confectionery			-	-	-
Provincial Grants - MNM			-	-	-
Expense Recoveries			-	-	-
Total Revenue	(88,713.88)	(102,909.58)	(112,216.09)	(114,444.98)	(84,691.00)
EXPENDITURES				-	-
Administration				-	-
Distributed Salaries/Wages	15,344.28			-	-
Distributed Benefits	379.32			-	-
Salaries Full Time		1,029.94	-	-	13,293.47
Overtime, Shift, Recall	563.64	593.71	795.22	1,111.50	798.05
Vac, Stats, Holiday	993.45		-	-	-
Hourly Part Time	19,081.22	36,992.17	39,653.31	43,810.99	11,993.28
Employer Benefits					481.83
WSIB	594.37	1,164.57	1,287.71	1,409.94	606.59
CPP	599.15	1,248.71	960.30	1,329.18	866.19
EI	543.19	871.34	935.18	1,015.56	539.63
Employer OMERS					1,268.35

2020 Statement of Operations- General Fund

	Actual to December 31/16	Actual to December 31/17	Actual to December 31/18	Actual to December 31, 2019	Actual to December 31, 2020
EHT	402.43	731.52	703.14	873.13	509.87
Active Net Processing Fees			275.66	352.18	1,229.92
Communications	449.84	674.38	682.84	1,353.15	1,071.24
Overtime				101.99	-
Office Supplies	428.22	865.03	188.97	298.79	496.82
Cleaning/Janitorial Supplies	364.30		-	-	-
MNR Rent (10% of Gross Revenue)	8,871.39		11,221.61	11,444.50	-
Advertising & Public Notices			-	-	250.00
Bank Service Charges	448.35	180.00	228.72	406.20	469.00
Cash Over/Under		(179.41)	74.24	(90.05)	(151.98)
Foreign Exchange	(685.42)	(459.08)	(445.17)	(445.31)	(1.56)
Credit Card Discount	730.28	704.66	839.28	1,196.38	948.43
Active Net Transaction Fee			320.87	650.33	2,086.68
Gas/Fuel			-	63.28	-
Gas Purchases for Resale	12,233.41	13,673.03	17,389.23	20,752.65	12,399.57
Confectionery Expenses	29,953.96	33,136.79	33,421.28	31,615.97	13,200.41
	91,295.38	91,227.36	108,532.39	117,250.36	62,355.79
Buildings & Grounds				-	
Distributed Salaries/Wages	863.39			-	
Distributed Benefits	284.92			-	
Salaries Full Time		1,358.99	2,102.16	11,174.84	7,917.64
Salaries Part Time			22.41	-	-
Employer CPP		64.81	107.73	585.42	431.42
Employer EI		29.70	48.87	247.75	165.69
Employer OMERS		127.25	212.64	1,112.86	791.91
Employer EHT		25.28	45.27	238.31	170.37
Employer Benefits			29.41	890.18	651.63
Employer WSIB		42.72	72.81	384.39	202.62
Hydro Charges	4,124.07	3,270.26	3,224.72	2,774.36	1,423.11

2020 Statement of Operations- General Fund

	Actual to December 31/16	Actual to December 31/17	Actual to December 31/18	Actual to December 31, 2019	Actual to December 31, 2020
Water & Sewer Charges	632.94	854.56	752.08	917.93	1,022.83
Waterfront PIL Taxes	16,044.64	16,208.01	16,005.59	16,508.74	16,978.60

2020 Statement of Operations- General Fund

	Actual to December 31/16	Actual to December 31/17	Actual to December 31/18	Actual to December 31, 2019	Actual to December 31, 2020
Janitorial Cleaning Supplies	510.77	2,561.73	2,791.52	2,286.50	728.46
Contracted Services	4,022.35	5,134.00	5,849.47	8,084.03	5,209.49
Equipment Rentals - Owned	407.87	527.16	1,465.20	5,613.87	6,526.04
Repairs & Maintenance	1,864.83	1,206.06	551.72	3,290.42	1,169.91
Riverfront Maintenance	308.00		-	2,197.00	1,469.22
Insurance	8,171.31	8,316.36	7,822.78	4,299.15	2,870.50
	37,235.09	39,726.89	41,104.38	60,605.75	47,729.44
Total Revenue	(88,713.88)	(102,909.58)	(112,216.09)	(114,444.98)	(84,691.00)
Total Expenses	128,530.47	130,954.25	149,636.77	177,856.11	110,085.23
Total Waterfront Development	39,816.59	28,044.67	37,420.68	63,411.13	25,394.23



Ministry of
Natural
Resources

Beach Management Agreement

NO. 003

THIS AGREEMENT made the 5th day of April, 2007 under Section 44 of the Public Lands Act.

BETWEEN:

THE MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES
for the province of Ontario,
hereinafter referred to as the
"Minister",

OF THE FIRST PART;

-and-

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT
FRANCES, hereinafter referred to as
the "Corporation",

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS under Section 44 of the Public Lands Act, the Minister and a municipality may enter into an agreement respecting the control and management by the municipality of any public lands composed of beaches or lands covered with water.

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES that in consideration of the mutual agreements and undertakings herein, the parties hereto covenant and agree with each other as follows:

1. The public lands described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and hereinafter referred to as the "control area" are placed under the control and management of the Corporation for a period of twenty-five years from the first day of April, 2006.
2. Before commencing any development of the control area, the corporation shall submit plans and specifications of the proposed development to the local District Manager of the Ministry of Natural Resources hereinafter referred to as the "District Manager", and shall not proceed with the development until the plans and specifications have been approved in writing by the District Manager, who may approve them as submitted or with such alterations therein as he deems advisable.
3. The Corporation shall enact such by-laws as are necessary to enable it to comply with the proposed uses and developments set forth in the plans and specifications referred to in paragraph 2.

4. The Corporation shall be responsible for all costs of such survey work as is deemed necessary by the Minister to establish the external boundaries of the control area and, within the control area, any boundary lines between public lands and privately-held lands.
5.
 - (1) The Corporation covenants that forthwith upon the execution of the agreement, it will enter into negotiations with the existing holders (if any) of leases, licences of occupation, or land use permits issued by the Crown in the control area, to continue in occupation and or use under terms and conditions and at rents agreed upon and evidenced by leases to be issued by the Corporation, but no such lease shall be issued by the Corporation for a term in excess of the then unexpired term of this agreement.
 - (2) A copy of every lease to be issued by the Corporation pursuant to clause 5(1) shall be filed with the District Manager and thereupon the District Manager will arrange for cancellation of the leases, licences of occupation, or land use permits issued by the Crown and send a copy of the notice of cancellation to the Corporation.
6. Apart from the leases that may be issued by the Corporation under clause 5(1), the Corporation may grant leases permitting occupation of any other part or parts of the control area to such person or persons and for such term or terms which the Corporation sees fit, provided only that no such lease shall be for a term that exceeds the then unexpired term of this agreement.
7. The Minister or any authorized officer of the Ministry of Natural Resources may enter and inspect the control area and buildings or structures thereon at any time.
8. The Corporation shall file with the Minister on or before the 31st day of March in each year, an annual report of its progress, including an itemized list of all receipts and expenditures in such form and with such auditor's certificates and other information as the Minister may require.
9.
 - (1) Subject to subparagraph 2 of this paragraph the Corporation agrees to pay to the Treasurer of Ontario on or before the 31st day of March in each year a sum equal to ten per cent (10%) of the gross revenue shown in the statement referred to in paragraph 8.
 - (2) The Corporation agrees that the percentage of the gross revenue payable by the Corporation to the Minister of Finance under subparagraph 1 of this paragraph shall be subject to review and adjustment in each year during the term of this agreement.

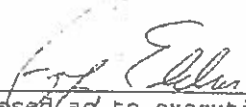
10. The Minister shall be under no liability whatsoever to any person, firm or corporation for any damages or injury, including death, of any person or persons caused by or resulting from the control and management of the control area by the Corporation, its servants or agents, and the Corporation will indemnify and save harmless the Minister, his servants or agents, from and against all claims of any nature whatsoever and from whatever source arising, for damages to property or injury to or death of any person or persons arising from, caused by or resulting from the control and management of the control area by the Corporation, its servants or agents.


PROVIDED that,

- a) Upon the expiration or sooner determination of this agreement, the Corporation shall remove from the premises any building, structure or thing thereon where the Minister or a person authorized by him, within thirty days after the expiry or sooner determination of the agreement, requests the Corporation in writing to remove any such building, structure or thing;
- b) In the event that a request is made pursuant to paragraph (a), the Corporation shall, within twelve months from the expiry or sooner determination of the agreement, remove at the expense of the Corporation the building or buildings, structure or structures, or thing or things which the Minister or the person authorized by him has requested be removed from the premises and the Corporation shall leave the premises in a safe and clean condition satisfactory to the Minister or the person authorized by him and;
- c) In the event that the Corporation neglects or refuses to comply with the request referred to in paragraph (a), the Minister or a person authorized by him may remove any or all buildings, structures or things from the premises and restore the premises to a safe and clean condition and the cost thereby incurred by the Minister or a person authorized by him shall be a debt to the Minister and may be recovered from the Corporation at the suit of the Minister in any court of competent jurisdiction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Minister has executed this agreement under the hand of an officer duly authorized in that behalf and the seal of the Ministry of Natural Resources, and the Corporation has hereunto set its seal attested by its officers duly authorized in that behalf by Resolution No. 151 dated the 24th day of April, 2006.

SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED
in the presence of


Witnessed as to execution
by District Manager


Bill Darby
District Manager
Fort Frances District
On behalf of the Minister of
Natural Resources

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF
FORT FRANCES

By: 

And by: 

SCHEDULE

Firstly

Part of Location CL 13800,
Being part of the bed of Rainy River,
In front of the Colonization Road in front of
Lots 19 to 24, Rainy River Range,
And in front of the Town Plot of Alberton,
Geographic Township of McIrvine,
Town of Fort Frances,
Territorial District of Rainy River,
Containing 3.306 hectares, more or less,
Designated as Parts 1 to 13, both inclusive,
On Reference Plan 48R-4073.

Secondly

All of Location CL 14368,
Being part of the bed of Rainy River,
In front of the Colonization Road in front of
Lots 18 to 24, both inclusive, Rainy River Range,
And in front of the Town Plot of Alberton,
Geographic Township of McIrvine,
Town of Fort Frances,
Territorial District of Rainy River,
Containing 2.162 hectares, more or less,
Designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 48R-4126.

FLINT HOUSE

To Mayor and Council,

We are writing this letter asking for approval to place a food truck and an enclosed fenced patio area on the grass to the west of the boat trailer parking lot at 1011 Front Street. (Appendix 1). The fenced patio is a requirement of AGCO to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages.

We would need to put four picnic tables and three small high tables within the patio area to make the project viable. We would provide temporary fencing that can be set up and taken down daily. We require access to the public washrooms at the marina, but if they are unavailable for public use, we would set up portable toilets and sinks. The food trucks main source of power would be coming from Hydro, while the appliances on the truck are powered by propane.

We know and understand that there are processes, bylaws, and shared services required to make this happen, which is why we are approaching council now, with the hopes of having this operational with the warmer weather approaching.

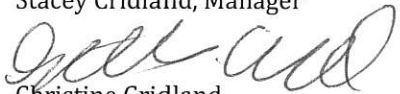
Our reasons for this application are two-fold. One, with the Covid-19 restrictions in place, and these likely carrying into the summer of 2021, Flint House, along with many other local businesses, are struggling to make ends meet and we are hoping to expand our business generate additional income and exposure by being on the waterfront. We also believe that the Front Street location could be a good test for waterfront business with the proposed new Shevlin Woodyard project, hopefully enticing other businesses to do the same.

In early conversations with Cody Vangel and Patrick Briere, we talked of other town properties, such as the Point Park, baseball fields, or the market square as possible "truck stops". We could potentially set up patios at these sites, by applying for Special Occasion Permits through AGCO.

We look forward to working through the details of this application that enables "Flint Mobile" to be available for the upcoming spring-summer season.

Sincerely,
Flint House

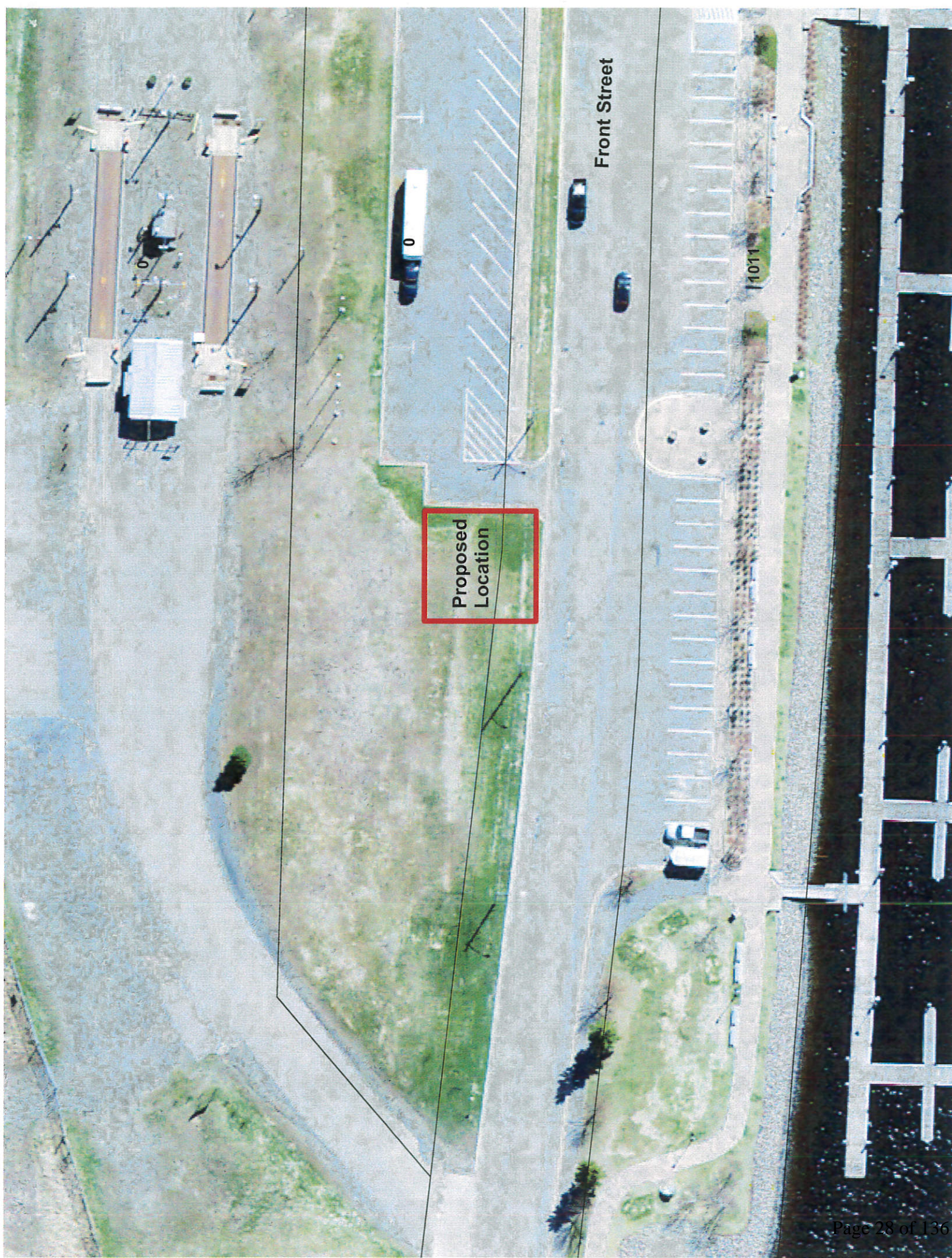
Stacey Cridland, Manager



Christine Cridland,
Catering and Special Events Coordinator



P.S. We have been in touch with AGCO, and they are supportive of our plan but need the Towns approval to move forward with that section of the application.



Proposed
Location

Front Street

March 2, 2021

REPORT TO: Mayor & Council

FROM: Elizabeth (Lisa) Slomke, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Amend Lot Prices for Erin Crescent

BACKGROUND

The prices for the Erin Crescent lots were set in February 2020 using the actual costs for Phase 1 and estimated costs for Phases 2 and 3. Since that time phase 2 works have been completed and costs for phase three have been finalized. Additionally, costs have been reduced related to the installation of natural gas (Enbridge) and a further reduction of the funds kept aside related to contingency since 2/3 of the project is now complete.

In the 2021 Capital Budget, Council approved the use of Federal Gas Tax funding to off set costs associated with Phase 3 roadworks portion of the project. At this time the actual costs for the development are well known and will be near a price per square meter of \$70.55.

When initial prices were set, Council acknowledged that the two largest lots would be too high if only a price per square meter was used, and thus set lots 10 and 20 at a flat amount with the remaining lots being prorated. This method saw an overall cost distribution where the largest and smallest lot prices were closer with a good distribution across all lots.

NEXT STEPS

The Covid-19 pandemic has created much instability in our world and although we inch closer to vaccinations, there is still no definitive end in sight. We acknowledge that current building material costs have skyrocketed due to the pandemic, but recent prices have begun to stabilize. It is more advantageous for the Town to sell the lots and begin receiving tax dollars, and then additional sewer / water customers are gained once people start to build. At this point in time, the Town is not collecting any property taxes with the lots on Erin Crescent unsold.

A recent review of current market conditions have been difficult to analyze as there are no true like comparables (i.e. new subdivision, like size lots, water/sewer to property line, curb/gutter and paving). Some factors that Council could consider to help increase sales of these lots would be to provide the ability to acquire up to a 2-year extension on the number of years to build – this may offset the current concerns buyers have about the price of building. Council also

has the residential revitalization grant program under the Community Improvement Plan, whereby you could offer a \$2,000.00 grant to be available for 2021 and 2022 only on Erin Crescent lots – as an incentive to stimulate purchase and development. This program is currently focussed on infill development and current building improvements to increase assessed value.

RECOMMENDATION

Costs have been recalculated (lumped lots together with like sq. m. and rounded) considering the reductions in true development costs outlined above and I would like to present the following two suggested lot prices. Please note that the proposed numbers below provide us with twelve lots with a starting price below \$50,000.00.

Option1 (sets the largest two lots at \$60/sq m):

Lot 22	\$	46,900.00
Lot 8	\$	47,600.00
Lots 7, 23, 24	\$	48,400.00
Lots 55 - 61	\$	49,800.00
Lots 12 - 18, 54, 62	\$	52,000.00
Lot 19	\$	57,700.00
Lot 9	\$	60,600.00
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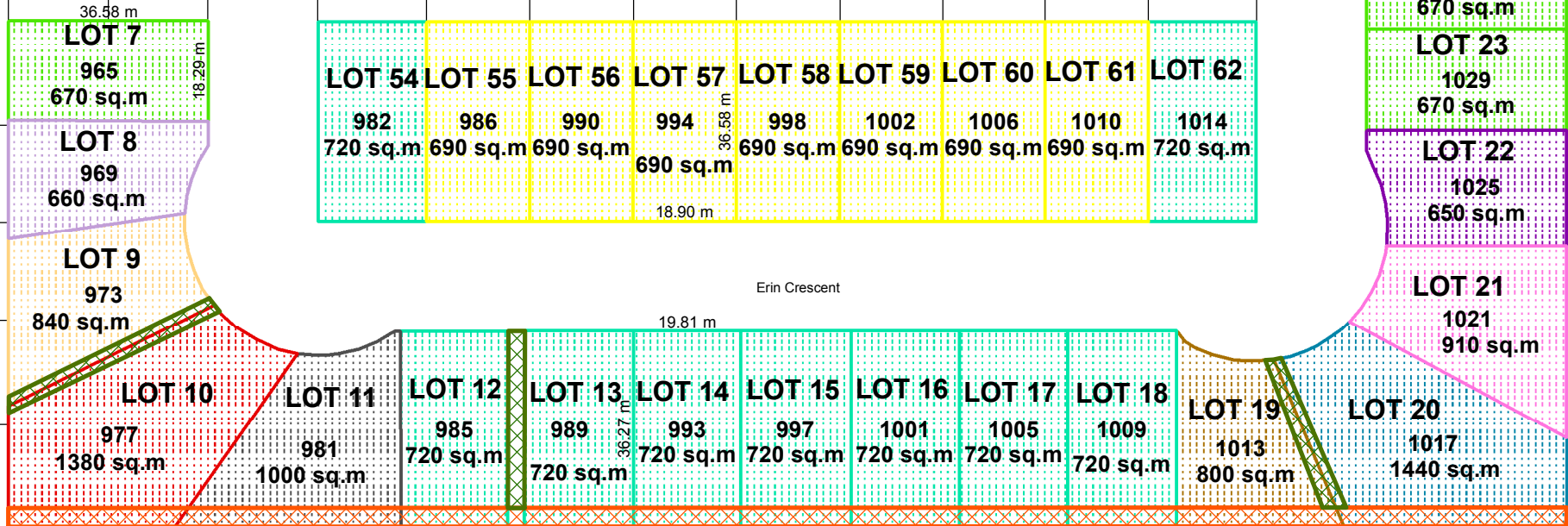
Option 2 (sets the largest two lots at \$65/sq m):

Lot 22	\$	46,400.00
Lot 8	\$	47,100.00
Lots 7, 23, 24	\$	47,800.00
Lots 55 - 61	\$	49,300.00
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Lot 19	\$	57,100.00
Lot 9	\$	60,000.00
Lot 21	\$	65,000.00
Lot 11	\$	71,400.00
Lot 10	\$	89,700.00
Lot 20	\$	93,600.00

At this time, Administration is looking for direction on amended lot pricing and if Council wishes to implement some other incentive to combat the impacts that Covid-19 have had on the Construction industry.

Council approval of this report will amend lot prices for Erin Crescent as listed in this report (Option __) and further direct Administration to prepare an amending by-law for consideration at a future meeting.

This was the poster created subsequent to prices set February 2020.



Legend

Easement Type

- Power Easement (FFPC)
- Storm Sewer Easement (Town of Fort Frances)

Lot Price

- \$63,900
- \$64,900
- \$65,900
- \$67,000
- \$69,000
- \$70,800
- \$78,600
- \$82,600
- \$89,500
- \$98,300
- \$110,400
- \$115,200



Sixth Street East

CONVERSIONS (approx):

SETBACKS:

- 7.5 m = 25ft
- 2 m = 6.5 ft
- 1.5 m = 5 ft

EASEMENTS:

- 3 m = 10 ft (storm)
- 3.48 m = 11.42 ft (power)

LOT:

- 16.76 m = 55 ft
- 17.98 m = 59 ft
- 18.29 m = 60 ft
- 18.90 m = 62 ft
- 19.51 m = 64 ft
- 19.81 m = 65 ft
- 36.27 m = 119 ft
- 36.58 m = 120 ft

Summary of Erin Crescent Costs:

Original Construction Estimate	Cost	Town's Portion HST	TOTAL TOWN COST
Grading (Ph 1)	\$ 120,729.00	\$ 2,124.83	\$ 122,853.83
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TOTAL	\$ 1,927,181.51	\$ 33,918.39	\$ 1,961,099.90

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Surveying	\$ 10,175.00	\$ 179.08	\$ 10,354.08
Natural Gas	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 633.60	\$ 36,633.60
TOTAL	\$ 171,029.87	\$ 3,010.13	\$ 174,040.00

Total True Costs	
Paid to date (2020/2019)	\$ 1,376,611.52
Total For 2021	\$ 482,340.00
FGT Infusion	\$ (448,040.82)
Total Actual Costs	\$ 1,410,910.70
Total w/ Contingency (5%)	\$ 1,481,456.24

Total Development Cost \$ 1,481,456.24

Total Cost to Recover \$ 1,481,456.24
Total Development Area 21000
Cost per m2 \$ 70.55

71.41			
Lot Price Summary			
Lot 22	\$ 71.41	\$ 46,413.73	\$ 46,400.00
Lot 8	\$ 71.41	\$ 47,127.78	\$ 47,100.00
Lots 7, 23, 24	\$ 71.41	\$ 47,841.84	\$ 47,800.00
Lots 55 - 61	\$ 71.41	\$ 49,269.96	\$ 49,300.00
Lots 12 - 18, 54, 62	\$ 71.41	\$ 51,412.13	\$ 51,400.00
Lot 19	\$ 71.41	\$ 57,124.59	\$ 57,100.00
Lot 9	\$ 71.41	\$ 59,980.82	\$ 60,000.00
Lot 21	\$ 71.41	\$ 64,979.22	\$ 65,000.00
Lot 11	\$ 71.41	\$ 71,405.73	\$ 71,400.00
Lot 10	\$ 65.00	\$ 89,700.00	\$ 89,700.00
Lot 20	\$ 65.00	\$ 93,600.00	\$ 93,600.00

Lot	Area (ha)	Area (m2)	Cost per m2	Development Cost per lot	Lot Price Rounded
7	0.067	670	\$ 71.41	\$ 47,841.84	\$ 47,800.00
8	0.066	660	\$ 71.41	\$ 47,127.78	\$ 47,100.00
9	0.084	840	\$ 71.41	\$ 59,980.82	\$ 60,000.00
10	0.138	1380	\$ 65.00	\$ 89,700.00	\$ 89,700.00
11	0.1	1000	\$ 71.41	\$ 71,405.73	\$ 71,400.00
12	0.072	720	\$ 71.41	\$ 51,412.13	\$ 51,400.00
13	0.072	720	\$ 71.41	\$ 51,412.13	\$ 51,400.00
14	0.072	720	\$ 71.41	\$ 51,412.13	\$ 51,400.00
15	0.072	720	\$ 71.41	\$ 51,412.13	\$ 51,400.00
16	0.072	720	\$ 71.41	\$ 51,412.13	\$ 51,400.00
17	0.072	720	\$ 71.41	\$ 51,412.13	\$ 51,400.00
18	0.072	720	\$ 71.41	\$ 51,412.13	\$ 51,400.00
19	0.08	800	\$ 71.41	\$ 57,124.59	\$ 57,100.00
20	0.144	1440	\$ 65.00	\$ 93,600.00	\$ 93,600.00
21	0.091	910	\$ 71.41	\$ 64,979.22	\$ 65,000.00
22	0.065	650	\$ 71.41	\$ 46,413.73	\$ 46,400.00
23	0.067	670	\$ 71.41	\$ 47,841.84	\$ 47,800.00
24	0.067	670	\$ 71.41	\$ 47,841.84	\$ 47,800.00
54	0.072	720	\$ 71.41	\$ 51,412.13	\$ 51,400.00
55	0.069	690	\$ 71.41	\$ 49,269.96	\$ 49,300.00
56	0.069	690	\$ 71.41	\$ 49,269.96	\$ 49,300.00
57	0.069	690	\$ 71.41	\$ 49,269.96	\$ 49,300.00
58	0.069	690	\$ 71.41	\$ 49,269.96	\$ 49,300.00
59	0.069	690	\$ 71.41	\$ 49,269.96	\$ 49,300.00
60	0.069	690	\$ 71.41	\$ 49,269.96	\$ 49,300.00
61	0.069	690	\$ 71.41	\$ 49,269.96	\$ 49,300.00
62	0.072	720	\$ 71.41	\$ 51,412.13	\$ 51,400.00
		2.1	21000	\$ 1,481,456.24	\$ 1,481,400.00
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Total Actual Costs	\$ 1,410,910.70
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Total Development Cost \$ 1,481,456.24

Total Cost to Recover \$ 1,481,456.24
Total Development Area 21000
Cost per m2 \$ 70.55

72.18			
Lot Price Summary			
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Lot 8	\$ 72.18	\$ 47,639.67	\$ 47,600.00
Lots 7, 23, 24	\$ 72.18	\$ 48,361.48	\$ 48,400.00
Lots 55 - 61	\$ 72.18	\$ 49,805.10	\$ 49,800.00
Lots 12 - 18, 54, 62	\$ 72.18	\$ 51,970.54	\$ 52,000.00
Lot 19	\$ 72.18	\$ 57,745.05	\$ 57,700.00
Lot 9	\$ 72.18	\$ 60,632.30	\$ 60,600.00
Lot 21	\$ 72.18	\$ 65,684.99	\$ 65,700.00
Lot 11	\$ 72.18	\$ 72,181.31	\$ 72,200.00
Lot 10	\$ 60.00	\$ 82,800.00	\$ 82,800.00
Lot 20	\$ 60.00	\$ 86,400.00	\$ 86,400.00

Lot	Area (ha)	Area (m2)	Cost per m2	Development Cost per lot	Lot Price Rounded
7	0.067	670	\$ 72.18	\$ 48,361.48	\$ 48,400.00
8	0.066	660	\$ 72.18	\$ 47,639.67	\$ 47,600.00
9	0.084	840	\$ 72.18	\$ 60,632.30	\$ 60,600.00
10	0.138	1380	\$ 60.00	\$ 82,800.00	\$ 82,800.00
11	0.1	1000	\$ 72.18	\$ 72,181.31	\$ 72,200.00
12	0.072	720	\$ 72.18	\$ 51,970.54	\$ 52,000.00
13	0.072	720	\$ 72.18	\$ 51,970.54	\$ 52,000.00
14	0.072	720	\$ 72.18	\$ 51,970.54	\$ 52,000.00
15	0.072	720	\$ 72.18	\$ 51,970.54	\$ 52,000.00
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20	0.144	1440	\$ 60.00	\$ 86,400.00	\$ 86,400.00
21	0.091	910	\$ 72.18	\$ 65,684.99	\$ 65,700.00
22	0.065	650	\$ 72.18	\$ 46,917.85	\$ 46,900.00
23	0.067	670	\$ 72.18	\$ 48,361.48	\$ 48,400.00
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59	0.069	690	\$ 72.18	\$ 49,805.10	\$ 49,800.00
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61	0.069	690	\$ 72.18	\$ 49,805.10	\$ 49,800.00
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				\$ (0.00)	\$ 243.76

Date: March 15, 2021

Report To: Planning & Development Executive Committee

From: Cody Vangel, Chief Building Official & Municipal Planner

Re: Ranier Bridge Feasibility Study – CN Railway

In late February 2021 Town administration was contacted by Gannett Fleming Inc, a U.S. based civil engineering firm, seeking hydraulic flow information as it pertains to the floodplain around Fort Frances, Rainy Lake and the Rainy River. Through this correspondence it was determined that CN Railway has engaged Gannett Fleming Inc. to conduct a feasibility study on the Ranier Railway Bridge to identify options to replace or retrofit the existing bridge.

Town administration provided Gannett Fleming Inc. with several contacts to reach to gather some of the data they were seeking.

Given the extreme importance of the existing channel at the Ranier Bridge and the natural and existing flood protection that it provides to the Town, it was formally requested that Gannett Fleming Inc. keep the Town of Fort Frances informed of future progress including design works (if any) with regards to this project as it has a direct impact on the Town.

H2O Power was also included into the correspondence chain as this project would directly impact them as well. H2O subsequently issued a formal request to Gannett Fleming Inc. requesting to be informed on progress of the project as well.

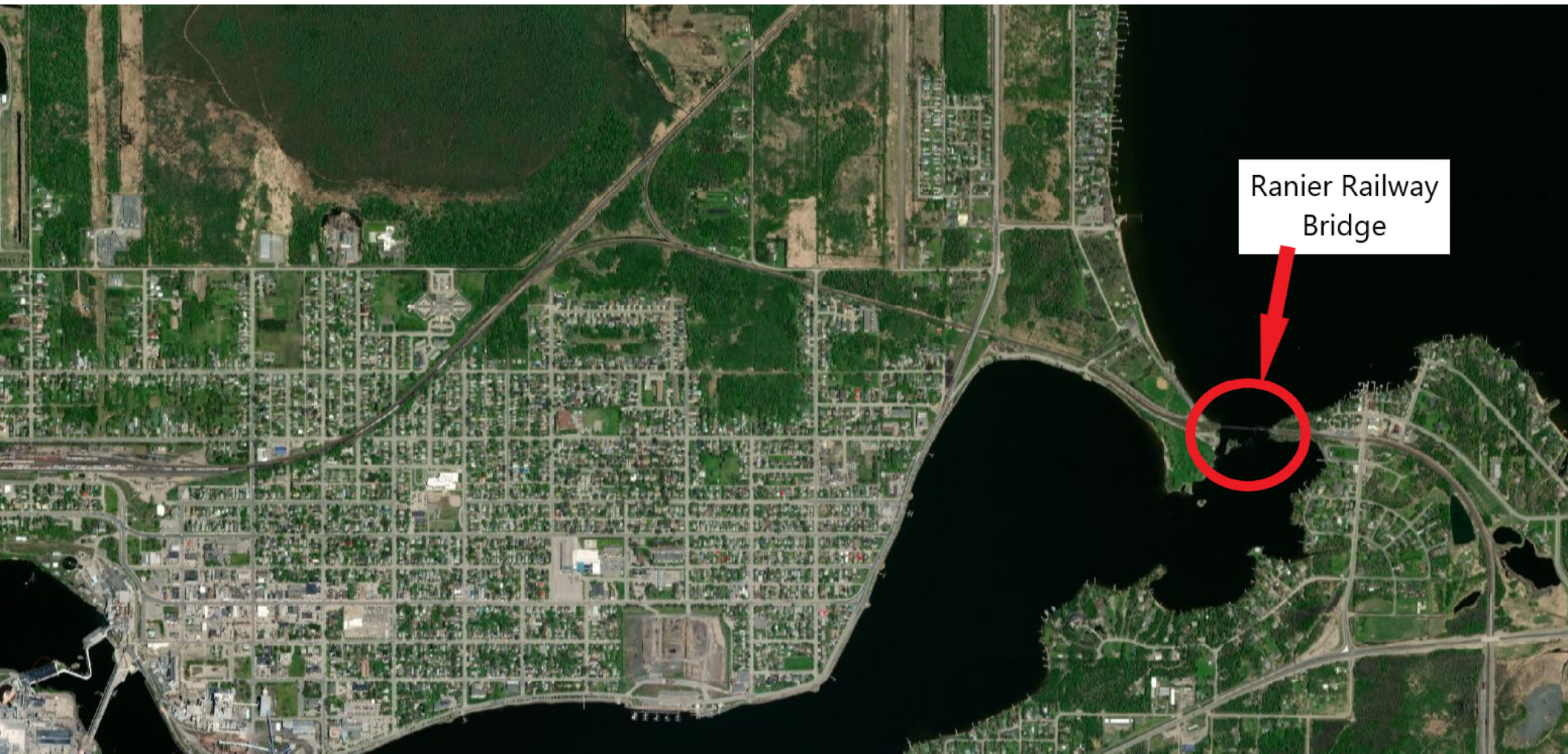
It is imperative that this item remain on the Town's radar and that it not be taken lightly as alterations to the channel at the Ranier Bridge can have significant to catastrophic repercussions.

Approval of this report is not required as it is for information only.

Respectfully submitted.



Cody Vangel
Chief Building Official & Municipal Planner



Ranier Railway
Bridge

Date: March 15, 2021

Report To: Planning and Development Executive Committee

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Re: Colonization Road Brochure Consultation Summary

The Planning and Development Executive Committee (PDEC) will recall on February 8, 2021 that Mayor and Council approved the Street Naming and Renaming policy. PDEC will also recall that Mayor and Council authorized administration to distribute a consultation brochure that was sent out to Town residents with the first tax bill of 2021 to seek input on 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.

In addition to the many letters and emails that were sent prior to the consultation period, approximately 37 responses were received directly related to the brochure. These 37 responses have been included with this report along with the many letters received prior to the consultation period. As of March 10, 2021, the initial consultation period has closed.

Of the 37 responses received, many of the responses were letters of support that urged the Town to take on the name change. With these responses, many respondents expressed concern for the Town's image perception in the eyes of others if change is not initiated.

Of the 37 responses, there were only a select few that stated outright objections to the name change.

Of the 37 responses, the following considerations were brought forward for consideration by the committee:

- Some respondents felt that the timing was not appropriate and that perhaps it was better suited after pandemic
- Some of the respondents referenced the Calls to Action as detailed by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission
- Some of the businesses outlined the following considerations and potential costs associated with:
 - business cards, letterhead, intake forms, consent forms, dental related paperwork, preprinted freight/waybills/shipping labels, preprinted envelopes, website updates, Facebook, advertising on score cards, advertising contracts, reusable shopping bags water bottles, key rings, dental licenses and legal documents, supplier deliveries, preprinted merchandise, business stamps, bank cheques, time to reach vendors, licensing and permitting programs
- Some inquiries on fees associated with financial institutions, insurance institutions, boating licenses and passport were brought forward.
- Homeowners with signage in yard with street address.

Administration serves the Committee with the compiled letters and correspondence as supporting

information for consideration on the matter of changing the names of Colonization Road East and West.

Upon review of the letters and correspondence the primary costs that have been made aware for homeowners are if they have signage on their properties with their street address and their “personal time” required to change their address. It should be noted and confirmed that homeowners with personal cheques can continue to utilize these in the event of address change provided the account information is the same.

Upon review of the letters and correspondence there are more significant costs associated for businesses which have merchandise, office supplies, advertising, licenses, websites, etc. which have their address indicated on them. The exact cost of this cannot be confirmed. It should be noted that only two businesses located on Colonization Road East and West responded.

The Planning and Development Executive Committee may wish to accept these letters and correspondence with thanks, or they may wish to make recommendation to Mayor and Council to initiate the name change of Colonization Road East and West. As per section 3.1.2 of the Street Naming and Renaming Policy, *a request to name, rename or assign a Ceremonial name to a Street may be initiated by the Town, by a resolution adopted by council.*

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cody Vangel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cody Vangel
Chief Building Official & Municipal Planner

From: [Glen Mounk](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] address change etc.
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 3:48:46 PM

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Dear Sir/Madam:

I have no issues with the name change however I do feel it would be better if the name was changed after the pandemic.

Thanks

Glen Mounk.

From: [Erin Gustafson](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Change Colonization Road Name
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 8:50:03 AM

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Greetings,

I am writing to urge the Town of Fort Frances to change the name of Colonization Road immediately. Considering the effects of colonization and especially the residential and day school in our area, I believe this is an essential step in reconciliation for our First Nations brothers and sisters. My grandmother went to this day school, and my family is still affected by the damage that colonization has inflicted upon us, both emotionally and spiritually. I am absolutely disgusted that the town of Fort Frances would prioritize the comfort of a few people living there over the psychological trauma that First Nations people have experienced in this country. We have coexisted for so long now, in our geographical area, but I still see rampant racism both in the community and in the municipal government. I urge you, please, CHANGE THE NAME so people don't have to be ashamed of their hometown. So many other communities in our region have changed road names. Why can't we? Are we too proud of our murderous history? Is the town of Fort Frances proud of the mistreatment it's displayed towards First Nations people experienced?

If we say that we are trying to rebuild relationships, let's act on it. It's way past time that the road name was changed. This will make a huge difference for many community members and help me regain respect for the beautiful little town I was raised in.

-Erin Gustafson, Ojibwe artist

-Erin Gustafson, owner

From: [Linda Hamilton](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] col rd
Date: Sunday, January 31, 2021 1:20:01 PM

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I am fully in favour of a name change, preferably something shorter than 12 letters...., I think col rd east could be an extension of front street, just my opinion. linda hamilton

From: [Janet Lambert](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Col Rd
Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 2:33:18 PM

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Hi

I have a suggestion for a new name for Col Rd. How about Olde Trail Road. I suggest this as it was the trail used by the Aboriginal people to access Couchiching from Rat Portage along the River. It also ties in with Olde Shambles Rd and is easy to spell.

Can you please submit the name for me to the decided Committee. Thanks

Janet Lambert

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Amanda Jacobs](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Colonization Rd
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 9:42:30 PM

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Hello Mr. Vangel,

I moved to the Fort Frances area for work from Northern Manitoba mid 2017. I walked around town to familiarize myself and one of the first things that I made note of as odd was the existence of a road bearing the name colonization. I knew the meaning of colonization and found myself, a white woman, offended on behalf of the area Indigenous peoples. As a newcomer to the area, I did not know many people and relied on internet searches to find out more about how such a road name could still exist in a time after the Truth and Reconciliation Commission had formed and issued 94 calls to action and the statement gathering process for the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls was in progress. I was hopeful upon finding the documentary bearing the name of this road that the name would be changed. When a bid was made to change the name in 2017 by Town councillor Judson I remained hopeful that the name would be changed. I was disappointed and disgusted when it was not changed.

Fast forward to 2021, the Final Report of the National Inquiry into MMIWG has been available since June 2019. If you have not read this report or the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, I urge to you to do so immediately. The National Inquiry into MMIWG Calls for Justice are clear and include a Call to all Governments to develop laws, policies and educational campaigns to challenge the acceptance and normalization of violence against Indigenous women and girls. Having the word colonization as a street name in itself perpetuates the colonial violence that was and continues to be perpetrated against Indigenous Peoples. The renaming of the road is an opportunity for the Town of Fort Frances to take on decolonizing work and to educate its residents of the history of colonization in this region. It's time to make room for Indigenous perspectives in the Town for Fort Frances, and denounce racism.

As a resident of Fort Frances and ally to Black and Indigenous people of colour, I am not asking you to take my word that the name of Colonization Road must change. Take your cues from other municipalities that have changed the name, watch the Colonization Road documentary, educate yourself on the Calls of Action and Calls to Justice, and open this dialogue with the Indigenous Peoples of Treaty 3. The "comfort" of a few in Fort Frances who resist changing the name of a road with a name that carries the immensely suffocating weight that the term colonization does must not be put ahead of the rights of Indigenous Peoples to safety and health.

Regards,

Amanda Jacobs
904 Smith Ave

From: [Abigail Calder](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Colonization road
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 10:06:09 PM

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Dear Mayor and Council:

The name 'Colonization Road' is inappropriate and hurtful to your citizens by celebrating historic and ongoing wrongs to people who live here today, and those who loved this land first.

'Colonization Road' honours an inherently racist concept that stands for the subjugation, suffering, and violence toward Indigenous people. It also offends Ontario human rights and discrimination laws and the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

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It has been confirmed numerous times that there is no cost to update one's address, and the pandemic is no excuse not to engage in this basic step toward reconciliation. I am not aware of a single complaint that has identified a legitimate logistical hurdle to making this change. Private citizens have even offered to cover the Town's cost of new signage.

Frankly, the name Colonization Road is an embarrassment to Fort Frances and an insult to its citizens, neighbours, and visitors. So, what are we waiting for?

Let's rename Colonization Road now, and use this opportunity to install a new name that reflects our local Indigenous heritage.

Yours truly,

Abigail Elizabeth Calder

809 Scott street

8072758731

From: [Corrie Thompson](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Colonization Road
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 8:13:17 AM

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Hello,

This email is in response to Douglas Judson's Facebook post asking people to write to urge council to make the decision to rename the colonization road. As a Fort Frances resident, I am disappointed that I have to write to "urge" our council to do something that is quite clearly the right thing to do. It's 2021, and it's time to change this name. Let's get on the right side of history and do this already.

Thank you,

Corrie Thompson

From: [Noodsz](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Colonization Road
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 11:47:52 AM

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Yours truly,

Cameron Scholfield
512, Church Street, Fort Frances Ontario
Camskofe15@Gmail.com

From: [Kaitlyn Allen-Henry](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Colonization road
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 1:20:11 PM

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Yours truly,

Kaitlyn Allen-Henry

323 Second Street East, Fort Frances, ON

kaitlynmallen03@gmail.com

From: [Grace Pawloski](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Colonization Road
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 10:15:45 PM

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What's in a name?? Remember the Soviet Union? no one who ever lived there could forget the terrible hardships and losses they were forced to endure. That is my family background. Hundreds and thousands of them were forced off their property, robbed of their possessions, and in many cases, killed or loaded onto cattle cars taking them many miles away to Siberia. The fortunate ones (my grandpa and grandma) made it to Canada where the government helped them start life again, from nothing. They did not speak English.

So the name was changed. It is now known as the 'Russian Federation', but remembrance of horror and devastation still remain in the hearts, minds and faces of those who cannot forget suffering through decades of sorrow and violence.

I live on Colonization Road. I don't think changing the name will alleviate the pain and heartache of the people who were wronged. We have said we are sorry. Apologized, and had the apology accepted. We (our governments - First Nations and Canadian) made a Peace Treaty. Our guilt is not assuaged.

Canada is made up of people of many nationalities. Some of us have also experienced tremendous family difficulties - physical

and mental abuse, drug and alcohol abuse, poverty, ostracization, and dysfunction that may be traced back to before our ancestors immigrated here. The heartache and loss does not go away, even if we change our birth name and leave the homes of our youth. Memories of sins done against us remain in our souls, reminding us of the past, as if it had all just happened yesterday. It is a predicament of being human.

So - what about if we, as individuals, look ahead, rather than look back at the harm done long years ago (or perhaps not that long ago)? How about trying "a little kindness"? "reaching out and taking somebody's hand"? Walking a mile on someone else's path.... (rather trite but instructive) Don't we have any capacity left to forgive others and receive forgiveness for our OWN wrongdoings? WE ALL NEED HELP....we're 'All In This Together', remember??? Can we find a way to do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with our neighbour? We MUST be able to come up with more than a bandaid.. In my (humble) opinion, a 'name change' can never be sufficient.

From: [John Edgar](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] colonization road.
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:06:13 PM

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Thanks for considering re-naming colonization road. It's absolutely abhorrent to me that we'd have a road that is named after historical events that have caused so much pain and suffering. It's ESPECIALLY insane in a predominantly white town surrounded by aboriginal reserves.

Thanks,

j.
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John Edgar - Chief of Staff

As a dyslexic, excusing typos would be much appreciated

From: [Cathy Ash](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Colonization street
Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 7:50:17 AM

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I am sending this email in support of the name change for changing the name of Colonization street in Fort Frances. I feel the name change will be a support for our indigenous communities. Thank you. Sincerely Cathy Ash

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Josephine Tibbs](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External]
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 6:02:43 AM

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Road name.

I imagine you've had quite a few names sent your way.

So, here's another. Walk Way Road.

So many people use the water front for walking exercise that it fits, well, in my opinion.

Thank you for your time. Have a marvelous day and stay safe.

Yours

Josephine Tibbs

From: kittyd2
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Name change of Colonization Road
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 8:27:26 AM

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I hope that Mayor and Council will do the right and honorable thing and change the name of this street. I live on the west portion and I am waiting and hoping that it gets done. Please and

Thank you

Kitty(Kathy) Desrosiers
1310 Colonization Road West

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [jeremiah windego](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Please rename Colonization Road
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 12:17:22 AM

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Please accept this as my letter of support on behalf of myself and my family. We own 647 Riverview Drive and 419 First Street East in Fort Frances, ON.

We feel strongly that Colonization Road needs to be renamed and the small inconvenience and cost is a worthy investment.

Thank you,

Jeremiah, Sadie and Drew Windego

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From: [michael graham](#)
To: [June Caul](#); [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Public Input -Renaming Colonization Road
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 9:52:30 PM

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Planning and Development Executive Committee

We have just opened out 2021 Tax Notice with the Public Input pamphlet enclosed

Please consider the following to be accounted for.

I, having worked with multiple Canadian aboriginal communities for the last 40 years see that the proposed name change action will initiate the perception the Town of Fort Frances on behalf of the British Commonwealth is sweeping the fallout of the Public Lands Act under the carpet (to erase) from the (record) history books the same perceived injustice.

Sent from

Michael Graham
745 Riverview Drive
Fort Frances P9A2W4

Cellular 204-771-0677

From: rlsports@tbaytel.net
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Re: Business Impact - Colonization Road Name Change
Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 12:39:00 PM

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Good Morning.

If the road is renamed the direct financial impact would be replacing all current business cards, 1500+ printed card cases for licenses, website update fees, business stamps, 2000 preprinted bank cheque's and the time associated in reaching out to all merchandise vendors (estimated 80+) and their combined time to make this change within their systems, then all of the officiating licensing and permitting agencies whom would need to be contacted and have those licenses updated, reprinted and posted. Firearms, Tobacco, Gaming, TSSA etc. Quite a significant ripple effect of time and cost when you consider all involved.

I definitely think the impact will be more significant than the few items I have noted and several thousand dollars.

Who is expected to cover these costs ? Funding Programs ? (We don't have the money)

Who will be responsible for initiating all these updates and changes ? Who is paying for the time and efforts to support this change?

As an aboriginal person the current name means nothing to me, it is just a name and it will never be anything more than that. This change will impact me more than that name ever would.

Derek Nelson Owner
Rainy Lake Sports and Tackle
715 Colonization Road East.

On Tue, 9 Feb 2021 14:01:17 +0000, Cody Vangel <cvangel@fortfrances.ca> wrote:

Good Morning,

As you may already be aware the Town of Fort Frances is in the preliminary consultation stages of potentially renaming Colonization Road East and West.

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If you require additional information or wish to discuss verbally I can be reached by phone at 807-271-0604.

Thank you,

Cody Vangel

Chief Building Official & Municipal Planner

Town of Fort Frances

P: 807.274.5323 ext 1216

C: 807.271.0604

From: [Kathy Lampi](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Re: Business Impact - Colonization Road Name Change
Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 2:43:46 PM

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M. Wu Dentistry

Dr. Michael Wu, D.D.S

1201 Colonization Road West, Fort Frances, Ontario P9A 2T6

(807) 274-5365 Fax (807) 274-1738

www.ffdentist.com

Hi Cody,

In response to your email, here is a list of changes just off the top of my head.

Business cards

Letterhead, intake forms, consent for treatment forms, other dental related paperwork

Preprinted freight/waybills/shipping labels

Preprinted envelopes

Website

Facebook page

We have 3 year paid advertising with both golf courses for score cards- cannot be reprinted

Advertising contracts with different advertising agencies that will charge to change our address.

Imprinted - reusable shopping bags, water bottles, pens, key rings

We hold many different licenses to operate our facility, they will have to change not to mention our corporation, and corporation holdings. which will require a lawyer to change some of these legal documents

Also the inconvenience of changing all addresses for our supplies for both mailings as well as deliveries

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions

Kathy Lampi

office manager

officemanager@tbatel.net

From: Wu Dentistry
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 9:14 AM
To: 'Kathy Lampi'
Subject: FW: Business Impact - Colonization Road Name Change

From: Cody Vangel [mailto:cvangel@fortfrances.ca]
Sent: February-09-21 8:01 AM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
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P: 807.274.5323 ext 1216
C: 807.271.0604

From: [Sandi T](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Rename Colonization Road
Date: Saturday, February 20, 2021 9:41:35 PM

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To Council and Major,

I recognizes and respects Indigenous Treaty 3 Peoples as traditional stewards of this land and the enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories.

The Town of Fort Frances should rename Colonization Road. My suggestion is to rename it to Reconciliation Road.

Sandra Tibbs
Citizen Of Fort Frances

Sent via [BlackBerry Hub+ Inbox for Android](#)

From: [rick ski](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Renaming Colonization Drive
Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 5:31:20 PM

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I would like to provide support towards the renaming of Colonization Drive. I believe it is the least the community can do to contribute towards reconciliation given the numerous local First Nation communities and Metis populations. While I realize there may be community objections and some inconvenience with respect to the address changes these would be short lived and I ask the Planning and Executive Committee along with Mayor and Council to support this as well. It would be embarrassing if Dryden and Kenora made this change and we did not.

I thank you for establishing a public input process for this important issue.

Rick Ksiezopolski

From: [Brianna Bee](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Renaming Colonization Rd in Fort Frances
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 12:50:22 PM

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Hello M Cody Vangel,

I am writing to show my unending support for the renaming of Colonization Road in Fort Frances. My in-laws and extended family live there and in the area.

Please don't let the opportunity to change the name pass you by, only to be done later. Make the change now.. Join the other Northern Ontario towns who have already renamed or are in the process of renaming their own Colonization Roads:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/dryden-ont-starts-process-to-rename-colonization-avenue-1.5870624>

<https://www.tvo.org/article/northwestern-ontario-debates-its-colonization-roads>

<https://www.aptnnews.ca/national-news/colonization-road-to-be-renamed-in-rural-manitoba-community/>

<https://northernontario.ctvnews.ca/it-changes-our-history-meaningful-street-renaming-1.3470023>

<https://kenoraonline.com/local/colonization-road-gone>

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2021/02/03/emo-councillors-vote-to-change-colonization-road-name.html>

Don't forget to include Indigenous voices in your considerations especially when choosing a new name.

Thank you for your time,
Brianna

From: [Seguin, Terri](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] renaming Colonization Rd West
Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 4:37:52 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

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Good evening

Just wondering if the township had reached out to any major Financial institutions or contacted any insurance companies or title insurance companies? I am sure that you had thought of this, however I would be curious to know if any of the above institutions had a cost involved with the changes to the road name? have you researched if and in the event that a homeowner wanting to process any type of refinance may cause them to incur fees whereas maybe they wouldn't if the information on title was still the same? Maybe you had already covered this however I did not see any information outlining this specifically in the pamphlet that was provided with my tax bill today.

Asking as a resident of Colonization road west.

Thanks a bunch in advance

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From: [C.Denby](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Renaming Colonization Road
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 11:04:27 AM

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To the Town of Fort Frances

Thank you for taking the initiative to rename Colonization Road and the opportunity to provide input.

It's time.

While not a resident living on Colonization Road, I am a long-time resident of Fort Frances.

How about Heritage Road as a new name? Heritage to encompass the past ~ legacy, honor, pride and courage ~ of so many who make up this wonderful community, province and country we live in.

I believe in our community and know we will embrace and do the right thing.

Once the change has been done, please put together an action plan/group to assist the many seniors and others living on Colonization Road in making the many changes required with the address change.

Sincerely,

Christine Denby

*343 Third St W
Fort Frances, On*

From: [Diane Clifford](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Renaming Colonization Road
Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 1:16:47 PM

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Thank you to the Town of Fort Frances for the opportunity to provide input regarding the renaming of Colonization Road for the very informative brochure that was distributed.

Words do matter and it is way beyond time for the residents of the Town of Fort Frances to realize how really offensive the word colonization is and to do something about it. What an affront it is to have a street named after a time in our history that is so disgraceful, appalling and shameful. As a resident of this community I am embarrassed that we are still talking about this and have not already changed it. Perhaps at the time of its naming in the mid to late 1800's they didn't know better but today we do know better so let's do better now by changing the name of the street. It is a very small step in making amends but at least it is a step on the journey to healing and reconciliation.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Diane Clifford

From: [Winter Lipscombe](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Cc: [June Caul](#); [Youth Executive](#)
Subject: [External] Renaming of Colonization Rd.
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 11:01:20 AM
Attachments: [Renaming of Colonization Rd Letter \(1\).pdf](#)

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Good morning,

The Treaty #3 Youth Executive Council was traditionally selected in September 2019 to serve a four-year term representing youth and their interests across the Treaty #3 Nation. As such, we cannot stand by on this matter any further and have written this open letter to Fort Frances imploring you to act in renaming Colonization Rd.

I returned to the area after 5 years on the East Coast in the hopes of helping our region progress and help keep youth in the north, to recognize there were good opportunities here for them, but how can we ask our youth to remain here if they feel unwelcome?

We urge you to read our letter and take our words under consideration.

Miigwech,

Winter Lipscombe and the YEC

From: [Anne Forget](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Renaming of Colonization Road
Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 12:43:04 PM

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As a long time resident of Colonization Road, I enjoy watching the lively chickadees frolicking in the trees here. I would like to suggest the name of Chickadee Drive for our street, if the name must be changed.

Thank you.

Anne Forget

From: [Matt Medic](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Road name change
Date: Sunday, January 31, 2021 1:51:53 PM

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Just writing in as I finished reading the pamphlet about renaming Colonization Rd. While I really couldn't care less and believe there are bigger issues council should be dealing with I noticed it implied there'd be no cost to changing the name. There is a cost to every business. There are websites to update, as well as business cards, letter head and any else that has their addresses on it. The town has done a good job outlining the no cost things that a person would need to change but may not be considering everything. Can the small business (not worried about box-stores or franchises) afford this? Will the town offer a compensation package to offset their costs?

Matt Jackson

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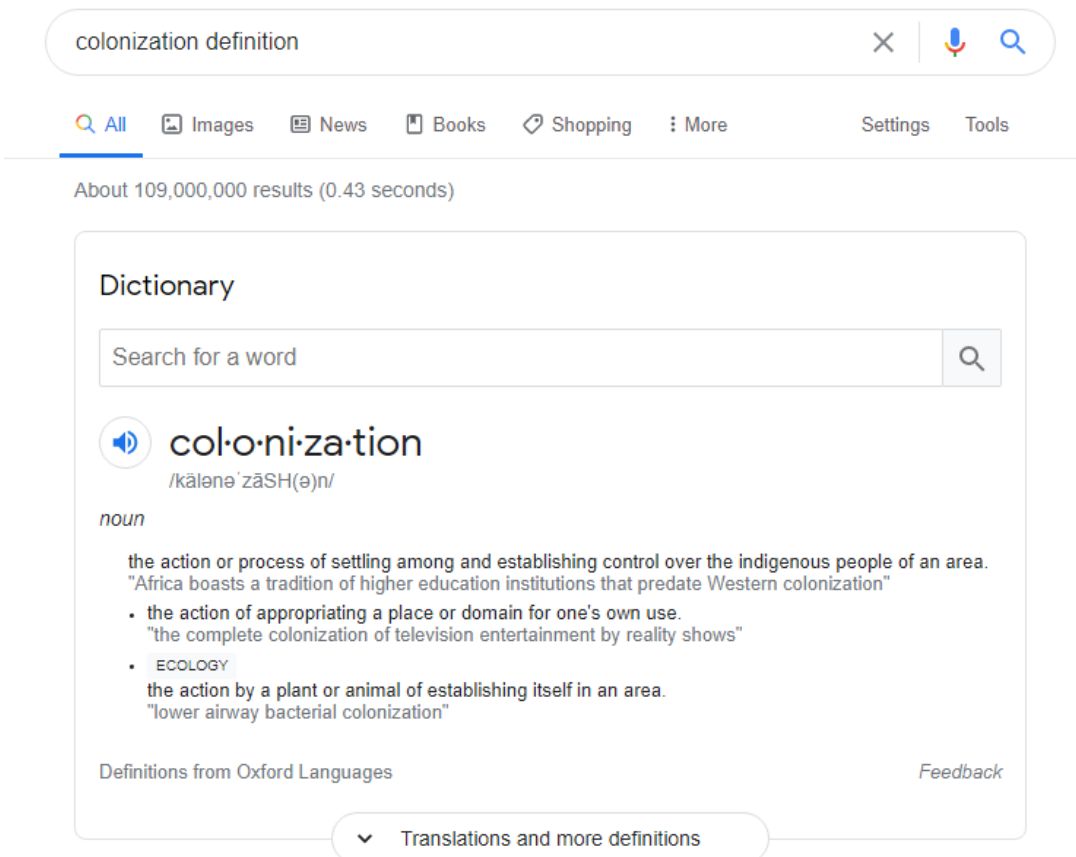
From: [Taylor Gouin](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Street Name Change
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 12:15:14 PM
Attachments: [colonizationdefinition.png](#)

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Good morning, I received a recent letter stating the citizens of Fort Frances can email this address to put their input on changing the names of "Colonization Road" in Fort Frances.

For many years, the Indigenous population of Canada have been trying to change the cycle of generational trauma caused by Residential Schools. The last residential school was shut down in 1996 in Manitoba, 24 years ago. 24 is not a large number of years, there are Residential School survivors still living on this earth today who have been greatly affected by the colonization.

If you Google "Colonization" this is what you'll see:



"the action or process of settling among and **establishing control** over the indigenous people of an area."

The literal definition of the word refers to the invasion of settlers.

This invasion cost thousands of lives, and to those who survived- they live with the traumatic horror that they had to face as a child in the Residential School system, but, this doesn't just affect the people who attended the Residential Schools. In fact, this has affected generations of generations of Indigenous families after.

As an Indigenous person, the word "Colonization" is just a reminder of the culture that was lost and not passed down to my family. There is a missing piece of myself that is gone due to the events in Canada. These events seem to linger to this day. I strongly believe that changing the name of these streets is a step forward on healing for the Indigenous population.

Thank you for the consideration.

February 24, 2021

To the Mayor & Council:

I cannot believe that I, and many others, are being asked to write letters such as these to convince our town to re-name Colonization Road.

It has been asked in a letter to Mayor and Council on this issue, "Who are the councillors of this town representing?" Let me start by introducing myself. I am a First Nations Woman; a member of Couchiching First Nation. I reside in the Town of Fort Frances where I pay property taxes and support the local economy. Our First Nation is but a few minutes drive away and the members that reside there also support the local economy. As do many other surrounding First Nations communities in this area. Our communities have members that are employed by the Town of Fort Frances and own businesses in the Town of Fort Frances. I am raising, with my husband, three children who are also First Nations. We volunteer in our community of Fort Frances. We make donations to various organizations as our hearts lead us and we are happy to call Fort Frances home. Like so many others. These are a few examples of who you are representing. But, perhaps the more important question is, "What are the councillors of this town representing?"

I am confident that I do not have to educate our Mayor and Council on what Colonization is and what it means to some of your community members and your neighbours. It has been in the forefront of the news for many years now. Unfortunately, it appears that many in our community are not educated on the issue nor do they understand the impact of Colonization on First Nations people and communities.

Colonization, by definition, is the action or process of settling among and establishing control over the indigenous people of an area. The only indigenous people of Canada are First Nations people; everyone else immigrated and settled here. Their ancestors then did the unspeakable. They stole our First Nations children from their homes and sent them to schools where they suffered unspeakable abuse. Children as young as four years old. These children were beaten, raped, malnourished, their hair was cut short, they were dressed in uniforms and their days were strictly regimented by timetables. Siblings rarely interacted with one another. They did not get to see their families. Parental visits were further restricted by use of a pass system designed to confine Indigenous peoples to reserves. They were punished and disciplined for speaking their language. The only purpose of Residential schools was to eliminate all aspects of Aboriginal Culture, "to kill the Indian in the child." They removed their legal identity as Indians.

Then, when these children were old enough, they were tossed out on the doorstep of society and left to fend for themselves. Unfortunately, many of the children that were sent to Residential schools never did leave. They died there.

The Residential school system is a very recent history. My mother and her siblings attended the residential school that was located in Couchiching First Nation. The last school remained in operation until 1996, only 25 years ago. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was

established in 2008 and in 2015 it concluded with a publication of a multi-volume report detailing the testimonies of survivors and historical documents from the time of Residential schools and it concluded that the school system amounted to cultural genocide.

Even to this day, communities including Fort Frances, are dealing with the impact that the Residential school system and Colonization had on the First Nations people. The trauma that many continue to suffer because of the broken homes, broken spirits and broken communities from Colonization. The drinking, the drug abuse, the repeated behaviours of violence. The coping mechanisms and the learned behaviours from Colonization.

The word Colonization is a stark reminder of the brutal and traumatic history of First Nations people in Canada. Changing the name will not erase the past, that is true. We are not responsible for the past history created by our ancestors... we are responsible for the current time and the history we are creating for those generations to follow. We all want better things for our children and grandchildren. The town has talked about its commitment to reconciliation, it is time to walk the walk and demonstrate that the Town of Fort Frances is truly committed to reconciliation with this name change.

“Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.” – Maya Angelou

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely;

A First Nations Member of Couchiching and a Town of Fort Frances Resident

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicole D.S. Miller', with a stylized, cursive script.

Nicole D.S. Miller

From: Saberdrace D <saberdrace@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 11:50 AM

To: Town <town@fortfrances.ca>; Doug Judson <dwjudson@gmail.com>

Subject: [External] Correspondence to Council Regarding TOFF's Renaming of Colonization Road

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Please include this correspondence to Mayor and Council for the next Council meeting.

Mayor and Members of Council,

I believe that there is a consideration with regard to the town's renaming policy that has not yet been fully explored. A major impact of renaming Colonization Road, greater than address changes or financial obstacles, is to the *culture* of Fort Frances. We must realize we are not discussing a simple street name but what kind of people live here, what this community stands for, and what kind of town we want to become. It would be a prudent move for the town's image that Council act quickly and decisively to correct these matters as they arise.

Our town is currently facing many challenges and I realize a name change will not fix our issues, but it is a necessary step. Correcting names from our past demonstrates a commitment to strive for a much more tolerant and compassionate future. We must be willing to adapt.

The image we project is crucial in ensuring a better future for Fort Frances.

For consideration:

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- How do young people feel
- growing up here? Over the years I have consistently heard the same thing from our youth: once I'm done school I'm leaving this town. And the reasons that come up time and again are intolerant (older) people, racism, and lack of opportunity for youth. Our youth
- are leaving for larger and more diverse cities, taking their talents and dreams with them.
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- Is the way we present ourselves
- affecting recruitment of health care professionals or more importantly, retention of these professionals?
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- Are people willing to move
- here, start businesses here, become a part of this community? Do entrepreneurs want to invest in a town that still has a Colonization Road? Demonstrating progressive ideals fosters economic growth.
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- New Gold is a leading employer
- in the Rainy River District and a wonderful community partner. New Gold is also committed to Indigenous partnerships and embraces diversity and inclusiveness (directly from their Mission and Values statements). Does it benefit companies to continue to closely
- work with communities whose values do not appear to align with their own?
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- Part of the town's Strategic
- Plan includes improving relationships and establishing partnerships with nearby First Nations communities. It specifically states in Section 6 of "Objectives" that one of the opportunities to do this is "development of signage in Public town facilities that
- includes Anishinaabemowin to better accommodate our local Indigenous community members." The initiative to change local signs to improve relationships with First Nations communities is literally already in our town's Strategic Plan. And a lack of action on
- this name change risks these relationships.
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- If we look at the demographics
- to see what kind of people have spoken out against the name change they are primarily Caucasian senior citizens, as has been pointed out on social media. The larger picture is that the direction of this town is also dependent on those who are not voters or
- not yet voters. What kind of people don't (or won't) live here? Consulting residents of a road excludes those who may not even consider living on a road with such a name. What about the residents of all of our surrounding First Nations communities that shop
- and work here and have to see that? What's the right thing to do for future generations?
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(Side note: the policing of social media and fake outrage at "ageism" are attempts to deflect from the issue, discredit those who push for progress, and not have to consider their own prejudices. When endeavouring to maximize representation we must acknowledge when a certain demographic has had sufficient say in matters and when we're missing younger and more diverse voices. Pointing out that we've heard from old, white people is not ageist. We must not conflate "ageist" with "not catering solely to the opinions of older residents." The fact is that no one is dismissing the views of these residents because of their age- none of them have presented a compelling reason to keep the name.)

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- How many of our citizens
- feel ashamed of our town for not doing this sooner? Does the town not have a responsibility to respect the wishes of those citizens who do not want our town to have a reputation of racism? And I don't care how many people say that they don't think it's racist-
- the fact is that *some*
- people do and we don't get to decide that it's not.
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Now is not the time for consulting every single citizen for their opinion just to appease the voters. We require strong leadership to send a swift, clear message: is Fort Frances a town that looks the other way with painful reminders of the colonial subjugation of First Nations, or not?

Thank you for your consideration,

Nathalie Donaldson
Resident of Fort Frances
Email: saberdrace@gmail.com

February 9, 2021

To: Mayor and Council

Thank you for giving the citizens a chance to respond to the Colonization Road name change.

On your web site there is cost associated with the name change outlining all direct charges and where possible identifying outside services that will be affected. An example being the OPP detachment with no cost attributed to them. It appears all cost will be borne by municipal taxes which all residents on Colonization Road would contribute to covering these costs.

We outline the OPP expenses – why not small business or residents and identify time spent on necessary changes and be forthright and say we are covering all residents out of pocket expenses and time spent. For example I have a sign on my property that cost \$600.00 but is useless after the name change. I believe many other residents will have similar expenses.

When the name change first started a petition was circulated and people were signing that had no interest in Fort Frances, many non-residents and to me it was not a good cross section of the community. I do not think there has been any respect or consideration given to the residents or businesses through this process. I believe a Facebook comment by a Councillor about the “old grey haired men” is not a fair assessment of the residents who live on Colonization Road and as a leader in the community an irresponsible comment to make.

I do believe that all residents should have a say not just the residents of Colonization Road. Approximately 23 years ago a referendum was held to see if Fort Frances would host a casino and it was defeated at that time and that still holds in the eyes of the OLG today. Everyone who voted had a say and at the end of the day people accepted the outcome.

I feel we have three ways to go. Those that live on Colonization Road decide by vote. Council votes and we have unhappy residents on either side or we proceed with a referendum at the time of the next election. This way all residents and taxpayers get a say and the decision is made by the whole community. If not and council votes in favour of the resolution it should include the cost incurred by each resident and business for the time they spend as well as out of pocket expense associated with the name change.

I have been asked why Pithers has been removed from the name at Point Park and why that is different from this name change. We did that because the Point was and still is disputed land, ownership has not been identified and we were proceeding with the 2 chain file.

Lastly with everything our community has experienced with Covid-19 is this the time to be going forward with a name change and asking the elderly to go out and make all these address changes? Service Ontario for example can experience extremely long wait times and with Covid-19 protocols, require people to wait outside. Does the town not have other more pressing matters that it could be devoting its time and resources to?

Thank you for your consideration.

Roy Avis
Resident for 75 years

Dear Mayor and Council:

The name ‘Colonization Road’ is inappropriate and hurtful to your citizens by celebrating historic and ongoing wrongs to people who live here today, and those who loved this land first.

‘Colonization Road’ honours an inherently racist concept that stands for the subjugation, suffering, and violence toward Indigenous people. It also offends Ontario human rights and discrimination laws and the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

Town council has taken far too long to reach an obvious decision—especially given its recent commitments to reconciliation, the words of its Declaration of Intent and Friendship with the Agency One First Nations, and its own strategic plan, which committed to a more respectful relationship with local Indigenous communities.

It has been confirmed numerous times that there is no cost to update one’s address, and the pandemic is no excuse not to engage in this basic step toward reconciliation. I am not aware of a single complaint that has identified a legitimate logistical hurdle to making this change. Private citizens have even offered to cover the Town’s cost of new signage.

Frankly, the name Colonization Road is an embarrassment to Fort Frances and an insult to its citizens, neighbours, and visitors. So, what are we waiting for?

Let’s rename Colonization Road now, and use this opportunity to install a new name that reflects our local Indigenous heritage.

Yours truly,

Keiran Letwiniuk
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OPEN LETTER

March 9, 2021

Mayor and Council
Town of Fort Frances
320 Portage Avenue
Fort Frances, ON P9A 3P9

Delivered by Email to cvangel@fortfrances.ca

Dear Mayor and Council:

RE: It's Time to Rename Colonization Road

We write in response to your public consultation about whether to rename Colonization Road in the Town of Fort Frances.

To be clear: there is no longer any debate that the name 'Colonization Road' is inappropriate. It is offensive and hurtful to your citizens by celebrating historic and ongoing wrongs—wrongs committed in the past and the impacts of those actions which continue to be felt by those who live here today.

'Colonization Road' honours an inherently racist concept that stands for the subjugation of Indigenous people and commemorates the violence and suffering they experienced at the hands of colonial powers. This is widely recognized. As pointed out in the town's consultation pamphlet, the name 'Colonization Road' likely infringes Ontario human rights and discrimination laws and is contrary to the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

In light of these realities, council has taken far too long to reach what should be an obvious conclusion — especially given its own recent commitments to reconciliation. We note the words of the Declaration of Intent and Friendship that was ratified with the Agency One First Nations, and the municipality's new strategic plan, which committed the town to a more respectful relationship with local Indigenous communities. These documents signified a desire to build a new relationship between local settler and Indigenous communities. Did the municipality mean what it said or not?

We continue to hear some in our community make excuses for not making this change, but not a single person has been able to point to any evidence that there is any cost or logistical issue that cannot be managed. Unsurprisingly, none of these critics has been Indigenous, and in fact, it has been explicitly confirmed numerous times that there is no cost to update one's address. Private citizens have even offered to cover the cost of the new signage.

It is also increasingly apparent that the longer council allows this debate to drag on, the more oxygen it is giving to bigotry and prejudice in our community. This is destructive to the social fabric of our community, and is almost as harmful to the reputation of Fort Frances as the 'Colonization Road' signs themselves. There is no good reason for Fort Frances to hold off any longer, particularly now that Kenora, Dryden, Emo, and numerous other municipalities have made this change. Frankly, it's embarrassing that we are among the last to get this done.

The name Colonization Road is an insult to our citizens, neighbours, and visitors alike and the resistance to change is steeped in latent and explicit racism. So what, exactly, is council waiting for? There is political will, legal compulsion, and moral conviction to get this done. Let's rename Colonization Road now, and use this opportunity to install a new name that reflects our local Indigenous heritage.

We are counting on your leadership to make this happen and to do so for the right reasons, without further delay.

Sincerely,

	I am Indigenous	I don't live in Fort Frances but work or attend school there	I live on a First Nation reserve	I don't live in Fort Frances but my family does	I used to live in Fort Frances but moved
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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES REGARDING THE RENAMING OF COLONIZATION RD.

24 February 2021

Dear Mayor June Caul and councillors:

We are writing to the Town of Fort Frances to express our disappointment over the delays relating to the renaming of Colonization Road in Fort Frances. The renaming should not be a politicized debate, it is clear that Fort Frances leadership should act expediently to remedy the situation and advance relationships between **all** community members who call Fort Frances home, or use Fort Frances as a service hub for their needs.

Words do matter, they carry meaning and purpose – if that were not the case, lawyers would be out of jobs and they would not have spent so much time drafting our constitution. Renaming Colonization Rd. is not a performative action, it is a reasonable request by community members who have been harmed by colonialism and are asking for that to be recognized by a community that they live and work in, as well as contribute to.

This is an opportunity to bridge a divide and champion positive change in your community. We have a responsibility to young people, and the generations that follow, to create a more inclusive and accepting community that celebrates the Indigenous peoples. We ask that in the renaming of Colonization Rd., you work with the surrounding Indigenous elders, leaders, and community members to create a name that is reflective of our shared history and signifies a new relationship going forward.

Tell us we are welcome here.

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THE TREATY #3 OSHKINIIGIIG YOUTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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To the Mayor June Caul and All Councillors:

I appreciate being able to respond to the change in the name of Colonization Road.

I have some thoughts I would like to share.

Colonization was not referred to the indigenous people specifically in my thinking, as we were all colonized, every community. I have enclosed a copy from my dictionary to the Planning and Development Executive Committee.

Words can be construed to mean what we want it to in our own minds. In history, most people suffered and came to Canada for a better life. There were lots of horrendous wrongs done to people in past history throughout the world, none of which can be changed, but learned from. Changing a name of a road does nothing but cause a lot of people a lot of grief. The tax payers of our town are the people who built our beautiful town. How much is enough? Putting people through the change of address to appease a small group of people will not change racism but could cause a lot of bad feelings, leading to racism. What will the next demand be? Also changing the name will not erase the absolute fact that North America was colonized by Europeans and others.

Who are you the councillors of this town representing? There is a silent majority out there. Maybe this could come up on a ballot in a future election. That would be fair to all people.

As I look over the pamphlet that was received by the tax payers of Fort Frances, I don't see where a passport is listed. I don't believe that a passport can be defaced by writing in it, therefore would have to be replaced along with many other documents, ie: health card, driver's license etc.

If you say that Kenora changed their name, well Colonization Road there leads to a boat ramp. (not affecting up to a hundred tax payers)

Emo is another story; don't think they had much choice, ie repercussions.

If it comes to offending people with road names, then possibly change all avenues to a numbered avenue. That will affect approximately half of the tax payers in this town, and many of you as a councillor too. I am sure there are a few names out there that someone could find fault with.

Reconciliation will only happen when families teach it in their homes to respect all peoples regarding of race or religion. History cannot be changed. Am I responsible for past history?

As a grey haired old white lady -

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gay Ryan".

Gay Ryan (my personal views only)

gether or in relation; arrange. [*< L < com- together + locare to place*] — *col-lo-ca-tion* *n.*
col-lo-di-on (kə-lō/dē-ən) *n.* A flammable solution used as a coating for wounds and formerly for photographic plates. Also *col-lo-di-um* (kə-lō/dē-əm). [*< Gk. < kolla glue*]
col-loid (kol-oid) *n.* 1. Any glue-like or jellylike substance, as gelatin, starch, raw egg white, etc., that diffuses not at all or very slowly through vegetable and animal membranes. 2. *Chem.* A state of matter in which finely divided particles of one substance are suspended in another in such manner that the electrical and surface properties acquire special importance. — *adj.* Of or pertaining to a colloid or the colloid state: also *col-loi-dal* (kə-loi-dəl). [*< Gk. kolla glue + -oid*] — *col-loi-dal-i-ty* (kol-loi-dəl-ē-tē) *n.*
col-lo-qui-al (kə-lō/kwē-əl) *adj.* 1. Denoting a manner of speaking or writing that is characteristic of familiar conversation; informal. 2. Conversational. — *col-lo-qui-al-ly* *adv.* — *col-lo-qui-al-ness* *n.*
col-lo-qui-al-ism (kə-lō/kwē-əl-iz-əm) *n.* 1. An expression or form of speech of the type used in informal conversation. 2. Informal, conversational style.
col-lo-quy (kol-ō/kwē) *n.* *pl.* *quies* A conversation or conference, esp. a formal one. [*< L < com- together + loqui to speak*] — *col-lo-quist* *n.*
col-lude (kə-lōd/) *v.i.* *lud-ed, lud-ing* To cooperate secretly; conspire; connive. [*< L < com- together + ludere to play, trick*] — *col-lud-er* *n.*
col-lu-sion (kə-lō/shən) *n.* A secret agreement for a wrongful purpose; conspiracy. [See *COLLUDE*.]
col-lu-sive (kə-lō/siv) *adj.* Secretly arranged to defraud another or to circumvent the law. — *col-lu-sive-ly* *adv.* — *col-lu-sive-ness* *n.*
colo- combining form *Anat.* Colon. Also, before vowels, *col-*. [*< Gk. kolon colon*]
co-logne (kə-lōn/) *n.* A toilet water consisting of alcohol scented with aromatic oils: also called *eau de Cologne*. Also *Cologne water*. [after *Cologne*]
co-lon (kō-lən) *n.* *pl.* *co-lons* A punctuation mark (:), used as a sign of apposition or equality to connect one clause with another that explains it, after a word introducing a quotation, citation, etc., after the salutation in a formal letter, in expressing clock time, and in mathematical proportions. [*< L < Gk. kolon member, limb, clause*]
co-lon (kō-lən) *n.* *pl.* *co-lons* or *cola* (kō-lə) *Anat.* The portion of the large intestine between the cecum and the rectum. For illus. see *INTESTINE*. [*< L < Gk. kolon*] — *co-lon-ic* (kə-lon-ik) *adj.*
co-lon (kō-lən) *n.* *pl.* *co-lons* (kō-lōnz/), *Sp.* *co-lon-nes* (kō-lō-nās) The monetary unit of Costa Rica and El Salvador.
colo-nel (kō-lənəl) *n.* *Mil.* A commissioned officer ranking next above a lieutenant colonel and next below a brigadier or brigadier general. See tables at *GRADE*. Abbr. *Col.* [*< MF < Ital. colonna column of soldiers*] — *colo-nel-ey*, *colo-nel-ship* *n.*
co-lo-ni-al (kə-lō/nē-əl) *adj.* 1. Of, pertaining to, or living in a colony or colonies. 2. Of or referring to the thirteen original colonies of the U.S. 3. Describing a style of architecture that originated in the American colonies. — *n.* A citizen or inhabitant of a colony. — *co-lo-ni-al-ly* *adv.*
co-lo-ni-al-ism (kə-lō/nē-əl-iz-əm) *n.* The policy of a nation seeking to acquire, extend, or retain overseas dependencies.
col-o-nist (kol-ō-nist) *n.* 1. A member or inhabitant of a colony. 2. A settler or founder of a colony.
col-o-nize (kol-ō-niz) *v.* *nized, nizing* *v.t.* 1. To set up a colony in; settle. 2. To establish as colonists. — *v.i.* 3. To establish or unite in a colony or colonies. Also *Brit.* *col-o-nize*. — *col-o-ni-zation* *n.* — *col-o-niz-er* *n.*
col-on-nade (kol-ō-nād/) *n.* *Archit.* A series of regularly spaced columns, usually supporting an entablature. [*< F < colonne column*] — *col-on-nad-ed* *adj.*
col-o-my (kol-ō-nē) *n.* *pl.* *nies* 1. A body of emigrants living in a land apart from, but under the control of, the parent country. 2. The region thus settled. 3. Any territory politically controlled by a distant state. 4. A group of individuals from the same country, of the same occupation, etc., living in a particular part of a city, state, or country: a Chinese colony. 5. The region or quarter occupied by such a group. 6. *Biol.* A group of organisms of the same species functioning in close association as certain bacteria. 7. *Ecol.* A group of similar plants or animals living in a particular locality. — the Colonies The British colonies that became the original thirteen States of the United States: New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. [*< L colonus farmer*]
col-o-phon (kol-ō-fon, -fən) *n.* An emblematic device adopted by a publisher, usu. printed on the title page of his books. [*< LL < Gk. kolophon summit, finishing touch*]
col-or (kul-ər) *n.* 1. A visual attribute of bodies or substances that depends upon the spectral composition of the

wavelengths stimulating the retina and its associated neural structures. Colors are classified as *achromatic* (black and white and the grays), and *chromatic* (green, blue, red, etc.). 2. A paint, dyestuff, or pigment. 3. Complexion; hue of the skin. 4. Ruddy complexion; also, a blush. 5. The complexion of those peoples not classed as Caucasians, esp. of Negroes. 6. *pl.* The ensign or flag of a nation, military or naval unit, etc. 7. A color, ribbon, badge, etc., used for identification: college colors. 8. *pl.* The side, or the opinions, arguments, etc., one upholds: Stick to your colors. 9. Outward appearance; semblance; aspect: a color of reason. 10. A false appearance; pretext; disguise: under color of religion. 11. General character; sort; kind. 12. Liveliness or vividness, esp. in literary work. 13. In art and literature, the use of characteristic details to produce a realistic effect: local color. 14. In art, the total effect of the colors in a painting. 15. *Music* Timbre. 16. *pl.* In the U.S. Navy, the salute made when the national flag is hoisted in the morning or lowered in the evening. — *to change color* 1. To turn pale. 2. To blush. — *to lose color* To turn pale. — *to show one's (true) colors* To show one's real nature, beliefs, etc. — *v.t.* 1. To apply or give color to, as by painting, staining, or dyeing. 2. To misrepresent by distortion or exaggeration. 3. To modify, influence, or change in nature or character. — *v.i.* 4. To take on or change color, as ripening fruit. 5. To blush. Also *Brit.* *col'our*. [*< OF < L color*] — *col-er* *or* *n.*
col-or-a-ble (kul-ər-ə-bəl) *adj.* 1. That may be colored. 2. Capable of appearing true or right. 3. Specious but apparently plausible; deceptive. Also *Brit.* *col'our-a-ble*. — *col-er-a-ble-ty*, *col-er-a-ble-ness* *n.* — *col-er-a-bly* *adv.*
col-o-ra-do (kol-ō-rā-dō) *adj.* Having medium strength and color: said of cigars. [*< Sp., colored, red*]
col-or-a-tion (kul-ər-ə-shən) *n.* Arrangement of colors, as in an animal or plant; coloring.
col-or-a-tur-a (kul-ər-ə-tōr-ə, -tyōr-ə) *n.* 1. In vocal music, runs, trills, or other florid decoration. 2. Music characterized by this. 3. A coloratura soprano. — *adj.* Characterized by or suitable for coloratura. [*< Ital. coloration*]
coloratura *soprano* A soprano voice or a singer able to sing coloratura.
color blindness The inability to perceive chromatic color, or, more commonly, to distinguish one of the three primary colors. — *col-or-blind* (kul-ər-blind) *adj.*
col-or-cast (kul-ər-kast/, -kást/) *n.* A television broadcast in color. — *v.t.* & *v.i.* In television, to broadcast in color.
col-ored (kul-əd) *adj.* 1. Having color. 2. Of a race other than the Caucasoid; especially, wholly or partially Negro. 3. Of or relating to Negroes. 4. Influenced or distorted; biased; tainted. 5. False or misleading; specious.
Col-ored (kul-əd) *n.* *pl.* *Col-ored* In South Africa, a person of mixed African and European or Asian parentage.
col-or-fast (kul-ər-fast/, -fist/) *adj.* Resistant to fading or running: *colorfast fabrics*.
col-or-ful (kul-ər-fəl) *adj.* 1. Full of colors, especially contrasting colors. 2. Full of variety; vivid; picturesque: a colorful story. — *col-er-ful-ly* *adv.* — *col-er-ful-ness* *n.*
color guard Those who conduct the colors in a ceremony.
col-or-im-e-ter (kul-ər-īm-ē-tər) *n.* An apparatus for determining the hue, purity, and brightness of a color.
col-or-ing (kul-ər-ing) *n.* 1. The act or manner of applying colors. 2. A substance used to impart color. 3. Appearance of anything as to color. 4. False appearance.
col-or-ist (kul-ər-ist) *n.* 1. One who uses color. 2. An artist who uses colors skillfully. — *col-er-ist-ic* *adj.*
col-or-less (kul-ər-lis) *adj.* 1. Without color. 2. Weak in color; pallid. 3. Lacking vividness or variety; dull.
color line A social, political, and economic distinction drawn between the white and other races.
col-los-al (kə-lō-səl) *adj.* 1. Of immense size or extent; enormous; huge. 2. Informal Beyond belief or understanding: colossal pride. [*< COLLOSSUS*] — *col-los-al-ly* *adv.*
col-oss-e-um (kol-ō-sē-əm) *n.* An amphitheater in Rome built by Vespasian and Titus in A.D. 75-80; also *Coliseum*.
Col-oss-ian (kə-lō-shən) *n.* 1. A native or inhabitant of Colossae. 2. *pl.* (contrused as sing.) A book of the New Testament, Saint Paul's epistle to the Colossians.
col-oss-us (kə-lō-səs) *n.* *pl.* *col-oss-i* (kə-lō-sh/) or *col-oss-es* 1. A gigantic statue. 2. Something of great size or stature. [*< L < Gk. kolossos gigantic statue*]
Colossus of Rhodes A gigantic bronze statue of Apollo at the entrance to the harbor of ancient Rhodes about 285 B.C.
col-our (kul-ər) See *COLOR*.
-colous combining form Dwelling in or inhabiting. Also *-coline*. [*< L colere to dwell, inhabit*]
colt (kɒlt) *n.* 1. A young horse, donkey, etc.; esp., a young male horse. 2. A young or inexperienced person. [OE] — *colt-ish* *adj.*
col-ter (kol-ər) *n.* A blade or disk on a plow that cuts the sod: also spelled *coulter*. [OE < L *cultus* knife]

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Please do not change
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life and will always
call it Colonization Road.
The past is the past, history
can't be changed. We need
to go forward — Thank you.
— Grace Angus

Feb 11/2021

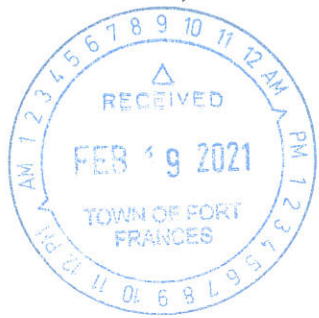


Committee,

With all the issues that
face the town why are we
talking about changing a
perfectly good name of
Colonization Road, please
do not

Thank you

Bonita Sutherland



From: [Mary Ellen Chapman](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Rename Colonization Road
Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 11:03:06 AM

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Dear Mayor and Council:

The name 'Colonization Road' is inappropriate and hurtful to your citizens by celebrating historic and ongoing wrongs to people who live here today, and those who loved this land first.

'Colonization Road' honours an inherently racist concept that stands for the subjugation, suffering, and violence toward Indigenous people. It also offends Ontario human rights and discrimination laws and the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

Town council has taken far too long to reach an obvious decision—especially given its recent commitments to reconciliation, the words of its Declaration of Intent and Friendship with the Agency One First Nations, and its own strategic plan, which committed to a more respectful relationship with local Indigenous communities.

It has been confirmed numerous times that there is no cost to update one's address, and the pandemic is no excuse not to engage in this basic step toward reconciliation. I am not aware of a single complaint that has identified a legitimate logistical hurdle to making this change. Private citizens have even offered to cover the Town's cost of new signage.

Frankly, the name Colonization Road is an embarrassment to Fort Frances and an insult to its citizens, neighbours, and visitors. So, what are we waiting for?

Let's rename Colonization Road now, and use this opportunity to install a new name that reflects our local Indigenous heritage.

Yours truly,

Mary Chapman

516 Front Street Fort Frances, ON P9A 1A2

Mellenchapman@gmail.com

From: [Kathy Lawson](#) on behalf of [Town](#)
To: [Lisa Slomke](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Renaming "Colonization Road"
Date: Friday, November 27, 2020 11:54:23 AM

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Best regards,

Kathryn M. Lawson, Deputy Clerk
Town of Fort Frances
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Fax – 807-274-8479
Email klawson@fortfrances.ca

From: Jessica Ash <jessicaash@live.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 26, 2020 8:17 PM
To: Town <town@fortfrances.ca>
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

From: [Kathy Lawson](#) on behalf of [Town](#)
To: [Lisa Slomke](#)
Subject: FW: Colonization road
Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 9:47:38 AM

fyi

Best regards,

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From: Brad Fyfe <bjfyfe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 5:14 PM
To: Town <town@fortfrances.ca>
Subject: Colonization road

Colonization Road

Boozhoo nindinawemaaganag. Zaagategaabo nindigoo. Wazhazhk nindoodem. Mitaanjigamiing nindoonji.

A few days ago, as I read comments on Facebook about the possible name change of Colonization Road, I was utterly disgusted at the number of ignorant remarks. So, I decided to ask Siri what the definition of colonization was. Siri answered that colonization is “the action or process of settling among and establishing control over the indigenous people of an area.”

That it is 2020 and Fort Frances still has a street named to commemorate that concept is absurd, and deeply hurtful.

I have heard arguments opposed to changing the name that “it will cost too much”, that “it is a lot of work”, and that “if we change the name we are erasing history”, but people have come forward and have been willing to pay for the cost of the name change, and others have volunteered to help the elderly to change their address. Canada Post has also stated that it will give everyone impacted a free mail-forwarding service for a year.

So, what’s the real issue here? As someone who has endured intergenerational trauma as a direct result of my mother being taken from her home and adopted during the sixties scoop, and my grandmother and great aunts being murdered – with no justice being served – driving by a sign that celebrates ‘colonization’ is a constant slap in the face.

Indigenous people cannot just “get over it” or “just leave it alone”. Would you tell a survivor of the Holocaust to “just get over it”? Put yourself in the shoes of one of the residential school survivors

who were ripped away from their families and forced to go to a school where they were beaten for speaking their language. Many were physically, emotionally, spiritually, and in many cases sexually abused – all in the name of a Lord and saviour who “loved” them. These events occurred as part of colonization, and those wounds have yet to heal. Indigenous people are reminded of these atrocities every time they drive down Colonization Road.

To me, ‘colonization’ means more than taking control over the local Indigenous population. It means taking away their language, culture, spirituality, traditional governance, and family structures. It means genocide.

In 2019, I had the opportunity to take part of a ceremony where the Town of Fort Frances and the Agency One First Nation communities (Mitaanjigamiing, Couchiching, Nigigoonsiminikaaning, and Naicatchewenin) came to an agreement to work together and maintain a good relationship for the benefit of the point park.

I commend Mayor June Caul Councillor Doug Judson and the rest of town council on the work they have done to mend a relationship that has been full of ups and downs but I believe this is the first real step in proving they meant what they said.

I encourage everyone to be vocal and share their opinions no matter what side of the fence you are on about the name change. But please be good neighbours and keep things respectful and peaceful. Canada is watching. Let’s do the right thing and lead the way in reconciliation.

Zaagategaabo, Brad Fyfe
He/Him/His
Local First Nation Resident

From: [Kathy Lawson](#)
To: [Lisa Slomke](#)
Subject: FW: Renaming of Colonization Road, Dec 14 Council Meeting
Date: Thursday, November 26, 2020 10:42:25 AM

From: Kevin Stewart <stewak2@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 1:57 AM
To: Town <town@fortfrances.ca>
Cc: Nancy Westover <nwestover@hotmail.com>; byronrs@hotmail.com
Subject: Renaming of Colonization Road, Dec 14 Council Meeting

Mayor and Members of Council:

With respect to the motion to rename Colonization Road, I have the following observations and requests for consideration at the December 14th Council meeting:

The stated objective is to further reconciliation between the Town and local indigenous population. It is possible that, in fact, this will not be achieved, as current residents along Colonization Road will object, on the following grounds:

Changing a legal and postal address is a considerable effort. Driver's licenses, Health Cards, and all other forms of identification need to be corrected, as do legal and financial records. The possibility exists that an overlooked update might have serious consequences. While there may be no direct financial costs, the time and effort is not inconsequential. This is particularly challenging for older residents, and even more so in the midst of a pandemic where in-office service may not be available.

Residents may disagree with that the word 'Colonization' is necessarily hateful, racist, or derogatory, despite some academic opinions. Clearly in this case, the meaning depends upon context. Colonization as subjugation is clearly not something to commemorate, but the open, tolerant, successful country of Canada today, home to immigrants from all over the world, would not exist today without colonization, it was an essential part of our history. Canada as a nation inspires pride in all of us, and some may consider that expunging this word is an attack on the basic legitimacy of the Canadian state – and consider this offensive.

On a basic level, some residents may legitimately object to their address being changed without their consent, irrespective of other factors.

There may be concern that many locations and addresses in Fort Frances relate to early explorers and non-indigenous immigrants. In other words, colonists. Lady Frances Simpson, the town namesake, was the wife of a colonial official. Is there a clearly defined demarcation of what is and is not acceptable? What precedent does this set?

With regard to the above, I request that

1. The town conduct a mail poll, by secret ballot, of residents and businesses along Colonization Road, make the results public, and consider said results in any final decision.
2. Further action on this matter be delayed until such time as the end of the pandemic allows an in-person public forum so that residents (and indigenous representatives) can provide input.
3. All options to maintain current legal and postal addresses while changing street signage be explored – this might be a workable compromise

The above would ensure that the decision is made in an open, public, manner and that the interests of all concerned parties get adequate consideration. This will increase the probability of achieving the goal of reconciliation.

Kevin Stewart
1235 Colonization Road Wesst
Fort Frances, Ontario
P9A 2T6

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

24 November 2020

Mayor & Council
Fort Frances Ontario

Re: the renaming of Colonization Road East & West

The road name “Colonization” is a constant reminder of the distress caused to members of our communities and families. The effort required to rename Colonization Road is minimal and necessary. The people of Rainy River District are like the members of one family. Let us walk together to build friendship and unity.

Michael & Sheri De Gagné
Colonization Road
Fort Frances, Ontario



Sol Mamakwa

Member of Provincial Parliament, Kiiwetinoong
Député provincial de Kiiwetinoong

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November 23, 2020

Fort Frances Town Council
320 Portage Avenue
Fort Frances, ON, P9A 3P9

RE: Support for Changing the Name of Colonization Road

Dear Mayor and Council of Fort Frances,

I am writing today to urge you to change the name of Colonization Road.

The process of colonization devastated First Nations communities across the country. Through the colonial project, our land was taken from us, treaty promises were broken, and the ways of life that allowed us to thrive for thousands of years were systematically dismantled. Our traditional practices were replaced with institutions that inflicted tremendous violence against our peoples, including residential schools.

It should also be noted that colonization was not a one-time, historical process. Colonization is very much ongoing, and it is continuing to harm First Nations peoples. I must tell you that Colonization Road is one example of ongoing colonization. This street name serves no greater purpose than to remind First Nations peoples of their dark history with the Canadian state and brings this history into the present.

Moreover, Fort Frances has obligations under the *Human Rights Code* to provide a service environment free of discrimination. According to human rights law, words that degrade people based on factors such as their ancestry, race, and ethnic origin, violate the *Code*. Colonization Road serves to degrade First Nations peoples in the Fort Frances community. It reminds them of all that was taken from them in the past.

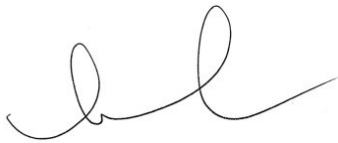
In addition, an important call to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission was this: "We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to repudiate concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous Peoples and lands...." The name 'Colonization Road' is a statement of European superiority over First Nations peoples. It ignores the call to action, and signals to First Nations community members that they are not part of Fort Frances.

Fort Frances's 2019 declaration committing to reconciliation with First Nations peoples was a step in the right direction. However, on its own, this declaration has little power to

make change and improve relations with First Nations peoples. The declaration has to be backed with meaningful action. Changing the name of Colonization Road is one important way to demonstrate that Fort Frances is truly committed to reconciliation. It shows that the town genuinely cares about the social and psychological wellbeing of First Nations peoples. It shows that 'reconciliation' is not just a buzzword, but rather a state that must be worked toward every day.

I urge you, Mayor and Council, to change the name of Colonization Road. While Fort Frances's relationship with First Nations people may be damaged, it is not broken. Changing the name of Colonization Road will work to bring the two communities together and strengthen their relationship. It will show that Fort Frances is committed to creating a community which respects all people. Fort Frances has been taking promising steps towards reconciling with its First Nations peoples. Renaming Colonization Road will be one more meaningful step towards doing so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sol Mamakwa', written in a cursive style.

Sol Mamakwa
MPP for Kiiwetinoong

cc: Ogichidaa Francis Kavanaugh, Grand Council Treaty #3

From: [Sherry](#)
To: [Lisa Slomke](#)
Subject: [External] letter to mayor and council re colonization road
Date: Monday, December 7, 2020 9:00:29 AM

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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.

Letter to Mayor & Council re: Colonization Road

Please include in agenda and committee discussion around the signage issue.

Dear Mayor & Council:

I have been reading the discussion around colonization road with considerable interest.

I feel proud to be part of this community. It is clear that much thought has gone into so many of the letters published in the media. There is a lot of empathy for those who have suffered the growing pains of our country when social equality and cultural awareness were not given any weight. We still have a ways to go, but I believe more people are trying harder to understand the reasons why the past is so very hurtful to many. As long as we keep asking questions, making sincere efforts to educate ourselves, and reaching out to those who seem different, our community will continue to grow.

And isn't that the whole purpose of this discussion around colonization road?

Our town leadership has been working with our First Nations communities in order to better relationships between all of us. They recognize that the misunderstandings of the past have hurt us, not only emotionally and socially, but economically as well. We can only be stronger by working together. But creating a path forward can only happen if everyone is physically moving in that direction. Nothing important happens without effort. We can't take one or two steps and then stop. We need to keep putting one foot in front of another, and get back up should we stumble.

We can look at what happened in the States during the '60s when riots and demonstrations broke out over racial segregation and inequality. The results of that terrible time brought about some important changes to law, an important first step. Unfortunately we can be sure there were those who thought they'd done their part and could sit back and all would be well. But, for all who have watched the violence that has erupted across the US in this past year, it has been made crystal clear that little has improved for those of colour. Not enough people are taking those steps that can lead toward meaningful change.

I see from the letters to the Times that most of those who object to the name change do so for one of three reasons. Some, like our pensioners, simply can't afford it, but I believe it is an obstacle that can be overcome.

The second reason is that many would find the change too much trouble. This is a reasonable complaint. The process can be daunting. Perhaps we can work toward simplifying it. The Post Office used to give out ready-made postcards that one could drop in the mail. If these are no longer available, is it possible to make some? Can we also print off sheets of peel-and-stick address labels? Perhaps we can put together a small committee who can assist those who require this kind of assistance.

The third reason given is that there are those who feel that we should leave the past in the past. Unfortunately this isn't possible as our past is still with us and will continue to impact our future. Most of our First Nations communities are still dealing with the results of that past: loss of traditional lands, laws forbidding natives to compete for white jobs, and the residential school system that meant communities without children for generations. It has meant rampant poverty, lack of clean water, unemployable skills, loss of family structures, horrific addictions, loss of language and culture, and the list goes on.

So much was broken that it's impossible to leave the past in the past. Like a pillow broken in a wind storm, we simply cannot gather the feathers together again. Residents of Canada, if they care about their country and its future... if they care about its people, our greatest asset... must accept that there is work ahead. We must want to know about our past, learn from our past, and be willing to take continuous steps forward to make meaningful change where we can. It will be slow, but also soooo worth it.

To summarize... I am pleased to hear the town considering this step. Those things we value – like equality and social justice – require continual forward momentum that takes effort. Although there was much wrong in our shared past that cannot be righted, residential schools for example, other mistakes can be. The word “colonization” cannot be viewed favourably by those who lived here for thousands of years. Let's replace it with a name that gives representation to those who loved this land first.

Thank you for listening.

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November 19, 2020

Her Worship
June Caul
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Her Worship Mayor June Caul and Council,

Re: Support for the Resolution to Rename Colonization Road

When I was in business school, we were presented with a case study. A business owner on a faraway island could not understand why workers would not build a road. A very diverse group of students offered many suggestions, but the answer surprised us, as we were all settlers: the workers' experience had taught them that roads bring government tanks and soldiers. Sabotaging the road led the way to freedom.

The Road Taken

In the opening line of the film [*Colonization Road*](#), Ryan McMahon, an Anishinaabe journalist and comedian from Couchiching First Nation, cuts to the heart of the matter: "As long as Colonization Road exists, metaphorically or literally, [...] that's a real roadblock for me." Ryan grew up in Fort Frances and he describes the childhood memories he has on that road in Michelle St. John's award-winning documentary on the history of the colonization roads that litter Ontario and Manitoba. The clincher: "[t]he road starts at the base of our traditional ceremonial grounds on my reserve..."

The Fort Frances Museum says Colonization Road began in 1885 as a way to connect settlers to resources in lieu of the more dangerous ice. Roads, boats and trains moved people to places and products to people. But while foreign settlers roamed free and used the land, the Confederation more and more narrowly confined Indigenous Peoples until they were forcibly locked onto reserves. Indian agents used curfews, pass systems, starvation, guns and jail to control people and create dependency. Today, northern reserves still only have ice to access many resources, if the warming climate allows.

According to *Oxford Languages*, "colonization" means "the action or process of settling among and establishing control over the indigenous people of an area; the action of appropriating a place or domain for one's own use." For those who study history, the colonization of Turtle Island evokes a more visceral visual of dispossession, robbery, kidnapping, rape, trafficking, imprisonment, murder, and destruction of land and nature. From an Indigenous perspective, a road named for this genocide might more appropriately bear a name like the Trail of Tears.

Ontario's Northwest housed 9 of the 16 segregated Indian residential schools in Ontario, approximately 8% of Canada's schools, 6 of them within a 4-hour drive. It also hosted one of the

segregated Indian hospitals, known for medical experimentation. The Catholic Church ran the residential school in Fort Frances for 68 years, and the Canadian entities have nationally paid out nearly [\\$60 million in abuse settlements](#), not enough per the [original agreement](#). That is not even 2% of the [\\$3.18 billion paid to survivors](#) (an average of \$39,750 for the estimated 80,000 left alive). Other injustices of colonization included widescale fraud, home and property damage, disrespect for human remains, mass killing of animals like sled dogs, toxic contamination, policing abuses, day schools, and child welfare scoops (many of these claims are still being litigated).

Later, on *Colonization Road*, McMahon interviews Jeff Denis, an Associate Professor of Sociology, who says colonization is “not just something that happened in the past. One of the things that Patrick Wolfe says, who is a theorist of settler colonialism, is that it is a structure and not an event. It is an ongoing process; something that we reproduce everyday through our actions.”

In a further discussion with Leanne Betasamusake Simpson, an Anishinaabe scholar and author, she says, “Colonization Road is a really powerful metaphor and it’s a really powerful physical process that was very, very deliberate and very, very strategic. They wanted the land; we were on the land. And so dispossession and erasure became the primary way over and over and over again...through every mechanism possible[.]”

The Law

Of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s [Calls to Action](#), five implicate municipalities explicitly: Calls 43, 47, 57, 75, and 77. These calls ask governments to: fully adopt and implement the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP); repudiate concepts used to justify European sovereignty and reform laws and policies; provide public servants education on the history of Indigenous Peoples, including residential schools, treaties, UNDRIP, and Indigenous law; and protect important historical sites and records.

[UNDRIP](#) contains a rich variety of rights, but most applicable are Articles 2, 7, 8, 15, 38, and 43. These articles call on governments to stop discrimination; offer rights to physical and mental integrity and security of person; uphold rights against forced assimilation or destruction of culture, as well as prevent and provide redress for negative propaganda; ensure public education and information reflect Indigenous Peoples and combat prejudice and promote tolerance; implant UNDRIP into local legal systems; and recognize that these are *minimum* standards.

Despite Canada’s ratification of UNDRIP, only British Columbia has moved to implement it, with rumblings at the Federal level. While Ontario has stalled MPP Sol Mamakwa’s [Bill to implement UNDRIP](#), these principles are making international inroads in Europe and South America and are winding their way into local courts.

Domestically, governments are also subject to human rights legislation and the Constitutional promise not to discriminate, embedded in s. 15 of the *Charter*. That document also recognizes the inherent rights of Indigenous Peoples and reinforces the primacy of the Treaties.

Given that the definition of colonization necessitates the domination of Indigenous Peoples, one could easily maintain that the term carries a weight of prejudice. In the book *Mindset*, Carol

Dweck highlights how even demographic questions at the beginning of examinations can correlate to poorer performance, subtly reminding racialized and/or female students of their marginalized status. Heavy is the pain of daily reminders of one's "status" etched on signs and the land and a government-issued piece of plastic.

In the movie *Selma*, based on the struggle of Martin Luther King Jr. and the African American community for the right to vote in the South, King asks President Johnson if he wants history to remember that when they asked for their rights, his response was "'wait' or 'I can't'". **In a country full of barriers for Indigenous Peoples, how can we keep debating whether or not this one needs to come down now?**

Call Me Something Else

In the Indigenous Peoples' Court in Thunder Bay, one can listen to the wisdom of Indigenous Elders explaining that names identify them not just to others but to Creator and the land. "Imposing foreign...names on to Indigenous people was...not merely for administrative convenience, it was a deliberate aspect of a systematic attempt to erase our cultures and identities," [wrote Chelsea Vowel, for CBC](#).

In 2011, [Elisabeth Pearson Waugamon shared research](#) on Indigenous Naming Traditions. "Brooke (Wompsi'kuk Skeesucks) a Mohegan, notes that in the Native American naming tradition, names should change. Children receive names that are descriptive, they may be given new names at adolescence, and again as they go through life according to what their life experiences and accomplishments are. Society bestows a new name—a new name is earned. W.S. Brooke explains, 'Some people are like lakes. They change very little as they age. (...) Some people are like rivers. When you trace the Mississippi, or any other river at its source, it can be very small. Later on it can be wide and strong. When it meets the ocean, it spreads out.' In other words, names should change as the individual changes.

...

Phil Konstantine notes that many of the tribal names mean 'people,' 'us,' 'human being,' which reach even beyond a tribe to include all of mankind. ...[O]ur names should remind us first of 'us', not 'me.'"

For those who share my faith, in the Old Testament, when God's people ask why their prayers remain unanswered, the prophet Isaiah tells them it is because they exploit their workers and perpetuate division and violence. The Creator's rhetorical question reveals the stark contrast in values: "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?" God goes on to promise that, "[i]f you do away with the yoke of oppression, ...you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets..." (Isaiah 58:3,4,6,9,12 NIV). Other Biblical stories support God's belief in the power of new names to mark radical transformations.

That the road benefitted many settlers does not mean it benefitted Indigenous Peoples. And even if the road benefitted some Indigenous Peoples in limited ways, they still paid with the deaths of

90-99% of their population. One cannot acknowledge the wealth brought to settlers by the road at the expense of Indigenous Peoples' lives and then posit that the cost of change cutting into that wealth presents more of a burden to us than the cost of the *status quo* cutting into their humanity. And there is no neutral impact on settlers either as these signs normalize the unnamed insidious philosophies underpinning them.

Given there are so many colonization roads, that also suggests the name's perfunctory nature and lack of distinctiveness. Renaming the road isn't a rejection of a unique history. On the contrary, it acknowledges an honest appreciation of the ugly track marks left by betrayal and broken promises and the desire to journey beyond revisionism and damaging ideologies toward something inspiring and meaningful for the whole community, a return to two canoes moving in harmony.

"Of course renaming these streets is the right thing to do, but [it's also right] to honour treaties, fulfill fiduciary obligations under treaty, and create equitable nation-to-nation agreements that liberate people from the colonial systems that keep us poor, dying, and on the fringes of society," says Ryan McMahon, in an [article by Jon Thompson](#) during the last round of debate.

But that requires turning around. At least 3 out of 11 towns in Ontario and at least 1 in Manitoba have renamed or are in the process of renaming colonization roads. In at least one case, that has also led to further relationship-building efforts between the municipality and Indigenous Peoples. A broader look at society displays a shifting across the globe from terms to [teams](#) to [towns](#). Cities ignoring the curdling tension from longstanding inequity are finding themselves with beheaded or bleeding busts.

With that, I commend to Council the resolution to rename Colonization Road and the building of a dialogue with Indigenous Peoples toward reconciliation. Fort Frances has an opportunity to change course: to restore a road; to repair the broken walls in the nation-to-nation relationship; and to pay homage to the rule of law – the Guswenta or the two-row Wampum, an edict of peace, friendship, and respect. Do not let it be the road not taken – it will make all the difference.

Sincerely and with thanks for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joy Wakefield".

Joy Wakefield
iBBA, JD, BCL

p.s. Please note that I write this in my own capacity and not for any other person or entity.

From: [Maureen Gustafson](#)
To: [Town](#)
Cc: [Douglas Judson](#)
Subject: Support for the renaming of Colonization Road
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:57:00 AM

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to you as an Anishinaabekwe and a former resident of the Town of Fort Frances to express my support regarding the renaming of Colonization Road. I am pleased to hear that this issue has been raised again, after the previous Council failed to address it in 2017.

As politicians and leaders, I'm sure you know that language carries great power; the power to inspire, to persuade, to condemn, to normalize, and so forth. According to basic communications theory, the impact of a message depends on the context in which it is used, the intent of the communicator, and the characteristics of the audiences (1). As a communications specialist, I have found it enlightening to analyze different scenarios using this model.

In this case, you--as elected leaders of the Town of Fort Frances--are the **communicators**. While you did not choose the name of the road, you have the power to decide what happens to it moving forward. No matter what your decision, you will be communicating something. It therefore follows that **audiences** would include residents of the Town of Fort Frances, members of nearby Indigenous communities, visitors to the area, and those following these developments from other parts of the province, country, and world. Some of these audiences will have a background in Indigenous issues and history, while others will not.

That brings us to **context**. We are talking about a street name, one which is used in everyday conversations, in print communication materials, and on street signs themselves. In this sense, street names are fairly ubiquitous. People speak and write street names everyday without much thought as to their meaning. By using the word "Colonization" in this context, it is normalized. There is no critical reflection regarding its meaning or how it played out, which is especially problematic given that many audiences will not have a background in Indigenous issues and history, as aforementioned.

Given what we know about the horrific and ongoing legacy of colonization in our area, the resulting **impact** is simply unacceptable. In an era of "truth and reconciliation," as we endeavor to teach young children about these issues and begin to mend relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, it would be counterproductive and insincere to keep the name as is. While this may seem like a small piece of the puzzle, the work of Dr. Jeffrey Denis reminds us that small acts of "laissez-faire" or covert racism serve as a foundation for overt racism in the Rainy Divert District (2-4). These processes keep the spirit of colonization alive, contributing to a myriad of negative health and social outcomes as recognized by researchers as well as several federal inquiries (5-7).

Finally, we must consider the **intent** of you, the communicators. I would like to think that your intent is to contribute to a better world by removing a small piece of the foundation that upholds anti-Indigenous racism in our region. Ultimately, however, it's not up to me. Your decision will speak volumes.

Sincerely,

Maureen Gustafson, MPH

Band Member, Couchiching First Nation
Former Resident (1994-2012), Fort Frances

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Mayor and Members of Council
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Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

My name is Cody Carmody, a former resident of Fort Frances, with long historical ties to the community and an everlasting love for Sunset Country. Although I have not lived in Fort Frances for over a decade now, I reflect on my upbringing in the town regularly and I owe much of my current self to my experiences growing up in the community. I emphasize my feelings for this town not for any persuasive points, but rather so my words are not dismissed as a non-resident. Fort Frances holds a special place in my heart and it will always be my home.

Further to this, my entire family does live in Fort Frances, and I still come home as often as I can and get just as excited every single time. I am also a proud Citizen of the Métis Nation, and I grew up living in the same family home for eighteen years until I moved away for school – my home on Colonization Road.

This letter is with regards to the motion being put forth by Councilor Douglas Judson, to start a process for the renaming of Colonization Roads East and West in Fort Frances, Ontario.

I'll start by saying I support the motion, so let's get that out of the way.

I do, however, have a few thoughts (I'll try to keep it short, but it's really not my style) that I can't seem to brush off while the motion is being considered.

First and foremost I want to admit that Colonization Road West has deep sentimental value to me. My first steps, first pet, first bike ride, first sleep over – virtually all my “firsts” that we humans tend to hold on to in some weird sentimental way took place on Colonization Road. I do not like the idea of this being taken away from me. It feels as if all these memories I hold dear to my heart are not only being altered by having a significant aspect of them changed, but also that they're somehow being tarnished in that I should be ashamed for holding my home, Colonization Road, so dear to my heart. I know this is all in my head and none of what I just wrote down is actually true – the name of the road does not change the experiences I had – but I'm a self-reflective person and I think there are times when sharing your feelings, regardless if rationale, adds value to the decision making process.

I also know that these emotions pale in comparison to the emotions many Indigenous people in our community feel every time they are forced to see or hear or drive down or even live on Colonization Road. As miniscule as it may seem, and perhaps is, I simply do not want the sentimental significance of the change to go unacknowledged.

Moving on, I do want to weigh in briefly on the way forward with this motion. I was hoping to acquire more insight into the context and perspectives of the matter at the *Colonization in Context* event being held on November 25th, but I just recently realized the event is taking place two days after Town Council is expected to vote on the motion. Given this, I want to preempt my below statements with the context that they're based on my personal and present understanding of things, and that I would have much preferred to hear the discussion at the November 25th event before providing my input.

The first issue I'd like to weigh in on is with regards to the renaming process of Colonization Road. The Resolution proposes an Ad-Hoc Committee to oversee the selection and implementation process for the name change, with which I take no issue. My concern, however, lies within the Ad-Hoc Committee itself. Specifically, I am not convinced that a committee that does not include any representation from the membership for which it is claiming to advocate (in the spirit of Reconciliation, as per the Committee's Terms of Reference and Section 27 of the Resolution) is the best approach to this decision.

As per the Whereases in the Resolution, "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'". If the Town truly wanted to move away from colonial practices, would it not include some Indigenous representation in its decision making committee for a matter that so directly involves Indigenous people? "Nothing about us without us" comes to mind.

I can't help but feel it's somewhat performative to make a spectacle about renaming Colonization Road to reconcile with Indigenous community members while not having any Indigenous leadership on the decision making committee. I assume the intent is to include Indigenous voices through a submission process, while leaving the ultimate decision making authority in the hands of this Ad-Hoc Committee. Forgive me if this assumption is incorrect, but if accurate, this is still very colonial in nature and inarguably paternalistic. My sense, and fear, is that everyone's focus is on the name of the oppressive system rather than the system itself. I propose council consider a more collaborative, consensus-building approach to this very important decision.

The second matter I'd like to address has to do with the issue of what becomes of the existing road signs. I noticed in one of Councilor Judson's social media posts the proposal that the signs be provided to an individual on the condition that said individual pays for the replacement costs, an estimated \$2,600 to replace 13 road signs. I have my own personal thoughts about this, but I've decided to keep them to myself. Rather, I will look to my own advice that I've written above and will simply urge council to take a collaborative, consensus-building approach (which, in my view, would include Municipal, First Nation, and Métis leadership) to this aspect of the renaming process as well.

I want to make clear that my intent with this letter is not to take anything away from the motion. It's a commendable first step. However it would truly be a shame to miss this opportunity to show Canada – and ourselves – how a unique and historic community like ours, with First Nation, Métis, non-Indigenous citizens and immigrants, can work collaboratively in a truly non-colonial manner.

I do not want to see my childhood street changed. But I know it must be done. And if it must be done, my hope is that it is done right.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my letter. I look forward to watching this process unfold.

Respectfully,

Cody Carmody

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RE: Renaming of Colonization Road

To Fort Frances Mayor and Council,

I understand that the issue of renaming Colonization Road has once again come before your table. As a member of Couchiching First Nation, I have observed this discussion amongst your citizens for several years now. As a young person, I take keen interest in this issue's development and I view it as a major first step in repairing a relationship that has had a troubled past.

I was pleased to learn that a study conducted by your town's administration in 2017 identified the only substantial cost in renaming Colonization Road would be the replacement of the thirteen road signs. I see that this cost identified in the report was \$2,669.51. Yet, the major pushback that I have seen from your citizenry on this issue has been around this cost of the change. Since I fail to see how a renaming of a street name would cause mass confusion and disruption of postal and emergency services, I can only presume that other motivations to retain the name only stem from racial biases and a misinterpretation of a damaging history of this region.

With this in mind, I propose to you a solution. I commit that if it is the sole barrier to renaming Colonization Road, I will personally pay the cost of the replacement signs on the condition that each of the retired Colonization Road signs be handed over to me upon their removal. It is my intention to use these signs in a manner to be decided upon at a later date with the advice of my Chief and Council and the leadership of the Anishinaabe Nation in Treaty #3.

I make this offer not at any other individual's urging or input and only in the interest of all the young people in the Anishinaabe Nation who each day reclaim more of their identities that have been ripped from their families by colonization. We are large in number and will never forget who we are. I feel confident in stating that as we assume our ever-growing roles in the everyday life of the Treaty #3 territory, colonial vestiges such as poorly named streets, locations, and buildings will be a persistent point of frustration and disappointment for us. I see no tangible benefit to retaining this street name and predict that the consequences of its retention will only become more evident over time.

I look forward to hearing the result of your discussion on this important matter.

Miigwetch,



Daniel C. Morriveau
Couchiching First Nation Band Member

CC: Couchiching First Nation Chief and Council
Grand Council Treaty #3

From: [Kaylee Heyens](#)
To: [Town](#); [Douglas Judson](#)
Subject: Re-naming Colonization Rd.
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 5:42:32 PM

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

From: [Maryam Seid](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Renaming Colonization Road
Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 1:42:40 PM

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Hi Cody,

As you may know, I grew up on Colonization Rd West. At a young age I didn't realize what this word meant. Nor did I have the opportunity to learn about colonization in North America in our education system. Thankfully that has changed for the children in school today. Knowing the history of colonization and understanding the damage it continues to cause to generations of Indigenous people today, I find it disturbing that it still exists as a street name in Fort Frances. I find the comparison of a street named "slave trade lane" would be of equal disturbance. Please change the name of the street in the West and East end of town.

Yours sincerely,
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From: [andrew wiersema](#)
To: [Cody Vangel](#)
Subject: [External] Colonization Road
Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 10:40:06 PM

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For consideration in the matter or renaming Colonization Roads:

I grew up in this community, in fact, I caught the bus everyday on Colonization Rd. I now consider myself privileged for never having any context to what the term “colonization” meant to some.

I have spent the last several years listening, independently reading, and having difficult and at times uncomfortable discourse around this subject. From those conversations, I have learned to stop and consider other lived experiences outside of my own.

In the last 5 years, I have had 3 different instances where friends have come to visit from away, and not only noticed, but commented on the fact that we have a street named Colonization Road. I have felt a real sense of conflict while attempting to show the beauty of my town, to then only stumble over explaining what is clearly an overt display of disrespect towards the surrounding Indigenous communities. I am embarrassed to admit, but I too was ignorant to the context of their comments when first mentioned, but have since taken the time to reflect and learn about the impact of what that word and means and represents for others.

I want to express my support to Town Council in changing the name of both Colonization Roads. I believe there is an obligation to do what is right, and do it for the right reasons. I believe you must not give consideration to ignorant, racist, and distractive ramblings.

I believe the new name needs to reflect, distinctly, why the town decided to take this action. Let the new name stand as a reminder to those who opposed it out of ignorance, apathy, or racism. A person's opinion on the matter, while they may be entitled to it, does not negate the obligations imposed under the highest law of the land; the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Let those who disagree because it is their opinion, research the charter, read it, understand it; or not. Their ignorance should not equate to a justifiable position, only because they decided to express themselves.

I struggle to comprehend that if we, as a community, cannot collectively understand (let alone agree) to change the name of a road as a gesture of respect between friends, how are we ever supposed to begin to overcome generations of destructive laws, policies, and attitudes in any meaningful way.

Those who will legitimately struggle to change their address deserve assistance, there's there no argument there. I cannot imagine there are so many that a group of volunteers could not be quickly assembled to assist where there is genuine need. Please count me in as a volunteer for such a worthy endeavor. Otherwise, this change of address argument is simply an excuse to avoid inconvenience.

I believe you all know what is the right thing to do; other communities have already demonstrated it for you. Please change the name. It is time.

It's the name of a road, they change sometimes. Reconciliation Road, that's what I would like to see as a reminder to everyone. Don't hide it in obscurity, make it meaningful. Peoples' perspectives, attitudes, understanding, and relationships can change for a lifetime. That is what is at stake here.

Thank you all for your time and careful consideration in this matter,

Andrew Wiersema

Date: March 4th, 2021

Report To: Planning & Development Executive Committee.

From: Patrick Briere, By-Law Enforcement Officer

RE: February Activities for By-Law Enforcement Department.

Please see the below information for the month of February activities for this department.

Operational Constraints

- Parking Meters – Broken into (damaged/no parts to repair). All meters Church St. & Portage Ave. removed.

February 2021

Animal Pound Statistics

Impounded Dogs	0
Impounded Cats	0
After Hours Visits	0
Total Shelter Visits for Month 8	

Monthly Parking Statistics

Tickets for Month	32
Ticket by OPP	0
Monthly Total	32
Yearly Total Issued	101

Daily Activities completed by By-Law Officers.

- Animal Pound Activities.
- Pawn Shop Visits.
- Checking Parking Equipment (Repairs/Maintenance to Meter Equipment).
- Garbage Collection Issues.
- Parking Enforcement (Fire Lanes, Handicap Zones, Calendar Parking, Parking Lots, Downtown Core).
- Fine Box Collections & Ticket Processing.
- Snow on Sidewalks Inspections (Downtown BIA Area).

Other Duties Completed by By-Law Officers

- Month End Office Reports.
- OPP Monthly Parking Stats.
- Weekly Mileage for Civic Centre Vehicles.
- Emergency Management COVID-19 Response.
- OFMEM PEOC Calls Twice per Week.
- NWHU Vaccination Task Force Meetings.
- JHSC Activities & Monthly Inspections.
- Monthly Activities Reporting to PDEC.
- OFMEM EEPMO Project Meetings.

- Tent By-Law Review.
- Snow Vehicle's By-Law Rewrite.
- Business License Renewals Ongoing.
- Taxi Licensing Begun.
- Mobile System for By-Law Truck Ongoing.
- Parking Meter Vandalism/Theft.
- OAPSO Chapter Meeting Planning.
- Maintain/Attend Town Vehicle's in Parking Lot (Civic Centre).

Occurrence Type (Complaints & Information)	Calls for Service/Complaints
Single Use Plastics	2
Parking	13
Animals	7
Business Licensing	23
Property Standards (Includes Landlord/Tenant)	3
Court Hearings	1
Taxi	2
Sign Permits	3
Moving Permits	1
Snow Issues	3
Heavy Trucks	2
Waste Management	7
Snowmobiles	4
COVID Legislation	4
OPP Call Outs	5
Building Code Issues with CBO	2
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	82

Respectfully submitted,

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