

# TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

## Planning & Development Executive Committee

### AGENDA - May 3, 2021 at 8:30 AM

Session no: 8

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1. **Call to Order - Roll Call**
2. **Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof**
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9. **Adjourn / Next Meeting Date 17 May 2021**

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

SESSION NO. #7

April 19, 2021

The meeting of Planning & Development Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held virtually at the Civic Centre on April 19, 2021 from 8:30 0830 to 0843 hrs.

PRESENT: J. McTaggart - Chairperson, W. Brunetta - Councillor, Mayor J. Caul (ex-officio)  
REGRETS: Councillor, D. Judson, Lisa Slomke, Municipal Clerk  
ALSO PRESENT: D. Brown, CAO, C. Vangel, CBO/Planner, P. Briere, By-law Enforcement Officer, K. Haney, Deputy Clerk, R. Thoms, B93, M. Emera, Fort Frances Times

1. **Call to Order - 0830 hrs**
2. **Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof - none**
3. **Approval of Previous Committee Minutes**
  - 3.1 Session no 6 - 05 April 2021 - Accepted as presented
4. **Items Referred from Council - None**
5. **New Business**
  - 5.1 C. Vangel - 324 Victoria Avenue - Discussion held. Cody to obtain further information regarding query re related historical precedence.
  - 5.2 SPC01-2020 Mill Property - Discussion held. Committee recommended item be brought forward to Council meeting of 26 April 2021
6. **Outstanding Items - None**
7. **Information - None**
8. **In-Camera - None**
9. **Adjourn @ 0842 hrs / Next Meeting Date - 03 May 2021**

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Executive Committee Chair

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Secretary, Planning & Development Executive Committee

Date: May 3, 2021

Report To: Planning & Development Executive Committee

From: Cody Vangel, Chief Building Official & Municipal Planner

Re: Renaming Colonization Road East and Colonization Road West

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On Thursday March 25, 2021, a public notice was provided in the Fort Frances Times, on the Town of Fort Frances website and Facebook page as well as mailed to property owners abutting Colonization Road East and Colonization Road West initiating the 30-day public consultation period as well as advertising the date of the open public meeting. The notice has been attached for reference.

On Monday March 26, 2021, an open public meeting was held during the regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole meeting. At this public meeting no members of the public spoke to the matter.

Throughout this 30-day consultation period the public was asked to submit input, proposed names, and additional comments regarding the name change. A spreadsheet has been attached with this report summarizing the names, and the correspondence provided by the public with their submissions has been included as well.

Through the consultation period there was additional concern brought forward by a business owner (correspondence attached) regarding concerns over corporate business addressing on Colonization Road West. The correspondence mentions concern over who will be subject to the cost of the lawyers fees, licensing, letterheads, stamps, cheques, business cards, statement sheets, business visas. Another business located on Colonization Road West requested that perhaps a deferred enactment date be considered to allow them and others time to prepare for the transition.

For the information of the Committee, based on the Street Naming and Renaming policy, the following suffixes would be appropriate for the applicable sections of roadway:

- Colonization Road East: Drive, Road
  - o Street may not be appropriate based on the following definition within the policy: *A Street usually in more densely populated areas serving light to high volumes of traffic typically running east and west.*
- Colonization Road West: Drive, Road, Trail

For the information of the Committee, related to Colonization Road East, if an extension of Front Street were considered address numbers would need to be altered for these properties as numbering begins at the Hospital along Front Street.

The following sections from the policy are included to assist the Committee on general criteria:

- 3.3 Street names, including Ceremonial Street names should portray a strong positive image and have historical, cultural, Indigenous or social significance or contribution to the betterment of the community, the Town, the Province of Ontario or Canada.

- 3.4 Street names shall not impair the ability of First Responders to respond to emergencies or impair the Town's ability to deliver services.
- 3.9 Street names, including Ceremonial names, shall not:
  - o 3.9.1 Result in, or be perceived to confer, any competitive advantage, benefit or preferential treatment or advertisement to the named party, or a product, service or a particular business;
  - o 3.9.2 Be or be perceived to be discriminatory or derogatory of race, colour, ethnic origin, gender identity or expression, sex, sexual orientation, creed, political affiliation, disability or other social factors;
  - o 3.9.3 Result in inappropriate abbreviations or acronyms;
  - o 3.9.4 Duplicate or be similar sounding to an existing Street name;
  - o 3.9.5 Place the Town in conflict with any agreements established in the acquisition or management of the Street; and
  - o 3.9.6 Make a direct or indirect reference to recent events or recently deceased individuals, except where the event or the individual had a legacy or significant contributions to the Town of Fort Frances. Names of recent events or recently deceased individuals may only be considered after two years has elapsed.
- 3.11 Naming or renaming a Street, or assigning a Ceremonial name to a Street, on behalf of an individual, event, or an organization requires the written consent of the named party or the named party's representative.
  - o 3.11.1 In circumstances where consent has not been received, despite reasonable efforts, the Town, in absence of any refusal to provide consent or legal concerns, may approve the name if the applicant is able to demonstrate efforts to obtain consent to the satisfaction of the Town.
- 3.12 Where a new name, rename or Ceremonial Street name proposed by the public is deemed insufficient, Council may substitute a name of their choice.

Administration is seeking from the Committee, the recommendation of five (5) names total in which Colonization Road East and Colonization Road West will be renamed from.

Respectfully submitted



Cody Vangel  
Chief Building Official & Municipal Planner



# THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

## Section: Planning & Development

### Policy: Street Naming and Renaming

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<b>Creation Date:</b>	February 2021
<b>Revised Date:</b>	N/A
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#### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 This policy provides guidelines on the naming of Streets and roadways in the Town of Fort Frances and establishes the process by which requests can be made for Street name changes.
- 1.2 This policy's intent is to promote the selection of Street names that will avoid duplication, promote emergency safety considerations and celebrate civic history and achievements.
- 1.3 This policy provides the process for public input into proposed naming, or renaming, or assigning a Ceremonial name to Streets and roadways in the Town of Fort Frances.

#### 2. Definitions

- 2.1 *Ceremonial Naming* refers to assigning a Ceremonial name to a Street in honour of an individual, event or an organization that has made a significant and exceptional positive contribution to the Town of Fort Frances, the Province of Ontario or Canada. A Ceremonial name is a secondary name and does not replace the official name.
- 2.2 *Chief Building Official* refers to the Chief Building Official appointed by the Town of Fort Frances
- 2.3 *Draft Plan of Subdivision* is a document that shows the surveyed boundaries, location, size, and Streets of a proposed subdivision.
- 2.4 *Duplicate* refers to Street names that are identical, not including the Street Suffix.
- 2.5 *First Responders* refers to Fort Frances Fire Rescue Service, Ontario Provincial Police, and Rainy River District Paramedic Services.
- 2.6 *Municipal Planner* refers to the Municipal Planner of the Town of Fort Frances.

- 2.7 *Planning and Development* refers to the Town of Fort Frances Planning and Development division or its successor.
- 2.8 *Procedures for Notices By-Law* refers to By-Law 64/02, as amended, or its successor.
- 2.9 *Reference Plan* refers to a plan deposited in the local Land Registry Office and is a graphic representation of descriptions of land, as well as representations of divisions of land under the *Planning Act*.
- 2.10 *Similar Sounding* refers to Street names that sound similar in their entirety, not including the Street Suffix.
- 2.11 *Street* is any existing or proposed public or private Street, lane, or walkway within the boundaries of the Town of Fort Frances.
- 2.12 *Street Suffix* refers to words that follow a Street name and usually indicate the type of Street configuration and or Street direction.
- 2.13 *Town* refers to the Town of Fort Frances
- 2.14 *Unnamed Street* refers to any Street or a proposed Street on a Reference Plan without an official name and not on a draft plan of a subdivision.

### **3. Criteria for Naming or Renaming a Street or Assigning a Ceremonial Name to a Street**

- 3.1 A request to name, rename or assign a Ceremonial name to a Street may be initiated by:
  - 3.1.1 A citizen of the Town, by application; or
  - 3.1.2 The Town, by a resolution adopted by council.
- 3.2 The Town will consider proposals for Street naming but is under no obligation under this policy to accept a proposal to name, or rename a Street, or assign a Ceremonial name to a Street.
- 3.3 Street names, including Ceremonial Street names should portray a strong positive image and have historical, cultural, Indigenous or social significance or contribution to the betterment of the community, the Town, the Province of Ontario or Canada.
- 3.4 Street names shall not impair the ability of First Responders to respond to emergencies or impair the Town's ability to deliver services.
- 3.5 Streets that have been named, renamed, or assigned a Ceremonial name within the previous ten years will not be renamed unless initiated by the Town.
- 3.6 Assigning a Ceremonial name to a Street will be considered before renaming a Street.
- 3.7 Suffixes for Street names are assigned by the Town to ensure the appropriate Suffix is used to describe the type, function, length and configuration of the Street. Street

name Suffixes are words that follow a Street name, generally indicating the Street's configuration and, on occasion, Street direction. A list of Suffixes acceptable for use in the Town is detailed in Schedule A, followed by its abbreviation and a brief description.

- 3.8 All Town costs involved in renaming a Street shall be the responsibility of the applicant. Where the Town initiates the renaming of a Street, the Town shall bear the associated costs.

- 3.8.1 Council may consider covering costs associated with applications initiated by the public.

- 3.9 Street names, including Ceremonial names, shall not:

- 3.9.1 Result in, or be perceived to confer, any competitive advantage, benefit or preferential treatment or advertisement to the named party, or a product, service or a particular business;

- 3.9.2 Be or be perceived to be discriminatory or derogatory of race, colour, ethnic origin, gender identity or expression, sex, sexual orientation, creed, political affiliation, disability or other social factors;

- 3.9.3 Result in inappropriate abbreviations or acronyms;

- 3.9.4 Duplicate or be similar sounding to an existing Street name;

- 3.9.5 Place the Town in conflict with any agreements established in the acquisition or management of the Street; and

- 3.9.6 Make a direct or indirect reference to recent events or recently deceased individuals, except where the event or the individual had a legacy or significant contributions to the Town of Fort Frances. Names of recent events or recently deceased individuals may only be considered after two years has elapsed.

- 3.10 The physical location, size and style of the Street sign(s) shall be determined by the Town.

- 3.11 Naming or renaming a Street, or assigning a Ceremonial name to a Street, on behalf of an individual, event, or an organization requires the written consent of the named party or the named party's representative.

- 3.11.1 In circumstances where consent has not been received, despite reasonable efforts, the Town, in absence of any refusal to provide consent or legal concerns, may approve the name if the applicant is able to demonstrate efforts to obtain consent to the satisfaction of the Town.

- 3.12 Where a new name, rename or Ceremonial Street name proposed by the public is deemed insufficient, Council may substitute a name of their choice.

#### **4. Naming Streets on Draft Plans of Subdivisions**

- 4.1 A proposal to name Streets on a draft plan of subdivision is to be made using the Street Naming Application through the Planning and Development Division and at minimum is to include:
  - 4.1.1 The proposed Street names, including any background information on the names; and
  - 4.1.2 A copy of the draft plan of a subdivision.
- 4.2 Proposed Street names that portray Indigenous significance or are after an Indigenous individual, organization or event will require consultation with Indigenous communities and adherence to appropriate Indigenous practices or protocols.
- 4.3 The Chief Building Official or Municipal Planner will assess proposed Street names for draft plans of subdivisions in accordance with this Policy and consult with the appropriate internal Town divisions prior to granting approval.
- 4.4 If the proposed name does not comply with this Policy, the Chief Building Official or Municipal Planner will advise the applicant and refer to Town Council for decision in accordance with Council procedures.

#### **5. Naming an Unnamed Street**

- 5.1 A proposal to name an Unnamed Street is to be made using the Street Naming Application through the Planning and Development Division and at minimum is to include:
  - 5.1.1 The proposed name;
  - 5.1.2 Rationale for naming the Street; and
  - 5.1.3 A map or an illustration, including major intersections of the Unnamed Street.
- 5.2 Should the Unnamed Street be an obvious extension of an existing Street, the existing Street name shall be continued onto the Unnamed Street. However, where the extension intersects with a different Street, the new section will be renamed as outlined in this policy.
- 5.3 Proposed Street names that portray Indigenous significance or are after an Indigenous individual, organization or event will require consultation with Indigenous communities and adherence to appropriate Indigenous practices or protocols.
- 5.4 The Chief Building Official or Municipal Planner will consult with various internal Town divisions on the proposed Street name.
- 5.5 If the proposed name does not comply with this Policy, the Chief Building

Official or Municipal Planner will advise the applicant and Town Council.

- 5.6 If the proposed name complies with this Policy, the Town will host a public meeting to consider the proposal. Notice of public meeting will comply with Section 8 of this policy.
- 5.7 If approved, the Town will provide notice of its intention to pass an authorizing by-law as outlined in Section 8 of this policy.
- 5.8 Upon passing such authorizing by-law the Town will provide notice of its passing as outlined in Section 8 of this policy.

## **6. Renaming Town Streets**

- 6.1 A proposal to rename a Street is to be made using the Street Naming Application through the Planning and Development Division and at minimum is to include:
  - 6.1.1 Rationale for changing the name and significance of the proposed name;
  - 6.1.2 Relevance of the proposed name to the Street;
  - 6.1.3 Documented support, including but not limited to petitions and support letters, from at least 75 percent of property owners that abut the Street;
  - 6.1.4 Section 6.1.3. may be waived at the discretion of Council and shall be waived for Town initiated changes; and
  - 6.1.5 A map or an illustration, including major intersections of the Street to be renamed.
- 6.2 Proposed Street names that portray Indigenous significance or are after an Indigenous individual, organization or event will require consultation with Indigenous communities and adherence to appropriate Indigenous practices or protocols.
- 6.3 The Chief Building Official or Municipal Planner will consult with various internal Town divisions on the proposed Street name.
- 6.4 If the proposed name does not comply with the Policy, the Chief Building Official or Municipal Planner will advise the applicant and Town Council.
- 6.5 If the proposed name complies with this Policy, the Town will host a public meeting to consider the proposal. Notice of public meeting will comply with Section 8 of this policy.
- 6.6 If approved, the Town will provide notice of its intention to pass an authorizing by-law as outlined in Section 8 of this policy.
- 6.7 Upon passing such authorizing by-law the Town will provide notice of its passing as outlined in Section 8 of this policy.

## **7. Assigning a Ceremonial Name to a Town Street**

- 7.1 A proposal to assign a Ceremonial name to a Street is to be made using the Ceremonial Street Naming Application through the Planning and Development Division and at minimum is to include:
  - 7.1.1 The Street proposed for the Ceremonial name;
  - 7.1.2 Rationale and significance of the proposed name;
  - 7.1.3 Relevance of the proposed name to the Street, community and Town; and
  - 7.1.4 A map or an illustration, including major intersections of the Street.
- 7.2 Proposed Ceremonial Street names that portray Indigenous significance or are after an Indigenous individual, organization or event will require consultation with Indigenous communities and adherence to appropriate Indigenous practices or protocols.
- 7.3 The Chief Building Official or Municipal Planner will consult with various internal Town divisions on the proposed Ceremonial Street name.
- 7.4 If the proposed Ceremonial Street name does not comply with the Policy, the Chief Building Official or Municipal Planner will advise the applicant and Town Council.
- 7.5 If the proposed Ceremonial Street name complies with this Policy, the Town will host a public meeting to consider the proposal. Notice of public meeting will comply with Section 8 of this policy.
- 7.6 If approved, the Town will provide notice of its intention to pass an authorizing by-law as outlined in Section 8 of this policy.
- 7.7 Upon passing such authorizing by-law the Town will provide notice of its passing as outlined in Section 8 of this policy.

## **8. Notification**

- 8.1 The Town will give Notice of Public Meeting by way of:
  - 8.1.1 Publishing a notice in a newspaper that is of sufficiently general circulation in the area to which the proposed naming, or renaming, or assigning a Ceremonial name would apply, once, at least 30 days prior to the public meeting;
  - 8.1.2 Publishing a notice on the Town website at least 30 days prior to the public meeting; and
  - 8.1.3 Regular mail or delivered to the properties directly abutting/fronting the associated Street, once, at least 30 days prior to the public meeting.
- 8.2 The Town will give notice of its intention to pass a by-law to name, or rename a Street, or assign a Ceremonial name to a Street as outlined in the Procedures for Notices By-Law.

- 8.3 The Town will give notice of passing a by-law to name, or rename a Street, or assign a Ceremonial name to a Street by way of:
  - 8.3.1 Publishing a notice in a newspaper that is of sufficiently general circulation in the area to which the proposed naming, or renaming, or assigning a Ceremonial name would apply;
  - 8.3.2 Publishing a notice on the Town website; and
  - 8.3.3 Regular mail or delivered to the properties directly abutting/fronting the associated Street.
- 8.4 The Town will notify the following internal departments, emergency services, agencies/bodies and adjacent municipalities of the change of an existing Street name or assignment of a new Street name upon passing such authorizing by-law.
  - 8.4.1 All divisions internal to the Town of Fort Frances
  - 8.4.2 Fort Frances Power Corporation
  - 8.4.3 Rainy River District Paramedic Services
  - 8.4.4 Fort Frances Fire Rescue Services
  - 8.4.5 Ontario Provincial Police
  - 8.4.6 Bell 9-1-1
  - 8.4.7 Kenora Central Ambulance Communications Centre
  - 8.4.8 Canada Post
  - 8.4.9 Agency One First Nations
  - 8.4.10 Township of Alberton
  - 8.4.11 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

## Schedule A



**Alley (Aly):** A narrow Street between or behind a row of buildings.

**Avenue (Ave):** A Street in a densely populated area serving light to high volumes of traffic and used interchangeably between local, collector and arterial Streets typically running north and south.

**Boulevard (Blvd):** A Street with a median reflecting the boulevard character serving medium to high volumes of traffic.

**Circle (Cir):** A cul-de-sac or looped Street that begins and circles back to terminate on the same Street.

**Court (Ct):** A Street with no outlet, usually ending in a cul-de-sac, and usually not exceeding (300 m) in length.

**Crescent (Cres):** A local Street that is uninterrupted other than by a cul-de-sac, and having two connections to one Street.

**Drive (Dr):** A curvilinear Street, that usually serves light to high volumes of traffic, and used interchangeably between local, collector and arterial roads.

**Gate (Gate):** A short Street providing an entrance to a subdivision or another Street or as a link between two different Streets, and that has no buildings or lot frontages.

**Grove (Gv):** A modified and form of cul-de-sac or looped Street characterized by minimal frontage that is separate and distinct from the balance of the subdivision or development area.

**Heights (Hts):** A Street with a unique configuration, represents a theme or quality of design, layout, or association with the surrounding land features or geography.

**Lane (Ln):** A dead-end or private Street.

**Parkway (Pkw):** A thorough with a median reflecting the parkway character.

**Place (Pl):** A short Street with a length of (300 m) or less.

**Promenade (Prom):** A Street with a wide right-of-way width and/or containing an unusual and non-typical design, layout or extensive landscaping or other design features.

**Road (Rd):** A Street usually in less densely populated areas serving light to high volumes of traffic.

**Square (Sq):** A square Street pattern.

**Street (St):** A Street usually in more densely populated areas serving light to high volumes of traffic typically running east and west.

**Terrace (Terr):** A short Street with a length of (300 m) or less.

**Trail (Trail):** A collector-type Street usually winding or meandering

**Way (Way):** A narrow or private Street.

A maximum of one (1) of the following direction-based Suffixes may be used for each Street name:  
North (N), East (E), South (S) and West (W)

## Appendix B

## Street Naming

The Street Naming Application is required for all requests to name or rename a Town of Fort Frances Street or to assign a ceremonial name to a Town Street. A Street is any existing or proposed public or private street, lane or walkway within the boundaries of the Town.

Please complete all sections of the Application and provide the required attachments.

Applicant Information			
First Name		Last Name	
Street Number	Street Name		Suite/Unit Number
City/Town	Province	Postal Code	
Telephone Number	Mobile Number	Email	

Street Naming Type
Select the street naming type being requested (select <b>one</b> only):
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Naming or renaming a City Street</b> (For requests to name or rename the legal street name) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is this Street public or private? <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Private</b></li> <li>Is this Street an existing Street or a new development? <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Existing</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>New Development</b></li> <li>Does this Street have an existing name? <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Assigning a Ceremonial Name to a Street</b> (Assigning a secondary name to a Street that does not replace the legal name and is symbolic)

Street Name Details
Identify the location of/or the Street: (Include picture/map indicating location)
List the name(s) being proposed:

I Have Read and Understand
Check the following to confirm that you have read and understand the:
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Street Naming and Renaming Policy</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Application General Process</b>

**Street Naming****Required Attachments**

Provide the following attachments with the Application for the type of Street Naming being requested:

<b>Name a Street on a Draft Plan of a Subdivision</b>	<b>Name an Unnamed Street</b>	<b>Rename a Town Street</b>	<b>Assigning a Ceremonial Name to a Town Street</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Background information on the proposed name  <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the draft plan of a subdivision  <input type="checkbox"/> Consent of Named party or representative (If proposal is to honor a named individual)	<input type="checkbox"/> Background information on the proposed name  <input type="checkbox"/> Consent of Named party or representative (If proposal is to honor a named individual)  <input type="checkbox"/> A map or an illustration showing street location and major intersections	<input type="checkbox"/> Rationale for changing the name and significance of the proposed name  <input type="checkbox"/> Relevance of proposed name to the Street  <input type="checkbox"/> Consent of Named party or representative (If proposal is to honor a named individual)  <input type="checkbox"/> Documented support from the local community  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Minimum of 75% property owners abutting the street</b> <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Waiver of requirement being requested</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> A map or an illustration showing street location and major intersections	<input type="checkbox"/> Rationale and significance of the proposed name  <input type="checkbox"/> Relevance of proposed name to the Street, community and Town  <input type="checkbox"/> Rationale for naming the street  <input type="checkbox"/> Consent of Named party or representative (If proposal is to honor a named individual)  <input type="checkbox"/> A map or an illustration showing street location and major intersections

Applicant Signature

Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

**Return completed application along with the necessary attachments to:**

Town of Fort Frances  
 Chief Building Official  
 Municipal Planner  
 320 Portage Avenue  
 Fort Frances, Ontario  
 P9A 3P9

**Note:**

- The Town will consider proposals for Street naming but is under no obligation to accept a proposal to name, or rename a Street, or assign a Ceremonial name to a Street.
- All Town costs involved in renaming a Street shall be the responsibility of the applicant. Where the Town initiates the renaming of a Street, the Town shall bear the associated costs.
  - Council may consider covering costs associated with applications initiated by the public

### General Process

This section is for informational purposes only and will outline the general process in which applications are handled.

### Name a Street on a Draft Plan of a Subdivision

1. Application is submitted to the Chief Building Official or Municipal Planner with all applicable attachments.
2. The application and proposed street name will be circulated within the internal divisions of the Town and reviewed for compliance with the Street Naming and Renaming policy.
3. If the proposed name complies with the Street Naming and Renaming policy the Chief Building Official or Municipal Planner will approve the application.
4. If the proposed name does not comply with the Street Naming and Renaming policy, the applicant will be advised, and the application will be referred to Council for decision.

### Name an Unnamed Street

1. Application is submitted to the Chief Building Official (CBO) or Municipal Planner with all applicable attachments.
2. The application and proposed street name (if included) will be circulated within the internal divisions of the Town and reviewed for compliance with the Street Naming and Renaming policy.
3. If the proposed name does not comply with the Street Naming and Renaming policy, the applicant, the Planning and Development Executive Committee (PDEC) and Council will be advised.
4. If the proposed name complies with the Street Naming and Renaming Policy, the CBO or Municipal Planner will report the application to PDEC.
5. With recommendation from PDEC, report will be brought to Council to accept (not approve) the application and to authorize administration to provide the 30-day Notice of Public Meeting, as well as declare Council's intent to consider the naming of an unnamed street.
6. Administration will provide notice as outlined in the Street Naming and Renaming Policy. During this 30-day notice period, input and proposed names will be received.
7. Upon conclusion of the 30-day notice period, the Town will host a public meeting.
8. The CBO or Municipal Planner will report to PDEC with a summary of input from the 30-day consultation period and the Public Meeting. PDEC will consider this information and make recommendation to Council. If recommendation is made to approve, PDEC will provide a "short-list" of five names to Council including the original proposed name.
9. The CBO or Municipal Planner will report to Council with a summary of input from the 30-day consultation period and the Public Meeting and include recommendation from PDEC along with the five name choices. Council will select one of the names or substitute for a name of their choice and declare their intent to enact the authorizing by-law at the next Council meeting.
10. Upon passing the authorizing by-law, administration will provide notice of passing said by-law as per the Street Naming and Renaming Policy.

**General Process Continued****Rename a Town Street**

1. Application is submitted to the Chief Building Official (CBO) or Municipal Planner with all applicable attachments. The application shall indicate whether support letters and petitions are being submitted, or if this requirement is requested to be waived.
2. The application and proposed street name (if included) will be circulated within the internal divisions of the Town and reviewed for compliance with the Street Naming and Renaming policy.
3. If the proposed name does not comply with the Street Naming and Renaming policy, the applicant, the Planning and Development Executive Committee (PDEC) and Council will be advised.
4. If the proposed name complies with the Street Naming and Renaming Policy, the CBO or Municipal Planner will report the application to PDEC.
5. With recommendation from PDEC, report will be brought to Council to accept (not approve) the application and to authorize administration to provide the 30-day Notice of Public Meeting, as well as declare Council's intent to consider the renaming of a street.
6. Administration will provide notice as outlined in the Street Naming and Renaming Policy. During this 30-day notice period, input and proposed names will be received.
7. Upon conclusion of the 30-day notice period, the Town will host a public meeting.
8. The CBO or Municipal Planner will report to PDEC with a summary of input from the 30-day consultation period and the Public Meeting. PDEC will consider this information and make recommendation to Council. If recommendation is made to approve, PDEC will provide a "short-list" of five names to Council including the original proposed name.
9. The CBO or Municipal Planner will report to Council with a summary of input from the 30-day consultation period and the Public Meeting and include recommendation from PDEC along with the five name choices. Council will select one of the names or substitute for a name of their choice and declare their intent to enact the authorizing by-law at the next Council meeting.
10. Upon passing the authorizing by-law, administration will provide notice of passing said by-law as per the Street Naming and Renaming Policy.

**Assigning a Ceremonial Name to a Town Street**

1. Application is submitted to the Chief Building Official (CBO) or Municipal Planner with all applicable attachments.
2. The application and proposed Ceremonial street name will be circulated within the internal divisions of the Town and reviewed for compliance with the Street Naming and Renaming policy.
3. If the proposed Ceremonial street name does not comply with the Street Naming and Renaming policy, the applicant, the Planning and Development Executive Committee (PDEC) and Council will be advised.
4. If the proposed Ceremonial street name complies with the Street Naming and Renaming Policy, the CBO or Municipal Planner will report the application to PDEC.
5. With recommendation from PDEC, report will be brought to Council to accept (not approve) the application and to authorize administration to provide the 30-day Notice of Public Meeting, as well as declare Council's intent to consider assigning a Ceremonial street name.
6. Administration will provide notice as outlined in the Street Naming and Renaming Policy. During this 30-day notice period, input will be received.
7. Upon conclusion of the 30-day notice period, the Town will host a public meeting.
8. The CBO or Municipal Planner will report to PDEC with a summary of input from the 30-day consultation period and the Public Meeting. PDEC will consider this information and make recommendation to Council.
9. The CBO or Municipal Planner will report to Council with a summary of input from the 30-day consultation period and the Public Meeting and include recommendation from PDEC along with the five name choices. Council will select one of the names or substitute for a name of their choice and declare their intent to enact the authorizing by-law at the next Council meeting.
10. Upon passing the authorizing by-law, administration will provide notice of passing said by-law as per the Street Naming and Renaming Policy.

**From:** [Kathy Lampi](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Fw: Business Impact - Colonization Road Name Change  
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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](http://www.ffdentist.com)***

Good afternoon Cody,

With regard to the recent decision to rename Colonization Road, I have just received my notice to renew

our permits and licences for our Sedation Facility Permit as well as the Doctor's sedation licences.

There is a cost to do this each year, and a cost for any changes to both the permits and licences after issuing.

A **deferred date** to change our address, would be a definite asset to our business as there are several more permits and licences coming up for renewal.

The change will be costly and very time consuming for us to do and a **deferred date** will help make the transition a bit smoother.

Thank you for your time

Kathy Lampi

office manager

[officemanager@tbaytel.net](mailto:officemanager@tbaytel.net)

**From:** Kathy Lampi  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 9, 2021 2:43 PM  
**To:** [cvangel@fortfrances.ca](mailto:cvangel@fortfrances.ca)  
**Subject:** Re: Business Impact - Colonization Road Name Change

***M. Wu Dentistry***

***Dr. Michael Wu, D.D.S***

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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](mailto: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

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**From:** Cody Vangel [<mailto:cvangel@fortfrances.ca>]

**Sent:** February-09-21 8:01 AM

**To:** undisclosed-recipients:

**Subject:** Business Impact - Colonization Road Name Change

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.

Given that your business is located on/about Colonization Road East and West, I am looking to understand how/if renaming these roads may potentially impact your business or generate additional costs (i.e. letterhead, business cards, website maintenance, signage, etc).

If you could please write back detailing any potential impact, even if there is none, it would be greatly appreciated such that I can report to the Planning and Development Executive Committee.

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

## List of Proposed Names

Acorn	Friendship	Olde Trail
Agaming	Front	Panorama
Agassiz	Grandview	Poplar
Amica	Great North	Prosperity
Amik	Harmonization	Rainy River
Athabasca	Harmony	Rapids View
Aventura	Heritage	Reconciliation
Balsam	Highway 602 West	Red Squirrel
Biidaaban	Hope	Restoration
Bimaadiziwin	Kanata	River
Blue Jay	Lakeview	Riverside
Boozhoo	Laverendrye	Riverview
Boundless	Lund	Scenic
Bounty	Makwa	Shoreline
Canada	Manidoo Ziibi	Skyline
Cedar	Marina	Sorting Gap
Chatelain	Miikana	Spirit
Chickadee	Mill	Sturgeon
Community	Mino-Bimaadiziwin	Sunrise
Confederation	Moonlight	Sunset
Dawson	Nameziibi	Sunset Country
Deerfoot	Nibi	Timber
Discovery	North Shore	Tommy Prince
Eagle Shores	Ochagach	Veterans
Evergreen	Old Emo Highway	
Frances		

To: Mayor and Council of the Town of Fort Frances,  
Letter to the Editor – Fort Frances Times  
et al.

Re: **Extending Front Street Westerly**, and LaVerendrye Parkway, from Victoria Ave. to Central Ave., and possibly to the Fort Frances Cemetery.

While I submitted my views and thoughts of extending LaVerendrye Parkway's walking and bicycle paths easterly and northerly and ultimately to the Couchiching Band Office a few years ago, apparently to no avail, I still believe it a viable and desirable asset to both communities. I now wish to submit my views and thoughts on a westerly, viable and desirable asset.

The current mill site owners are immersed in a massive demolition undertaking, all well and good we hope and assume. However, there should be a planning process prepared for when their current demolition undertaking is said and done, namely the natural westerly extension of Front St. and LaVerendrye Parkway along the riverbank's edge. Current Google satellite imagery can be viewed showing that on most of the river's edge, at least from Victoria Ave. to Central Ave. there is already a road of sorts, albeit for past mill operations purposes only. From Central Ave./Church St. northerly, actual mill infrastructure currently sits on the immediate shoreline, but is in process of demolition. From the Power Station at Central Ave. and Third St. W., westerly, once again, a road of sorts is present, or can be visualized, extending to the Fort Frances Cemetery.

It would appear that a timely review is now required, if not already contemplated, and options considered for pursuit, or not.

Some of the issues would appear to be:

1. When the paper mill company first contemplated its existence, governments of the day were eager to assist and encourage the plan. The exact extent of what they brought to the table is unknown to me, other than the obvious 1905 Power Agreement, from the town's point of view. A thorough and proper research of original title and government decisions should be undertaken as it may be highly informative. But the concept of a 'land and rights deal' comes to a reasonable mind for the encouragement and assistance for such an exciting mill proposal, and if so, it is possible that

certain lands and rights were given in exchange for the private sector developer to proceed. So, given today's status of the property, it begs the questions around the concept, if there was such a granting, and considering that a functional mill is no longer there, nor can be by virtue of new title restrictions imposed by Resolute, that a reversion of such lands and rights should now appropriately be reviewed. On this point however, it is likely that only the original footprint of the original mill would be the subject of such a review. The many subsequent land acquisitions over the many years would likely be all normal commercial transactions only, without similar re-acquisition rights to be considered.

2. Additionally, post original construction, there were many varied street closures granted by the Town for the various operational expansion needs of the mill – and these closures should also be now reviewed for similar re-acquisition. Closed portions of Central Ave., Church St., Mowat Ave., and Sinclair St. come to mind – these closed streets formed an integral part of the municipal lay-out providing services and access to the varied pieces of adjacent private lands. These 'adjacent private lands' are about to be re-introduced post demolition.
3. An engineering and planning/zoning review of the adjacent river's edge roads and lands needs to be undertaken for the benefit of over-all community planning needs, including remaining mill lands. The alternative of no planning creates an unpleasant vision of uncontrolled and haphazard development in our future.
4. The Town's relationship with the current property owner is also crucial, and whatever it is, fruitful dialogue can be pursued and or hoped for, or not. The town has powerful expropriation rights at its disposal, and while it may not be preferred, it is a tool that should be considered to ensure the proper development of the community's interests on behalf of its citizens.
5. And the last issue, but not the least, is a future vision for the International Bridge (and Canada/USA Customs) requirements. As the initial purpose of the bridge included the means to deliver paper mill products to the U.S. market (which is now redundant), its future, non-the-less, requires its inclusion as part of the aforementioned issues. While I was Town

Administrator, I recall being tasked to write a report on the possibility of the Town acquiring bridge ownership – the report was done but the consideration of sale was withdrawn. The list of interested parties that would have needed to be consulted was extensive.

In conclusion, please envision the shoreline landscape pre mill, and now if you can, envision the same shoreline landscape in a few years from now. Imagine the possibilities – does the phrase ‘boundless’ come to mind?

Bill Naturkach, Fort Frances.

April 24, 2021.

Re-naming of Colonization Road East – to Front Street.
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To the Mayor and Council of the Town of Fort Frances, et al:

Renaming it to **Front Street** would make logical sense, because:

1. the name already exists;
2. the name is well known;
3. the name carry's no baggage;
4. the name is not controversial;
5. the name extends the existing **Front Street** making more sense than inserting another new name onto an existing 'same and continuous road' when it is not necessary – we all have travelled elsewhere down road X when suddenly the road name changes to another road name for unknown reasons usually adding to traveller frustration;
6. the home and business numbering system would be simply a natural numerical extension of the existing sequence being compatible to all service providers;
7. many of the new names proposed include 'person' names, and history elsewhere as well as here in our Town, has and is showing controversy when that is done. Serious reflection on using people's names is absolutely required in each consideration, and perhaps is appropriate when and if done following a complete and full vetting. But, if there is a reasonable alternative, as in the case of "**Front Street**", perhaps all that effort, discussion and disagreement can be avoided with full effort, discussion and results focussed on "**Front Street**";
8. many of the new names proposed also include 'non-person' names, and while they are well intended, will certainly entail current and future disagreement. But, again, if there is a reasonable alternative, as in the case of "**Front Street**", all that effort, discussion and disagreement can be avoided.

9. In addition, regarding the input Town Council has received and will receive:

- Non-Fort Frances resident in-put, while asked for and received is all well and good but should not be given overriding weight compared to Fort Frances resident input – the singularity of responsibility and ownership of Fort Frances interests lies with the duly elected Council of the citizens of Fort Frances.
- If Council itself is having difficulties in its own decision-making process, it can always exercise its authority to have a plebiscite on issue which would give them clear direction from its residents. Four past controversial events that I can off-hand recall were plebiscites regarding:
  1. To implement Day Light Savings Time, or not;
  2. To change Councillor elections from a combination of At-Large/Ward system to a strictly At-Large system, or not;
  3. To build the Civic Centre, or not; and
  4. To build the Mill Road Overpass, or not.

And in closing on this Road Naming issue, I do wish you well in your deliberations, but also need to point out that whatever and whichever way you decide, it will likely set the course for similar controversy and potential of similar upcoming scenarios of:

- Renaming Kings Highway;
- Renaming of LaVerendrye Parkway;
- Renaming of LaVerendrye Cemetery Columbarium; and
- Renaming of Fort Frances.

Respectfully Submitted: Bill Naturkach, Fort Frances – April 14, 2021.



**From:** [BorealBobb](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] new names to replace colonization  
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-for colonization east that goes to point park.

**Agamiing Miikana**

(Ojibwa) **Agamiing:** at the water; at the lake, at the shore

**Miikana:** road, trail

-for colonization west.

**Cedar Rd/ST, etc**

bw harrington

To: **Cody Vangel**

Submission for **Name Change re: COLONIZATION Rd.**

GERARD GUIMOND, resident of Fort Frances ON

April 21 2021

I would like to make my submission to the Town Council of Fort Frances on an historical basis. It seems obvious to me that much of what makes Fort Frances such a unique place is its location being systemically overlooked for anything but a place to engage the international bridge.

What makes this area special is the water. We are located on a river that served a critical purpose in the early movement of beings and goods across this land we now call Canada. How many of us are aware of how special is this location?

Currently we are advancing to rename a roadway in Fort Frances, namely Colonization Road. We can recover the historical significance of who we are by drawing on historical nomenclature. It seems to me that most of us are unaware of a stele that exists on the shore of the river, Rainy River, that speaks of a significant structure known as Athabasca House. That stele exists in a residential back yard at the foot of what was once called Faries Avenue named, I'm sure, after Hugh Faries, fur-trader here over the winter of 1804-1805 who left us a vivid account of his stay. Faries Avenue was a sacrificial loss to us with a replacement name of Keating Avenue.

## Athabasca House.

I have to start with this seemingly insignificant structure. It was a white-washed rough construction of a house (much improved in 1805 by Hugh Faries) to be used by voyageurs from the far north country of Athabasca to shelter them upon arrival. Here they would be met by the select voyageurs from Montreal to exchange furs and lading. After a short period of rest and revelry they would part – both Montrealers and Athabascans in haste to return before freeze-up.

So we hold to a significant point here in the development of our county Canada – a fulcrum one might sense.

Many of us would like to have adopted an indigenous name. We'd need more time I think. I personally would shun anything like a personal name or even any suggestion of a descriptive word we might use generally anywhere else, and especially something exclusive when we have something so wonderfully inclusive that is us. I suggest:

## Athabasca Trail

From: Gerard Guimond , 651 First Street Fort Frances ON P9A 1L5

**From:** [Heather Algie](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Name suggestion  
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Good afternoon,

I'd like to submit a name/name concept for Colonization Road, particularly the East section.

I am not an expert in Anishinaabemowin and I cannot speak for the Indigenous community so any proposal should include consultation with local community spokespeople and Elders to ensure that the word and concept can be used and makes sense within a cultural context.

"Biidaaban" is an Anishinaabemowin word that can be translated in a variety of nuanced ways that relate to "dawn arrives." Its close pronunciation is "bee-daw-bun."

My original teacher of Anishinaabemowin, Alex McKay, explained that his understanding of this word, and its makeup, was that it included a concept of past, present and future as this is the moment of the day where you can bear witness to all times at once.

As a community made of Indigenous and settler populations, we are at a present moment where we need to see and acknowledge our past, and envision our shared future, and this term would signify this.

It is a verb, as most Anishinaabemowin is based in, and shows action, which should be how we view this renaming, as an action toward a new day, a new future where we work in harmony.

Here are links that reference the translations:

<https://ojibwe.lib.umn.edu/main-entry/biidaaban-vii>

<https://www.translateojibwe.com/en/dictionary-ojibwe-english/biidaaban>

<https://maisonneuve.org/article/2020/11/17/a-truthful-interaction/>

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Heather Algie

**From:** [doug BROWN](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Renaming Colonization Road  
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I like the name Boundless Drive as it aligns itself nicely with the Fort Frances Boundless sign as you're coming into town and as such that could be the road we are driving on as well coming into Fort Frances.

Thank you for your consideration

**From:** [Mike Carmody](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Colonization Road  
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Hi Cody,

First off I must say that I have never been so disappointed with all of our past and present mayor and council as I am with this present group. In one of the worst years known to mankind, changing street names, building names and banning plastic bags seems to be their priorities which is just adding to the already stressful times that we have all been dealing with. At a time when the World Health Organization had even recommended halting the use of reusable bags, this town council decided that we should go ahead and make a bylaw to ban plastic bags. At a time when the federal and provincial governments are telling all citizens to stay home unless it is essential to go out and service Ontario is asking people not to go into their buildings unless it's deemed necessary and can't be done online, this town council is telling us we have to change all our documentation because of a street name. This town council tells its citizens that there will be no cost to them to do this change, yet there have been multiple letters sent out, multiple town meetings and multiple town employees having to devote their time and efforts to this, so who picks up that tab if not our citizens? My corporate business address is on Colonization Road West so with lawyers fees, licensing, letterheads, stamps, cheques, business cards, statement sheets, business visas etc. it will cost thousands of dollars to change everything over. Who will pick up this tab?

I myself and my family are of Indigenous descent and are recognized as Métis citizens so we are very much aware of the hurtful past, the "Halfbreed" stigma and lands taken away from us but we have lived on Colonization Road West for 31 years without any ill will towards its name.

Although I don't agree with the name change of this street and I certainly disagree with the timing of implementing it, I think the most appropriate names would be "Sunrise Drive " for Colonization Road East and "Sunset Drive " for Colonization Road West.

Thank you for your time,

Mike Carmody  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Haukaas, Melvin](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Name change for Colonization Road West to Canada Street by Melvin Haukaas  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 27, 2021 10:51:17 AM

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I saw the article and suggestion by Bill Naturkach to use Front Street name and continue onto Colonization Rd. E.

I am suggesting that the name Canada Street replace Colonization Road West.

There is a "Canada Street" in Hamilton Ontario that is 2 blocks long.

In winter of 2001, we took a European vacation, We bus toured southern Ireland and toured the Waterford Glass factory.

On the brochure was the address of Canada Street, in Ireland! We can use the name Canada Street as for directions of

Traffic, and location of residences and businesses. It will be numbered as is for Col. Rd. W. If you choose to have

continue "Front Street" and use "Canada Street", as separate names, the 911 calls will be for each and NOT East or West.

Our Canada Street will border properties adjacent to the international boundary of Ontario and Minnesota. What an opportunity to

Get FREE advertising our place on WORLD MAP with GOOGLE ALSO .

With signage, and places for "tourists to pose for photo ops" , we can also experience also be happy with new name.

*Melvin*

*Haukaas*

**From:** [travisenge@tbaytel.net](mailto:travisenge@tbaytel.net)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Nicolas Chatelaine - Renaming of Colonization Road  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 28, 2021 8:55:11 AM

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Good Morning;

I could not definitely determine who to submit name suggestions to for the renaming of Colonization Road. If you are not the correct, person, please advise.

I am writing to submit for consideration the renaming of Colonization Road to **Chatelain Road** after Nicolas Chatelaine.

Below is some information gathered from the following link ([http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/chatelain\\_nicolas\\_12E.html](http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/chatelain_nicolas_12E.html)). There is much more information and research that can be gathered to support this submission. Below is a small snapshot that highlights the large influence he had on our region.

Nicolas Chatelaine (1795-1892) was a Metis man who was a Métis spokesman, HBC employee, interpreter, and civil servant. He is first identified in 1823, when he was an interpreter for the Hudson's Bay Company at Lac La Pluie (Rainy Lake, Ont.). In 1850 he was present at the signing of the treaty of 7 September at Sault Ste Marie between William Benjamin Robinson, representing the province of Canada, and the Ojibwas of the north shore of Lake Superior. At that time he was a member of the band at Fort William (Thunder Bay), which included a number of Métis. Chatelain worked for the HBC for nearly 50 years as an interpreter, trader, and outpost manager, occupations which may in part account for his move from Fort William to Fort Frances. He was present during the negotiations with the Ojibwas of the Lake of the Woods region leading to Treaty No.3. He participated in the signing of Treaty 3 in 1873 with the document bearing his signature.

During the negotiations the Ojibwas had asked that the local Métis be allowed to join the treaty, and although Morris refused he recommended that Métis who wished to be considered Indians could adhere to it. On 12 Sept. 1875 Chatelain, acting for the Rainy Lake and Rainy River Métis, signed a memorandum of agreement with John Stoughton Dennis, surveyor general of Canada. Under the agreement, known as the "Half-Breed Adhesion to Treaty No.3," the Métis, by virtue of their "Indian blood," were to have two reserves set aside for them and were to receive the benefits of the treaty, such as annuities, cattle, and farm implements.

In summary, I am submitting his name for considering in the renaming of Colonization Road due to the large influence he had on the history of the Fort Frances area

negotiating and representing on behalf of both the Metis and First Nation residents in our area.

Sincerely,

Travis Enge  
(5th Great Grandson of Nicolas Chatelaine)



**From:** [Anne Forget](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Renaming of Colonization Road  
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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

With regard to renaming of Colonization Road:

One – the approved action should not proceed until the COVID19 pandemic ends.

Older residents may lack the computer access and / or skills to change records online, many government offices are not currently open, and residents may not feel safe visiting those that are. It is difficult for family members to assist in person given the Public Health situation.

The last year has demonstrated we cannot predict the course of the pandemic. I therefore propose that no action should be taken until the Province of Ontario ends the Public Health Emergency and Health Canada has declared the pandemic at end.

Two – Colonization Road East and West should receive different names.

The two roads are not physically connected. It makes little sense to have East and West qualifiers on a common name; it is a source of confusion.

Three – Names should be simple and non-controversial

Simple names are easier to spell, and to speak clearly to emergency services, those looking for directions, delivery services, etc. This is an important consideration for our senior residents.

We don't want to be going through another such divisive process again, and the new name(s) should not be a source of controversy that prolongs divisions. To that end, I suggest no politically or religiously connected terms, nor proper names be considered.

I suggest that geographic or nature-based names are best.

Suggestions:

Colonization Road East	Colonization Road West
Rapids View Road	Sunset (Country) Road
White Water Road	Highway 602
Shoreline Road	Acorn Way
Sorting Gap Road	Red Squirrel Road / Chickadee Drive / Blue Jay Road
Marina Way	Poplar Road , White Birch Road, Cedar Road, Balsam Road etc

Four – residents should have the final choice from among a list approved by Council.

Afterall, we live here, and we'll be the ones using the name frequently.

Kevin Stewart

1235 Colonization Road West

Fort Frances, Ontario P9A 2T6



**From:** [sandra whalen](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Naming of the road  
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Hello

I know I am probably past the date to give input but I live on Colonization Road West and wish to give feedback on the new names.

I feel that renaming the road to "Community Road West", and "Community Road East" has a better, more positive sound as the word "community" is more inviting of connecting all peoples than the word colonies or colonizing. Thank you for your time in reading this.

Sandra Whalen  
~Sent from my iPhone

Fort Frances Mayor & Council  
320 Portage Ave.  
Fort Frances ON  
P9A 3P9

April 21, 2021

Dear Mayor, June Caul, and Fort Frances Council:

RE: Renaming of Colonization Road East and Colonization Road West.

Our Fort Frances Mayor and Council are to be commended for deciding to change the names of Colonization Roads. Commended for changing the street names which originated during a dark, painful period in Canadian, as well as world, history. These words are a constant reminder of “white man” domination! You are entrusted to make a challenging, important decision. A decision that requires serious thought, discussions and the time to process all suggestions.

Words are important! Words have consequences. Words invoke different thoughts, feelings and interpretations for different people, depending on culture, education and personal, or historical, experience.

Enough streets and avenues, in our town, are named after “white men”. Men who might be significant, to some people, for a brief historical period in time.

Before the Colonization Roads were named, there was a trail that meandered along the entire Rainy River. A River that was not only beautiful but also very significant to all peoples and animals who travelled east, west, north and south. A “hub”. Probably this trail was initially made by Indigenous people for hunting and fishing as well as travel. Deer would also have utilized this trail, as they do to this day. Therefore a suggestion, to throw into the hat, is DEERFOOT TRAIL EAST and DEERFOOT TRAIL WEST. These names are generic, significant to all people and HISTORICAL in nature.

I trust that an Indigenous person will be involved in making this important decision.  
Thank you for your consideration,

Erma Armit  
301-611 Nelson St.  
Fort Frances, ON P9A 1B6  
PH: 807-275-8629

**From:** [Randy Carmody](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] colonization name change  
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Hello Cody .Looking to submit a proposed name change for Colonization road to Eagle Shores East and West. The Eagle is a spiritual symbol for Indigenous people and they stay on the river both east and west year round as the current naturally keeps it open for feeding.

Thanks Randy Carmody

1448 Colonization Road West  
Fort Frances, ON P9A 2T8

April 16, 2021

Mr. Cody Vangel  
Town of Fort Frances  
320 Portage Ave  
Fort Frances, ON P9A 3P9

Dear Mr.Vangel:

As a resident of Colonization Road West I am opposed to the name change. I just recently moved here and know how much time and effort goes in to changing addresses. However, since it appears I have no choice I would like to submit a suggestion for the new name for Colonization Road West. I am suggesting that the street be renamed Evergreen Drive.

I believe that criteria for street names is that they should be neutral, not be the name of any particular person, not be too long, be easy to spell and pronounce.

As you drive down Colonization Road West one of the features that makes this area so appealing is the many evergreen trees along the route and that is my motivation for the name. This name is neutral and should not be offensive to anyone. It is positive, optimistic and forward looking. It is easy to spell and not too long.

I notice that some other suggestions have identified specific tree names – Juniper, Poplar, Cedar, Balsam, etc. so “Evergreen” would be inclusive of all of those suggestions.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

Sincerely

Irene Laing

**From:** [Gloria Seid](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Renaming of Colonization Roads East & West  
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Attention: Cody Vangel

Hello Cody,

I would like the input of the purposed name, if my road Colonization Road is unfortunately going to be changed?

I purpose to, (KISS) keep it simple silly.

Frances Road East & Frances Road West

Thank you for this opportunity.

Gloria Seid



**From:** [Larry Cousineau](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Colonization Roads name submissions  
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Dear Cody. Thanks for the recent letter received regarding the suggesting of new names for the Colonization roads.

As we live on Colonization Road West our suggestion for our road is Sunset Drive or Sunset Road. Our reasoning for this name is that anyone who drives out our way are always talking about the beautiful sunsets that occur on a regular basis. We also like the name as it will not stir up any negative personal feelings or opinions.

The word sunset is usually preceded by the word BEAUTIFUL.

Our suggestion for Colonization Road East would be extending Front Street to include Colonization Road East.

Thanks

Yours very truly  
Larry and Janice Cousineau  
1728 Colonization Road West  
Fort Frances, Ont. P9A3T4

**From:** [Dave Zatulsky](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Street Names  
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Cody

I would like to submit my suggestions for street renaming.

Colonization Road East can be easily changed to Front Street. Just extending it from its end to the overpass.

Colonization Road West can be renamed to "Sunset Drive". This is a good choice as it does not have any personal or ethnic reference. Also there are great sunsets at the west end of the road.

Thanks for considering our recommendations .

Dave and Kathie Zatulsky

1724 Colonization Road West

Sent from my iPhone

I suggest Front Street  
should be carried on  
to bottom of Overpass  
and Cal. Rd West be  
renamed to Westside  
Drive



Thank you  
Nancy Noonan  
274-9131

**From:** [Janet Lambert](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Col Rd  
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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:** [Teresa Hazel](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Renaming of Colonization Road East and Colonization Road West  
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Good afternoon,

Please see the following name suggestions for Colonization Road East and West:

**<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->Harmonization Road East / Harmonization Road West**

Rationale:

I was walking along the Riverfront and thinking about the name Colonization and realized that if only the first 3 letters were changed (replace Col with Harm) it takes on a whole new meaning. It also signifies a new beginning both literally and metaphorically. One meaning of Harmony is: a situation in which people live or work happily together. I also thought it was interesting that the 4 new letters spelled HARM, which could serve as an acknowledgement of the harm that the history of Colonization did to the indigenous population. It is not about erasing history. It is about acknowledging our history - the good, the bad, and the ugly, learning from it and setting a new course for the future. To harmonize takes effort, education, and a good ear...there must be respect and honour for all the contributing voices and a willingness to collaborate.

Submitted by: Teresa Hazel

**<!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->Rainy River Way East/West**

Rationale:

Both roadways that are being renamed follow the Rainy River; the waterway that connects our communities from Couchiching First Nation to Rainy River and all peoples in between.

Rainy River Way is an inviting and marketable name.

Submitted by: Howard Fawcett \*\*My preference is to remain anonymous.

Thank you for your consideration of these suggestions.

Best of luck in your selection process!

Teresa Hazel  
402 Church Street  
Fort Frances, ON P9A 1E2  
Cell: 807.276.5491

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [kittyd2](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Colonization Road renaming  
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Suggesting Harmony Road...we all need to live in harmony with each other no matter the race. Spirit Drive to honor all those residing at Riverview Cemetery. We all have family there. Personal grief is universal.

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [Lampi, Lynne \(MGCS\)](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Colonization Road Name Change  
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Regarding proposed names for Colonization Road, our favourite name is Harmony Drive. To us it represents togetherness and inclusiveness. No matter what name is chosen, we feel that it must be inclusive for all and it must be easy to say and to spell.

Thank you.

2 votes for Harmony Drive

Lynne and Kelly Lampi



**From:** [sue](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
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*I would like to suggest a name to replace Colonization Road east and west.*

*Harmony Road*

*""Just as many musical notes harmonize to create a beautiful tune,*

*""so also do many different cultures and people harmonize to create a beautiful town.*

*Thank you for being open for suggestions*

*Susan Drew, Box 722 Fort Frances, ON P9A 3N1*

**From:** [C. Denby](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Renaming of Colonization Rd  
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Mine is a simple submission. I had given a suggestion in a prior email.

Heritage Road or Heritage Drive for one of the Colonization Rd East or West. I think it implies a wider, all-encompassing view that there is so much history, tradition, pride here in Fort Frances.

Boozhoo for the other - Welcome in Ojibway

Christine Denby

**From:** [C.Denby](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
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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:** [Giselle Calder](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Renaming of Colonization Td W..  
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When renaming Colonization Rd W. please consider something short and easy to spell. My recommendation is "hwy 602 W. " the signs are already in place and this would not be offensive to any race or culture. Good luck with this decision (you will never make everyone happy).  
Giselle and Bryan Calder  
1018 Colonization Rd W.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Mike Walchuk](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Submission for renaming Colonization Road: Hope Road  
**Date:** Monday, April 26, 2021 3:55:53 PM

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During the debate for the renaming of the roads, I had the opportunity to speak with numerous people on this topic, both on Colonization Road, and in Couchiching First Nation. In my conversations with people in Couchiching, it was very apparent that Colonization is a toxic word and needs to be replaced. I'm glad we're renaming the road. Despite any hardship it causes residents, it's the right thing to do, and needs to happen.

From the residents on Colonization Road, I heard numerous times that people had issues with the spelling of Colonization, and were in favour of a shorter, simpler name.

I feel that some of the criteria we should judge a new name by includes one that is short, easy to spell, and distinct-sounding, to make it easy for emergency services to spell, but also supports reconciliation, which is the reason we're undertaking the change.

As it stands now, our society isn't where it needs to be. There are too many people who were excluded and hurt by what occurred in the past, and in many ways this oppression is still occurring to this day.

Although renaming the road can't erase the pain, or change the past, it's a commitment to do better going forward. The very act of the renaming is a sign of hope for our future as neighbours and friends.

That is why I'm proposing Hope Road.

Along with the above suggestion, I feel the names they chose for Dryden would also be excellent options for us. Memorial pays tribute to both the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and our Veterans. Boozhoo would also be an excellent choice, especially for Colonization Road East, which serves as a bridge between our communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Mike Walchuk

1500 Colonization Rd W



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Corp. of the Town of  
Fort Frances  
320 Portage Ave.  
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Attention: Cody Vangel

Dear Sir:

RE: Submissions for Renaming Colonization Rd.

In response to your public request for suggestions to rename Colonization Rd., I would like to submit the following names, along with the rationale for their submission:

1. Evergreen Drive/Road - the bounty of evergreen trees in our area and our history and current industry of lumbering. Also implies growth and renewal.
2. Timber Drive - same reasons as #1.
3. Rainy River Drive - road runs parallel to Rainy River.
4. Voyageur Way - our early shared history and suggestion of discovery of our area.
5. Wilderness Drive - suggests our vast unspoiled forests surrounding our community.

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6. Amica Drive / Road - means friendship and inclusion of all people who live in our area as well as the American people close-by on the border.
7. Vista Road - the many beautiful scenic areas here.
8. Panorama Way - same as #7.
9. Grandview Road - same as #7.
10. Scenic Road / Way - same as #7.
11. Discovery Road - suggesting learning and adventure in a natural environment.
12. Bounty Road - for the natural riches we are fortunate to have in our area.
13. Agassiz Road - the name of the great glacier that carved out the landscape of our area.
14. Sunset Country Road - the theme of our district.
15. Skyline Road - for the clean, blue and colourful sky in our area.
16. Aventura Road - suggesting adventure and positive future for our area.
17. Dawson Road - our proximity to the historic Dawson Trail.
18. Confederation Road - the unification of Canada.

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19. Great North Drive - describing our area.
20. North Shore Drive - same as #19.
21. Prosperity Road - honouring our area and resources that have provided many benefits and employment to our residents past and present.

I look forward to following the Town Council's consideration and final decision of this important roadway.

Yours very truly,  
Mrs. Christina  
Steering

**From:** [Robert Lidkea](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
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Col. Rd east could become Laverendrye Parkway eventually all the way to the hospital. Col Rd W could also be Laverendrye Parkway West as it was the River Road, the only road to Emo before Hwy 11 was created. An alternative to that could be Evergreen Drive because of all the pine, cedar and spruce along that roadway.

From: [Tanya Wilson](#)  
To: [Cody Wilson](#)  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Colonization rename  
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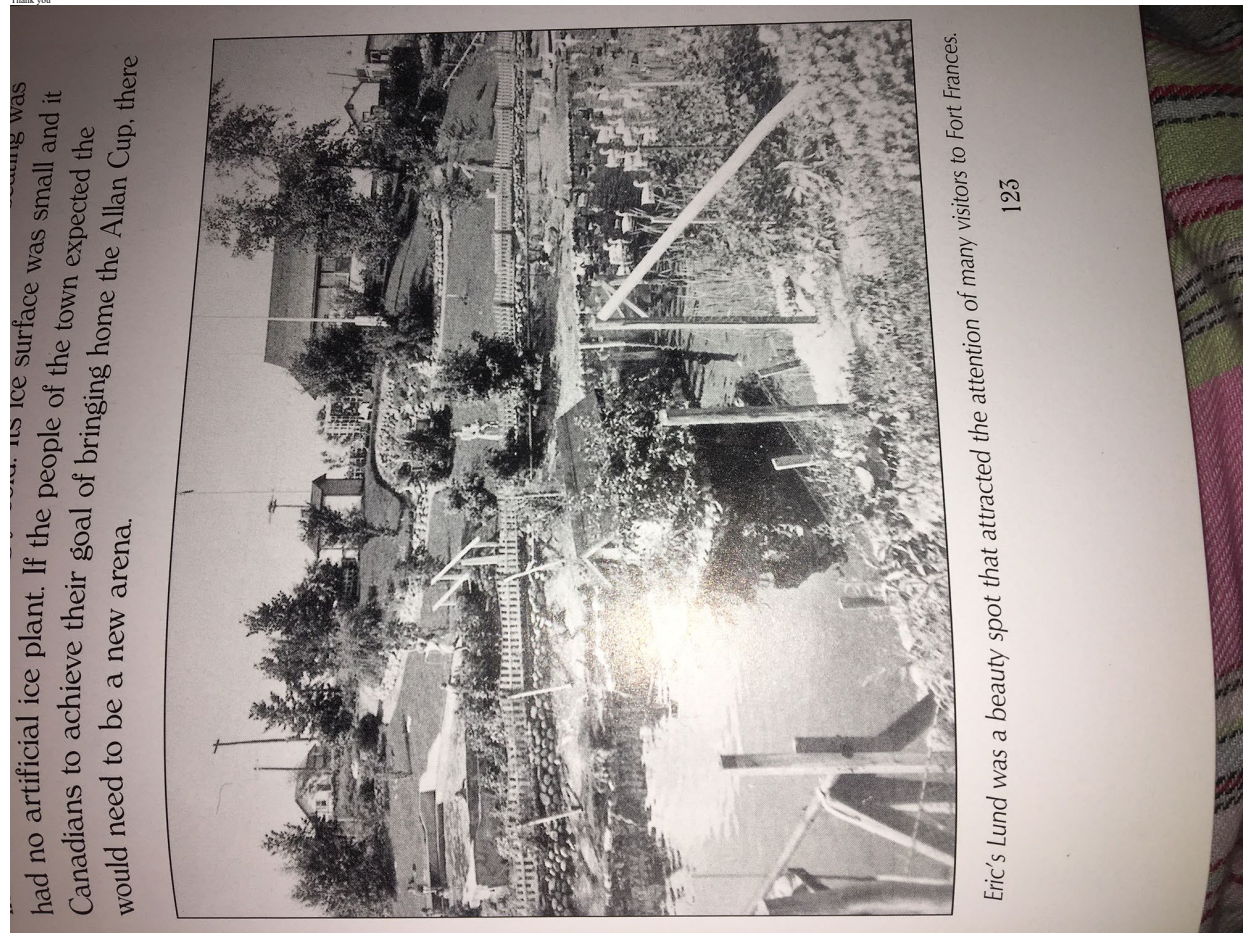
I would like to suggest the name "Lund Road" to replace Colonization Road West.

"Eric's Lund" was established back in the 1940's and was a park like area that attracted the locals as well as out of town visitors. The park was built behind his house and store at the bend on Colonization Road W (behind the dentist office area) He built the gardens and all the attractions himself in his spare time. The gardens housed ducks, swans, geese, pheasants and other animals. You can find more information on Eric's Lund in the book "Fort Frances, the story of a town and it's people". Many people who grew up in Fort Frances at that time have fond memories of Eric's Lund and could still tell you stories of it today.

As the book states, "no memorial stands to the one man whose dreams and labor accomplished a wonderland in Fort Frances". What a great way to acknowledge this piece of the west ends history.

Tanya Wilson  
1136 Colonization Road W  
275 6597

Thank you



Eric's Lund was a beauty spot that attracted the attention of many visitors to Fort Frances.

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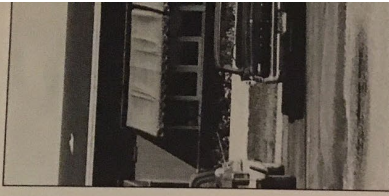


## Eric's Lund

This account is based on a tribute that Eric Ericson's daughter wrote about her father and the park-like gardens he established on his property in McIrvine.

*Eric's Lund no longer exists. The house still stands and the property is subdivided. No memorial stands to the one man whose dreams and labour accomplished a wonderland in Fort Frances Ontario.*

Eric Ericson was born in Sweden. When he immigrated to Canada in 1928 he was sent to Manitoba on a train ride that "he thought would never end". He soon moved to Fort Frances where he worked briefly for Shevlin-Clarke before he returned to Sweden and took an apprenticeship to become a butcher. Back in Fort Frances he and a friend, Einar Gustafson, peddled beef on the street until the town council got after them to establish a business with a roof, so to speak. So, Eric started a meat shop on Minnie Avenue, close to the old Finn Hall, where he was the subject of much derision. "Three people have already gone bankrupt there and here comes a dumb Swede thinking he can make a go of it".



the lake and they reported that ten construction would begin when a start was undertaken.

While the road to the lake through the project in the winter had been raised in front of the Chamber of Commerce for the establishment of the establishment were called "The Road" receiving a grant from the province in the woods to be financed by the province. Due to the economic depression during the war, Warner's

And he did. Then, one day in 1939, Eric announced, "We're moving to the country." So, away we went to the township of McIrvine and we settled down on a corner lot on Colonization Road West (now the intersection of Colonization Road and Kerr Place). Here Eric built a house with a store in front. The property was rocky, wooded and ravine-like with Biddeson Creek running through the acreage. Eric re-established the meat and grocery business and whenever he could, he cleared stumps - at the end of a horse. He broke his leg twice doing this tough chore but he persevered. He also managed to line the creek banks with the rocks he had excavated and erected a small wooden dam creating a pond. He



built a swimming pool for the neighbourhood children and made a skating rink across the road.

Eric made his own sausages in the "sausage factory" and processed wild game for the area hunters. These same hunters brought him baby birds, a fawn and owls to provide a home in the pond and surrounding area. This inspired Eric to pour over issues of the "Family Herald" and order swans, geese, ducks and pheasants, creating a sanctuary of national renown on our property.

By the 1940's Eric had a visitor's book and a wishing well. The ducks had special little houses and were our favourites. My sister and I named the white swans "Crystal" and "Snowflake". There were also swans swimming in the pond where a wee boat called "Erma" floated aimlessly on a short anchor.

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At 6 a. m. we were always  
awakened to a cacophony of  
quacks as Daddy walked down the  
steps to the creek to feed the flock.  
At 8 a.m. he was in the store,  
attired in white cap and apron,  
rotating the roast for the customer  
to show how neatly he had  
trimmed the fat.

Eric died in Thunder Bay's McKellar  
Hospital on August 13, 1964. The  
efforts of family members and  
organizations were of no avail in  
keeping his showplace and park  
intact and Eric's Lund was eventually  
sold.

- by Vi Hautala

*Originally published in the  
"Swedish Press", January, 1996*

(In the 1980's Herb and Jane Snow  
restored part of the property to its  
former glory. However, the burden  
of ongoing maintenance has proven  
to be too onerous to owners of the  
site and it no longer exists as a  
public attraction.)



**From:** [Shaun Loney](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Name suggestion  
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I'd like to suggest Manidoo Ziibi Drive (Zee-bi) for Colonization Road renaming. It means "Spirit River" and is the name the Ojibway call the river. It's easy to remember and encourages love for the river.

Thx for considering!

Shaun Loney

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**From:** [Glen Mounk](#)  
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I have a suggestion for the road name.

## Miikana Road.

Miikana is Ojibwe for road. I feel that in order to help right the wrong that has happened the Colonization Road should have an Ojibwe name. I think that would show people in this area and other areas that we are serious about righting any wrongs that have happened in the past.

Thanks  
Glen Mounk

**From:** [Kourtney Perrault](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Colonization Rd Name Change  
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Hi there!

I have a suggestion for the new name of Colonization Rd.

1. Mino-Bimaadiziwin Ave: these words directly translates to “good life” in Anishinaabemowin. It is a phrase Ojibwe people in Treaty 3 use often - to live the good life. It is a meaningful purpose to us as Anishinaabe people to live the good life after ongoing colonization, the trauma and theft of our people and to keep moving forward to the best of our abilities with ourselves and each other in this colonial world.
2. If suggestion #1 is too long - Bimaadiziwin Ave is an easier suggestion. Bimaadiziwin in Anishinaabemowin translates to “life”.

Miigwech for your consideration,

Kourtney Perrault  
Treaty 3 Anishinaabe  
She/They

**From:** [mona-rose.morrisseau](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Colonization Road  
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I was encourage by many to submit a name to replace Colonization Road. The name that came to me was Moonlight Drive. The moon is always so beautiful there and sheds some light on our darkest moment. Colonization was a dark moment in history.

Thank you  
Mona-Rose Morrisseau

**From:** [Larry Kivimaki](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Renaming Colonization Road East and West  
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NAMEZIIBI Road. NAMEZIIBI is Ojibway for Sturgeon River. Appropriate to the early history when there was a large fishery in the area.

18 April 2021

Mayor and Council  
Town of Fort Frances

“Colonization” recognizes a specific historical relationship that occurred in this land. We suggest that the two new street names honour the community relationships initiated when the Anishinaabe welcomed newcomers, while respecting the current aspirations and friendship between people living and visiting Fort Frances. Street names reflecting positive values form a strong foundation on which a community builds and moves forward. We are Fort Frances Strong. We are Fort Frances Friendly.

Suggested street name changes:

Colonization Road West => Nibi Trail

Colonization Road East => Friendship Road

Rationale for street names:

- Nibi Trail because the current Colonization Road West is the only meandering street in Fort Frances, and it pays homage to the trail that followed the Rainy River. Nibi means water in Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe). Water, essential to life, was integral to the formation and ongoing needs of our community. Fort Frances, with south & east geographical boundaries of water, is located in Rainy River District.
- Friendship Road because citizens, visitors and neighbours thrive with friendly relationships. This is the Town’s only street to/from the East. It connects Fort Frances to neighbours in Couchiching First Nation, with views to the Canada-United States water boundary. This street meets the Town policy ‘road’ definition requirement of being less densely populated.
- Third suggested name is Unity Trail depictive of Fort Frances Strong.

Rationale to avoid suggesting other names include:

- We should not miss the unique opportunity to powerfully name two community entrances. Most town and district streets are in honour of previous immigrant families &/or their descendants. Few, if any streets, represent concepts, Indigenous people or language. Multiple tree names already exist (Oakwood, Elm, Pine, Willow, Spruce, Maple, Palmcrest, Birch, Elmcrest). Veterans Avenue appropriately already exists at the Legion.

*Story of the Bundle of Sticks:*

*There once was a family with several children. The children could not agree amongst themselves. They quarreled over school work, household tasks, and yard work. They harassed one another with put downs. The parents attempted to stop the kids’ behaviour, but the kids paid no attention and continued their quarreling. One day the parents, holding a bundle of sticks tied tightly together, called the children together. “Which one of you can break this bundle in half?” Each child, in turn, took the bundle and tried to break it. Not one was able to break the bundle. “It is just too strong,” they said. The bundle was untied, and each child given one stick. “Which one of you can break your stick in half?” Each child was able to easily break their stick. The parents said, “My children, you, like these sticks are strong when you are friends and work united together. When you quarrel and become separated you are easily destroyed.”*

Sincerely,  
Michael and Sheri De Gagné  
Colonization Road West  
Fort Frances, Ontario

Trail (Trail): A collector-type Street usually winding or meandering

Road (Rd): A Street usually in less densely populated areas serving light to high volumes of traffic.

**From:** [Robert Schulz](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Renaming of colonization road  
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Hi Cody.

I saw the list of proposed names for the existing Colonization Road.

I have done some research and this is what I propose.  
Change the name to Ochagach Road West/East.

Ochagach was a native guide from Kaministikwai who who created a map on birch bark for Laverendrye in about 1728-1730. Laverendrye used this map to get to Rainy Lake to search of the Western Sea starting in 1731. The original map is fairly accurate and was used as the basis for modern day maps of the area. You can google search to see the map.

If not for the use of this map by Laverendrye who knows how much history would have been changed.

There have been variations of the name Ochagach but this is most likely spelling. This would be in keeping with acknowledging the native community. The name is not that hard to spell or pronounce.

Thanks for your time.

Robert Schulz  
PH # 274-6435

**From:** [daveerwin@tbaytel.net](mailto:daveerwin@tbaytel.net)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Proposed renaming of Col. Rd W.  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 11:27:15 PM

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My parents moved us to our new home on Colonization Red W. in the early 1950s. At that time there were only about a half dozen houses West of River View Cemetery. The Road was still gravel surfaced and it wasn't until I started Kindergarten at McIrvine School that the town finally ran a water line from McIrvine Store to Boundary (Oakwood) Road.

I would like to suggest th road be renamed the Old Emo Highway. Once past town limits the highway was known to locals as River Road, however, that name has already been appropriated. Emo Road still exists but is a short road running one block west from Colonization to Pit Road number 1. Confusing the two thoroughfares could be easily eliminated by retaining the old highway designation and would stay true to the original flavour of the now defunct community of McIrvine.

Thanks for your consideration

-Dave Erwin

**From:** [janetlambert555@gmail.com](mailto:janetlambert555@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Renaming Col. Rd.  
**Date:** Sunday, March 28, 2021 2:43:10 PM

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Hello Cody,

I am resubmitting my suggested name for Col Rd. As I have a nice suggestion for the East End as well

For **Col. Rd. West**, my suggestion is **OLDE TRAIL ROAD**. I have suggested this name as it is the path that the Natives, the Fur Traders and the settlers travelled in this area. They travelled by canoe or portaged so it seems appropriate. It is also the old highway that connected Fort Frances to Emo and the farmland in the area. The name also falls in with Olde Shambles Road and has an old world quality to it that may give a theme to this section of town should other road names require changing in the future (example, Olde Oak Rd).

For **Col. Rd. East**, I would like to suggest **SHORELINE ROAD**. The road is so scenic and beautiful and I believe that as it follows the shoreline of the river it is a perfect name.

Thanks for opening this up for suggestions from the public.

Janet Lambert

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



**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:** [Linda Hamilton](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] col ride  
**Date:** Monday, April 5, 2021 9:08:46 AM

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This is our view at the end of col td w . I am full in favour of the name change. I hope there has been consultation with First Nations on this change, they may have input for you. There has been a suggestion of Sunset rd. and I support that name change. Linda Hamilton , 1725 col rd w



Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Linda Hamilton](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] col rd w  
**Date:** Monday, April 5, 2021 9:03:52 AM

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I am fully in support of a name change for Col. rd w .I would hope there has been some consultation with first nations re the name change, perhaps there would be suggestions from them. There has been a suggestion of Sunset Rd. and I agree with that suggestion . I support a name change to Sunset rd. I also think col rd east should be an extension of Front st. I live on col rd w . Linda Hamilton

**From:** [June Caul](#)  
**To:** [Andrew Hallikas](#); [Michael Behan](#); [John McTaggart](#); [Rick Wiedenhoft](#); [Wendy Brunetta](#); [Douglas Judson](#); [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [External] Renaming Colonization Road  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 10:11:01 AM

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**From:** June Caul <jcaul@fortfrances.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 10:10 AM  
**To:** Robin Stearns  
**Subject:** Re: [External] Renaming Colonization Road

Hi Robin. What a great hero Tommy was. I love this idea to use an Indigenous hero's name to rename Colonization Road. Thank you for your wonderful idea. I will pass it on to Council.

June

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**From:** Robin Stearns <wolfbay21@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 8:07:59 AM  
**To:** June Caul <jcaul@fortfrances.ca>  
**Subject:** [External] Renaming Colonization Road

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Dear Ms. Caul

If the town decides to rename Colonization Road I would love this name to be added to the list. An unsung hero!

Tommy Prince Rd/Dr.

<https://www.wearethemighty.com/articles/5-unbelievable-missions-of-canadas-most-legendary-native-soldier/>

Sincerely,  
Robin Stearns

Sent from my iPad



2.

his was still McQuinn  
we had not joined Port  
rangers yet.

Just think how many  
vets in our Area if  
there are 14 in 3 blocks

Thank you sincerely

Elizabeth Batiuk

P.S. I think there were  
also Vets Richardson, Wickstrom  
La Roche + McNabb they all  
lived in the 3 block area  
too.

Dear Cody Vangel:

I would like to submit  
this name change of Colonization  
Road to "Veterans Drive"

Why not honour our  
veterans this is a list of  
Veterans who lived on this  
street in a three block  
area -

Ken Hains, Jim McLeod,  
Jack Hunter, Harley Jerry,  
Jack Kott, Bertha Kott,  
Charles Hall, Ann Hall,  
Carl Hatch, Nick Mutz,  
Frank Gadd, Dick DeVoll,  
Danny Crowe, Olie Anwick

I am sure there  
are lots more but I know  
three personally - Lewis Carlson  
lived farther up - Bud McNealon  
lived on Daniel but was  
still in the 3 block area.



**From:** [Dianna Whalen](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Cc:** [Dianna Whalen](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Re: consultation period fo renaming of Colonization Road East and West  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 11:00:31 AM

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I know the councillors have decided to change the names of the streets, which I have no problem with. It's a good thing. However, I do have a problem with a couple of names that were in the newspaper, Pride Road, and I don't think it has to be named after the local Indigenous Heritage Culture or language. Two wrongs don't make a right. I do believe in reconciliation, but I believe it should work both ways. I think everyone would be better off. I think a good name should be VETERANS DRIVE WEST. It represents all ethnicities whom fought for our great country. This is my suggestion for the name change of my street which I have lived on for 32 years. Stay Safe Thank you  
David Whalen  
March 30,2020

**From:** [Paul Whatley](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Colonization Road name change  
**Date:** Friday, April 9, 2021 3:09:52 PM

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Good afternoon Cody,

We have been long time residence of Colonization Road West and would like to have our voices heard for the proposed renaming. We think the most appropriate name which would also be a great honour to **all** of our great veterans would be Veterans Road West.

Thank you,

Paul and Lori Whatley

**From:** [lenalcat@tbaytel.net](mailto:lenalcat@tbaytel.net)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Re: name change  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 11:32:06 AM

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Good Morning Mr. Vangel

Our suggestion for the name change to Colonization Road is Veterans Way East and West

Thank you  
Allan and Lenore Cates.



**From:** [Trimble, Katy](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Re: Proposed name  
**Date:** Monday, March 29, 2021 9:47:28 AM

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Morning!

My proposed new name for Colonization Road is: Voyageur Drive (East & West)  
Thanks!

Katy

**Katy Trimble**

*Advertising Consultant*  
*CFOB - 93.1 the Border*  
Fort Frances, ON

Office: 807-274-5341  
Mobile: 807-275-7093

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THINK GREEN! before printing this email.

**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:** [Ken Kellar](#)  
**To:** [Cody Vangel](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Colonization Road name public input  
**Date:** Monday, April 19, 2021 4:33:12 PM

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To Mr. Vangel and the sitting council of the Town of Fort Frances,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit a letter with comments and a suggestion for a new name for the Colonization Roads we have here in Fort Frances. While you are all familiar with me as a reporter with the Fort Frances Times newspaper, I write this email to you today only as a private citizen living in this town, where I was born and raised.

I believe the Town has a somewhat unrecognized golden opportunity with the proposed name change to put into concrete action the pledge to honour and commit to the Calls to Action released by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. The town has the power to choose one name that is reflective of Anishinaabe people, language and culture and permanently make it part of our very fabric as a community, both as a physical landmark as well as symbolic of a renewed, strengthened relationship with our Indigenous neighbours and partners.

I would ask council and administration to heed the calls for such inclusive names, and to discard comments calling for the opposite from those who would choose to ignore the negative and damaging history of colonization in northwestern Ontario and across the rest of the country. We hear online and in print that new names for these roads need to be short, be english, be easy to spell, be familiar, or to honour legacies of the town. I charge that short need not be simple, english is already a melting pot of words from other languages, learning to spell new words is a lifelong necessity, what is 'other' can quickly become 'familiar' and that the legacy of our town has fallen short many times, so why not choose to include an entire group of people who make our culture and home so much more diverse and worthwhile than it would be without them.

I will grant that for the sake of emergency personnel, and the often miniscule boxes on government forms, that a shorter, easier to spell name is beneficial. However, I urge council to not fall into the trap of thinking in English, or to choose another Last Name Avenue. I present to you a selection of several words in Anishinaabemowin that are short and easier to spell, but are appropriate for roads and culturally inclusive.

1. Ziibi Road - 'Ziibi' is the Anishinaabemowin word for 'river' and highlights the importance the Rainy River has had to everyone in this town for more than one hundred years. The Rainy River served to bring Indigenous people together before colonization, allowed settlers to arrive in the area and trade with Indigenous people, and is to this day the pride of nearly everyone in the district who can drive along its lengths or enjoys fishing or playing in its waters. In execution, I would suggest this road for the current Colonization Road East, as it is directly against the river.

2. Amik Road - 'Amik' is the Anishinaabemowin word for 'beaver' and represents one of the most important animals in the history of the nation, as well as a loved mascot for the town in years past. The beaver was the cornerstone of early Canadian settlers, and we have the fur trade itself to thank for our outposts on Rainy Lake and the Rainy River (Fort St. Pierre and Fort Lac la Pluie). The animal has long been a staple of Indigenous culture as well, as it is the animal that represents "Wisdom," one of the Seven Grandfather or Sacred Teachings, making it worthwhile as a choice that represents both sides of the town's history. This choice would be appropriate for either road.

3. Makwa Road - 'Makwa' is the Anishinaabemowin word for the black bear, an animal anyone who lives in the district is very familiar with. The bear is also representative of "Bravery/Courage" which is another one of the Seven Grandfather Teachings. Let it be shown the Town of Fort Frances has the courage to do what is right and choose names that reflect our community as it is, not as the loudest minority wishes it to be. I believe the word is also an appropriate choice in terms of length and spelling for non-Anishinaabemowin speakers and readers. Again, this choice would be appropriate for either road.

As you can see, and hopefully as I have shown, there is ample opportunity for the Town of Fort Frances to recognize the importance of choosing a name that is reflective of the injustices of the past and is a firm commitment to recognizing and righting historical wrongs moving forward. These names are not of a length or spelling composition that is too much for those who make use of the road names to handle. They are simple in pronunciation so as to not confuse emergency personnel or hamper them in any way from attending a call. They are words in a language that has seen systematic attempts to destroy it and has thrived in recent years, thus creating a learning opportunity for those who live in town but who aren't faced with Anishinaabemowin on a frequent basis.

In conclusion, I urge the town of Fort Frances to adopt a name from this list or any other appropriate Anishinaabemowin submissions for use of at least one of the Colonization roads in Fort Frances. This is an opportunity for the town to show it is committed to reconciliation and bettering the relationship with Indigenous partners, and to acknowledge where we have fallen short in the past.

Respectfully yours,  
- Ken Kellar

**From:** [Myrna Kraynyk-Cooper](#)  
**To:** [Karyn Haney](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Re: Colonization Road name change  
**Date:** Friday, April 30, 2021 12:58:44 PM

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> On Apr 30, 2021, at 12:35 PM, Myrna Kraynyk-Cooper <[trailblazer@tbaytel.net](mailto:trailblazer@tbaytel.net)> wrote:

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> Good day,

> I am sending a second letter to clarify my intent and choice of a road name change for Colonization Road. I support the name change but am troubled by the anger and aggression that is occurring with some names chosen. My own 1st letter was written quickly to one person without my realization it was going public and making highlight of the week on Borderland Pride. I am definitely not homophobic and my first attempt was not perceived as intended around an option I thought was neutral and meaningful. For that, I apologize. I would like to submit Veterans Road or Shoreline Trail as two options to consider .Thank you .

> Myrna

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> Sent from my iPhone

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

BY-LAW NO. XX/XX

(Being a by-law to provide for traffic controls and parking restrictions during the King's Highway Reconstruction (Contract 20-OF-11), the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001, the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990).

WHEREAS on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Council awarded a tender for the King's Highway Reconstruction (Contract 20-OF-11),

AND WHEREAS on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, the Planning & Development Executive Committee recommended that Council approve a temporary traffic and parking control by-law.

NOW THEREFORE Council for the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. That, in addition to the provisions of Town of Fort Frances By-Law No. 21/14, the Traffic Control By-Law, the interim traffic controls and parking restrictions be in effect as follows:

TRAFFIC CONTROLS & PARKING RESTRICTIONS ALL STAGES OF PROJECT

1) SIGNAL-LIGHT TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM

NO. INTERSECTION

1. East of Pit Road #1.
2. West of Pit Road #2.

The restrictions imposed by the signal-light traffic control system on specified streets in this section are the same as imposed in Section 5.16, 5.16.1, 5.16.2 of Town of Fort Frances By-Law No. 21/14 and as if included in Schedule "R" (Signal-Light Traffic Control Systems) under said By-Law No. 21/14.

2. If it is determined to be in the public interest to impose, in addition to the specific controls and restrictions included in Section 1. above, certain additional restrictions in the form of traffic controls and/or parking restrictions on a temporary basis along said alternative traffic routes, then the installation of all such signs or traffic control devices is hereby authorized and said signs or traffic control devices so installed under authority of this section shall be enforceable in similar manner as though they were installed under authority of Town of Fort Frances By-Law No. 21/14, the Traffic Control By-Law.
3. The provisions of this by-law shall be in force and effect only during the King's Highway Reconstruction (Contract 20-OF-11),

This by-law shall come into force and take effect on the final passing thereof.

READ THREE TIMES and finally passed in open Council this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

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J. Caul, MAYOR

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E. Slomke, CLERK

Date: April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Report To: Planning & Development Executive Committee

From: Patrick Briere, By-Law Enforcement Officer

Re: Temporary Traffic Control By-Law for King's Highway Reconstruction (Contract 20-OF-11).

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As you are aware Council has approved the King's Highway Reconstruction (Contract 20-OF-11). The project has begun.

This report has been written, as it is the responsibility of this department along with the Clerk's Office and Operations & Facilities for ensuring that a temporary traffic control by-law is implemented for construction projects occurring in the Community. This temporary by-law allows enforcement to be able to ensure the adequate flow of traffic through the detour and construction areas, throughout the project and permit enforcement actions if deemed necessary.

Attached to this report for your reference is:

- a copy of the draft temporary traffic control by-law and,
- map outlining the project and detour areas.

This office is asking the Planning & Development Executive Committee to recommend that Council approve the proposed temporary traffic controls and parking restrictions and direct the that a by-law be drafted for signing by Mayor and Clerk.

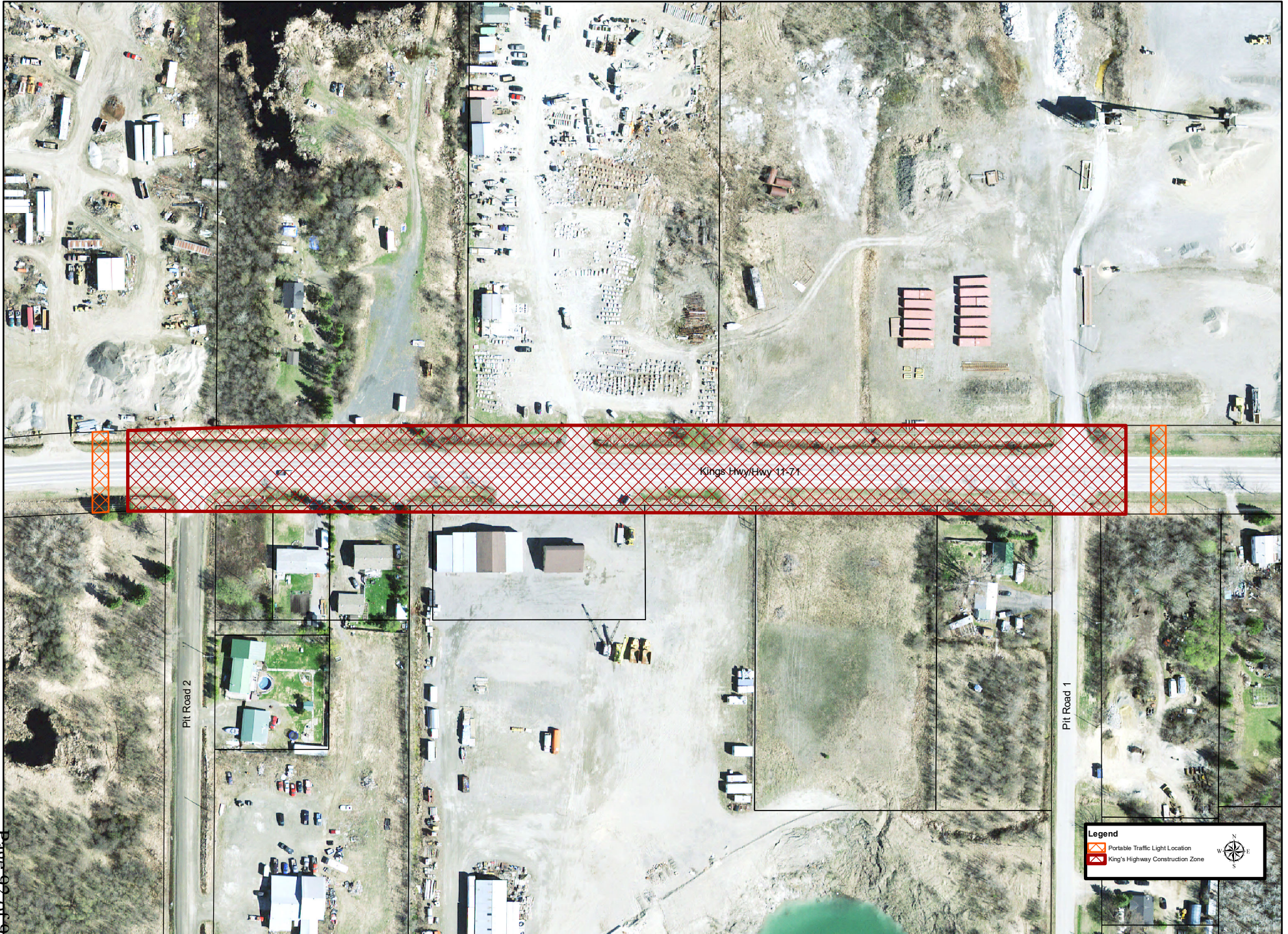
Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

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# King's Highway Construction Zone - 2021





**Date:** May 3, 2021  
**To:** Planning & Development Executive Committee  
**From:** Cody Vangel, CBO/Planner  
**Re:** 324 Victoria Avenue Zoning Amendment – Request For Waiver of Fees

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The Planning and Development Executive Committee will recall discussion on the matter of the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) request for waiver in planning fees for a future proposed zoning by-law amendment at the previous PDEC session.

The Committee requested that administration provide additional information on the request to determine if the Town has approved such requests previously or if such approval may set a precedent.

The RRDSSAB has paid a minor variance application fee of \$324.50 and will be subject to the fee of the public notice for \$264.75 plus applicable taxes, RRDSSAB is requesting that the applicable fees for the upcoming rezoning application be waived. The fees requested to be waived are \$1,400.00 for the application and an estimated \$500.00 for the next newspaper public notice.

Through research into this matter, it could not be found that any outright fee waivers had been approved related to specific planning related applications. Additionally, each decision should be considered on its own merit, though additional community groups may use this as a “precedent” in future planning applications.

If the Committee does not wish to waive any/all fees outright they may consider that RRDSSAB pays the difference between the minor variance fee paid already and the remaining fee for the zoning amendment application ( $\$1,400 - \$324.50 = \$1,075.50$ ) plus the next required public notice. Alternatively, the Committee may decline the request and have the RRDSSAB pay the entire \$1,400 plus public notice.

Respectfully submitted,



Cody Vangel  
CBO/Planner  
Sec. Treas. Committee of Adjustment



## Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board

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March 18, 2021

By Email to:

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Cody Vangel, Chief Building Official & Municipal Planner, [cvangel@fortfrances.ca](mailto:cvangel@fortfrances.ca)

Town of Fort Frances  
Doug Brown, CAO  
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### **RE: Withdrawal of Minor Variance Application 324 Victoria Avenue**

Dear Doug,

As discussed, the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board hereby withdraws the request for Minor Variance for our property located at 324 Victoria Avenue, Fort Frances, ON. We recognize that that this request should be more appropriately dealt with as a Zoning Amendment and are therefore in the process of completing the necessary Zoning Amendment documents for submission to the Town of Fort Frances.

With the forthcoming application for Zoning Amendment the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board requests that the Town of Fort Frances consider a waiver of fees so that further monies can be utilized to directly fund the ongoing renovations and assist with bringing the programs on line.

Thank you for your continued support. Please advise if you require anything further from our office, by email or phone if required.

Best regards,

Dan McCormick  
CAO, Rainy River DSSAB

cc: Sandra Weir, Integrated Services Manager  
Leanne Eluik, Director of Finance & Asset Management  
Cody Vangel, Chief Building Official & Municipal Planner