

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

Planning & Development Executive Committee

AGENDA - October 16, 2017 at 8:00 AM

MEETING - Civic Centre

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TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

SESSION NO. #33

October 2, 2017

The meeting of Planning & Development Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Civic Centre - Committee Room on October 2, 2017 from 8:02 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: D. Kitowski, Chair, J. Albanese, Councillor, R. Avis, Mayor (ex-officio member)

ALSO PRESENT: D. Brown, CAO, E. Slomke, Clerk (Acting Secretary), T. Dennis, CBO/Planner, S. Kaun, Guest, G. McQuarrie, Guest

1. Call to Order at 8:02 a.m.
Session #33

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

3. Approval of Previous Committee Minutes

3.1 Approval of September 5th, 2017 meeting minutes.
-Approved as presented.

4. Non-agenda items identified to be considered later in this meeting, both in-camera and in open meeting. - None.

5. In-Camera

5.1 Potential Disposition or Acquisition of Land - Front Street Property.
- A verbal update was provided by E. Slomke, Clerk.

2017-08 Albanese-Avis: THAT the Planning & Development Executive Committee now meet in-camera in order to address a matter pertaining to:
- A proposed or pending acquisition of land for municipal or local board purposes or disposal of land no longer needed for municipal purposes; more specifically Item 5.1 Front Street Property

CARRIED

6. Items Referred from Council - None.

7. New Business - None.

8. Outstanding Items

8.1 Draft Animal Control By-Law.
- A discussion took place. The Committee recommends that this item move forward to Committee of the Whole as presented.

8.2 Letters from Residents in regards to Zoning By-Law Restrictions.
- A lengthy discussion took place. The Committee recommends that this item move forward to Committee of the Whole as presented.

9. Information

9.1 3rd Quarter By-Law Enforcement Department Activities Report.
- Received.

10. Non-agenda Items - None.

- 11. **Adjourn / Next Meeting Date**
Monday October 16, 2017.

Executive Committee Chair

Secretary, Planning & Development Executive
Committee



Sept. 7/2017

To Whom it may Concern,

There is a need for more multi-residential lots in the Town of Fort Frances.

I have been trying to locate a lot for some time.

I am requesting that you look into this matter immediately. I am trying to move into 704A Armit Avenue as my primary residence, however, the tenants are not able to find an affordable place to live.

I am homeless currently.

We need more affordable housing and I am trying to build it.

Thank you for your help!

Kind Regards,

Louise Tennant
LOUISE TENNANT

647 618 5104



Date: October 12, 2017

Report To: Planning and Development Executive Committee

From: Tyson Dennis, Chief Building Official/Municipal Planner

Re: **Request to Rename Colonization Road**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Local residents would have personal identification, memberships and mailing address information that would require to be changed if Colonization Road is renamed. This would be completed by every individual living at a current address at a "Colonization Road" property. To determine a cost for

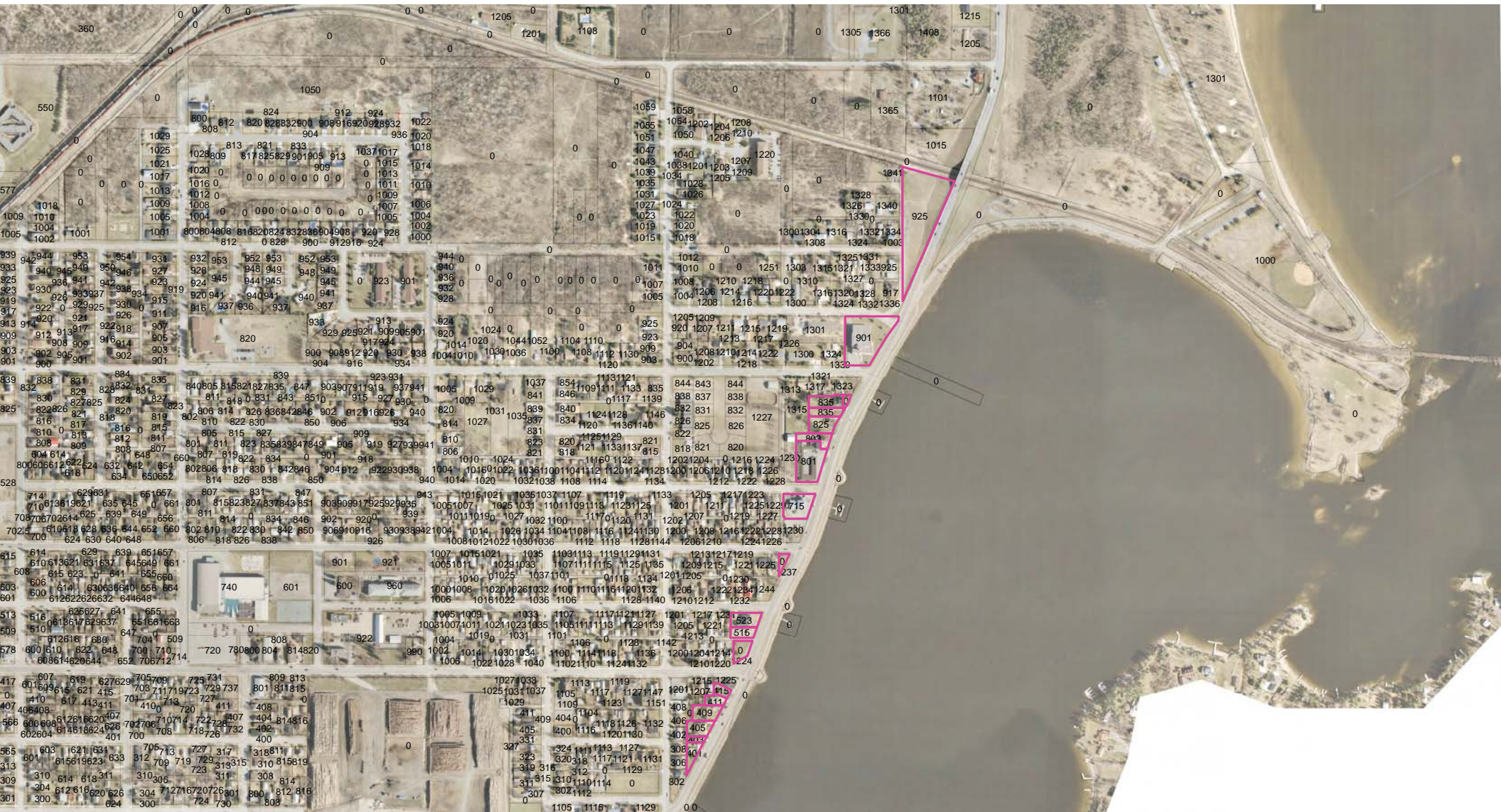
individuals to change personal information is very difficult as it is more of a time loss, than a fee being paid for changes. What is an individual's time worth?

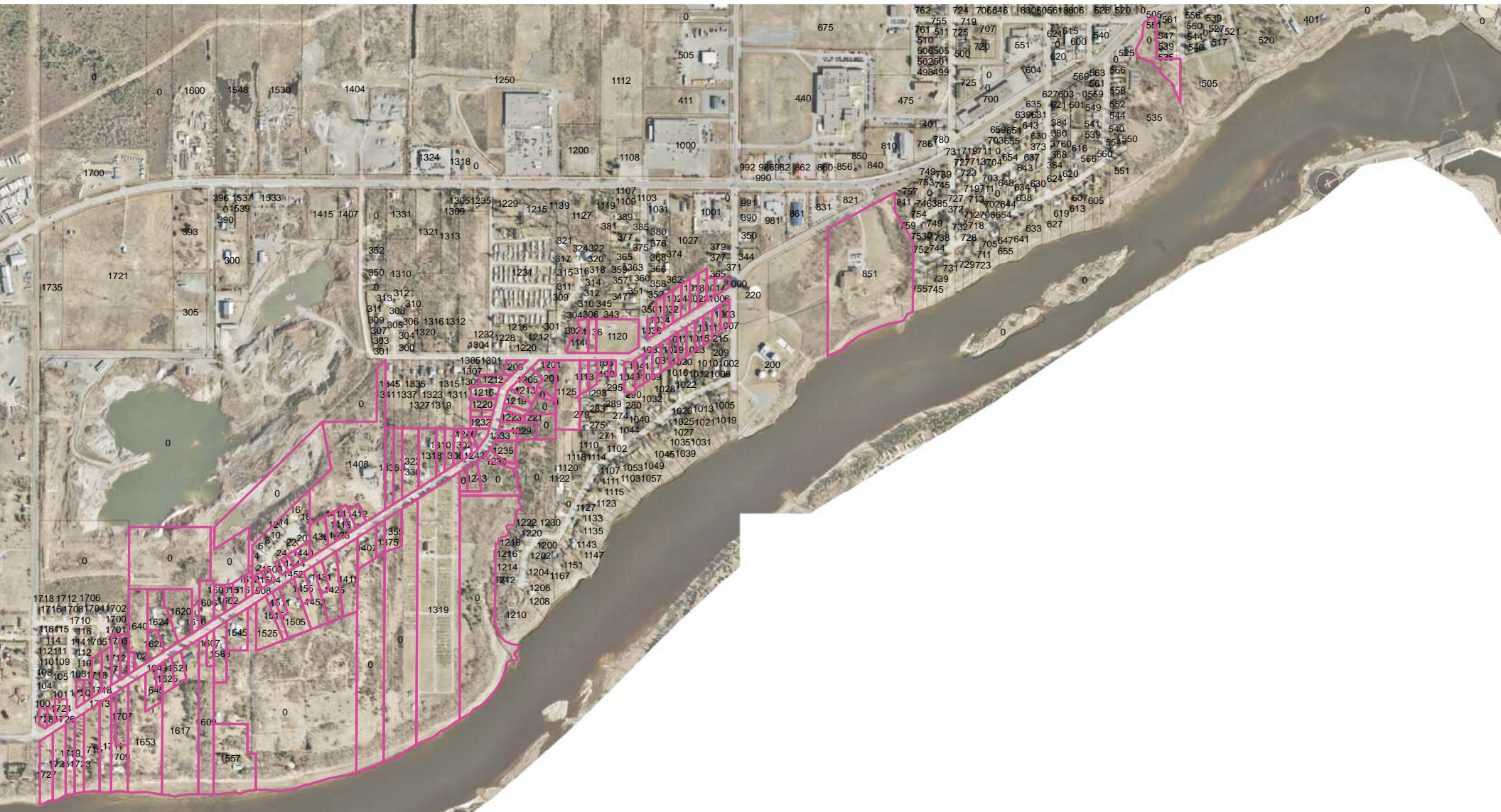
Administration of the Town would need to make address changes for all utility and service invoicing, as well as all property information files in all Town facilities.

I have attached maps of the properties which would be affected by the potential name changing of Colonization Road. The information presented is for Council to consider and further direct Administration.

Originally Signed

Tyson Dennis
Chief Building Official and Municipal Planner





September 6, 2017

Report To: Planning and Development Executive Committee

From: Operations and Facilities Executive Committee

RE: Request Dated June 19, 2017 to rename Colonization Road within the Town of Fort Frances

On June 19, 2017 Mayor and Council received a request to rename Colonization Road within the Town of Fort Frances. This request was referred to the Planning and Development Executive Committee with input from the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee. Since Council received the request additional correspondence has been received both for and against the renaming, which you can find attached. The Operations and Facilities Division has undertaken an inventory of the existing signage on these road segments as well as the signage at the Town facilities currently on Colonization Roads.

From this it was determined that there were 6 standard green street name signs and 7 blue LaVerendrye style signs. A quote was provided by Airmaster Signs and Pryus Direct for replacement signs with the lowest cost taken for each sign type. The following table outlines a cost estimate for the replacement of the street signs within the Town.

6 Green Signs at \$30.40 Each = \$182.40

7 Blue Signs at \$135.00 Each = \$945.00

Subtotal: \$1127.40

HST: \$146.56

TOTAL SIGN COST: \$1273.96

For Labour and equipment, 2 labourers with a 1/2ton truck would be required to complete this work, and it is assumed that it would take 1 hr per sign. This would account for stuck bolts, damaged brackets, etc.

Total Time Required: 13 hrs

2 Labourers at \$42.60/hr = \$85.20/hr * 13 hr = \$1107.60

1 Truck at \$22.15/hr = \$22.15/hr * 13 hr = \$287.95

TOTAL LABOUR COST = \$1395.55

TOTAL SIGN REPLACEMENT COST: \$2669.51

In addition to the cost for the changing of the road signage there is a cost of staff time required to re-label all of the property files, road construction plans currently in the Operations and Facilities Office as well as the GIS Asset Database. This work is not something that can be estimated but there will be staff time dedicated to this task. Further the Operations and Facilities Division operates two facilities addressed Colonization Road and, there is no signage requiring changing on these facilities, however there would be additional staff time to change this information on any billings, insurance, etc.

Administration presents this information for council's consideration at this time.

Respectfully Submitted

Mr. Paul Ryan

Chair, Operations and Facilities Executive Committee

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Dear Your Worship Roy Avis, and Honourable Councillors,

Find attached below the names and locations of signatories to the petition to rename Colonization Road. We are of the firm belief that the road is outdated and celebrates a dark aspect of our history. Growing up in Fort Frances, you learn to not question the road. I myself never thought about it until I received comments about it during my time in Thunder Bay, studying at Lakehead University. This road makes Fort Frances look stuck 40 years in the past to anybody not from the immediate area. Saying that my hometown has not one but two "Colonization Roads" is something I say with shame.

2017 marks 150 years of Canadian Confederation, yet marks thousands of years of living in North America for Indigenous peoples. Colonization and settlement of these lands by Europeans was a disastrous one-sided process in which acts of war, assimilation, and genocide were directed towards our Indigenous peoples. These acts are in the past, and unfortunately we cannot change them. We can, however, change our future. Will Fort Frances be a town that continues to commemorate these horrible acts, or will Fort Frances move towards the future in an act of reconciliation and partnership? Some may say this is "just a road" and that people need to "get over it." To them I reply Fort Frances has renamed roads for less, with much less antagonism directed towards the efforts. Renaming our town's Colonization Roads would let the world know that Fort Frances is looking to the future and is fostering positive relationships with our Indigenous residents.

This is what I have to say about this petition, as the person that started it. Below are comments from other signatories expressing why they want the change:

"True reconciliation starts from within."

~Candace McCormick

"I am signing this petition because I believe it's about time. This has nothing to do with how I feel about the actual name but everything to do with the way original people have reacted to it. That is very important to me because we have not shown enough sensitivity or sense to do anything about these things in the past. I will be releasing a book that I have written that deals with this issue quite extensively and in particular in the last section all about colonization and

why the word is offensive. I'm aware of it and I support this petition 100%. As a passing thought I must admit when I first moved to Fort Frances I live at 1233 colonization Road West and I never gave it any consideration at all because I thought it was a rather neat name. So I too did not understand the significance of this name and how much it hurt those people in the know."

~Jack Hedmanjack

"When explaining "colonization" to my children, they said, "That is awful. Change the name."

I agree with them....."

~Brad Oster

"As an indigenous person from Fort Frances I believe this is an important step in reconciliation and decolonization."

~Erin Gustafson

Now it is up to you as the mayor and councillors to act on this. Will the issue be ignored and Fort Frances continue to be mocked as a "racist small town" or will you show leadership and work towards positive change, involving the community and surrounding areas in a true act of reconciliation? The ball is in your court.

Sincerely a concerned resident,



Dawson Mihichuk

Name	Location	Date
Heather Kennedy	Barrie, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jim McMahon	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Heather Algie	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jeffrey Skinner	Vancouver, , Canada	2017-04-06
Victoria Pullia	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-06
Leigh Naturkach	Toronto, , Canada	2017-04-06
Wayne McIntosh	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Hailey George	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Tyson Morrisseau	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Katelyn McCaig	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
April Matheson	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jolene Richert	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Katauyak Everard	Rankin Inlet, , Canada	2017-04-06
Ken Stanley	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Catherine Annau	Toronto, , Canada	2017-04-06
JoAnne Formanek Gustafson	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Nakita Morrisseau	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jillian Kellar	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
kim harris	toronto, , Canada	2017-04-06
Kristen McCormick	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Angela Siemens	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Maureen Aslin	Toronto, , Canada	2017-04-06
Cody Mckinnon	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
cory sky	Fort Frances, CA, Canada	2017-04-06
Candace McCormick	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Erin Gustafson	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Maureen Gustafson	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Susan Koncan	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-06

Name	Location	Date
Rich Smith	Devlin, , Canada	2017-04-06
shawn brown	emo, , Canada	2017-04-06
Karla Smith	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
karen gordon	Toronto, , Canada	2017-04-06
Joelle Barron	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Alverne Dickson	Atikokan, , Canada	2017-04-06
Rikki Kellar	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Samantha Bell	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-06
Elizabeth Gray	Hamilton, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jeff Gustafson	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Tina Pearson	Victoria, , Canada	2017-04-06
Tyler Kivari	Vaughan, , Canada	2017-04-06
Shane Jourdain	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Alanna Walsh	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-06
Tiffany Whalen	Fort frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Deborah Keegan	Toronto, , Canada	2017-04-06
Tara Allaire	Emo, , Canada	2017-04-06
Madison Allab	Emo, , Canada	2017-04-06
Rebecca Smith	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Tara Yeates	Sault Ste. Marie, , Canada	2017-04-06
Precious Rae-perrault	Fort frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jason Bruyere	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
chrisitne morrisseau	fort frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Beverley Cochrane	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Ellen Gagne	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Charles Catchpole	Barrie, , Canada	2017-04-06
Elizabeth Henderson	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Kimberly LaFleur	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
River Henderson	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Monica Fisher	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06

Name	Location	Date
Lisette Wilson	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Dianna Singleton	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Sierra Spicer	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Catherine Hubbard	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-06
Kellan H	Scarborough, , Canada	2017-04-06
Dawson Jourdain	Couchiching, , Canada	2017-04-06
eric anderson	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Erika Cochrane	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jordan White	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Rebecca Hunter	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
M Gauley	Victoria, , Canada	2017-04-06
Arlene Tucker	Fort Frances, Ontario, , Canada	2017-04-06
Nick Piotrowski	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jaime Taylor	Kitchener, AL, Canada	2017-04-06
Lily Ieroniawakon Deer	Kahnawake 14, , Canada	2017-04-06
Elizabeth DeGagne	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Evan Durance	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-06
Nigel Hunter	London, , Canada	2017-04-06
Kristen Kowlessar	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-06
Pamela Joyner	Toronto, , Canada	2017-04-06
Laurie Norris	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Lisa Loney	Emo, , Canada	2017-04-06
Miranda Godding	Ottawa, , Canada	2017-04-06
Allene Perusse	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Frank Bruyere	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
ABIGAIL Calder	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Dana Plasky	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Maggie Braun	Winlaw, , Canada	2017-04-06
mike jones	fort frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Margaret Van Drunen	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jason Jones	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06

Name	Location	Date
Nicole Broman	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-07
Nancy Taggart	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Anne Clemmer	Listowel, , Canada	2017-04-07
Kourtney Perrault	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Dirk Friesen	Emo, , Canada	2017-04-07
Pam King	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
kate crook	Drayton, , Canada	2017-04-07
Jessica Desrosiers	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Alex Bruyere	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Kelly Lyons	Toronto, , Canada	2017-04-07
Wendy Orchard	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Sandra Brunetta	Fort Frances,, , Canada	2017-04-07
Tanis Lesiuk	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Jack Hedman	Fort frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Denyse Marshall	Burton, , Canada	2017-04-07
Norma Jean Calder	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Michelle Monk	Balmertown, , Canada	2017-04-07
Nicolaas Bruyere	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Reeanna Scott	Guelph, , Canada	2017-04-07
Katelyn Ranger	Victoria, , Canada	2017-04-07
Claire Sandelovich	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-07
Brody Smith	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Stephanie Perrault	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Alex Andrushuk	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Jordan Fournier	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Selina Haltom	Sault Ste. Marie, , Canada	2017-04-07
Jillian Berry	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-07
Meagan Berry	London, , Canada	2017-04-07

Name	Location	Date
Jay McFarlane	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Mitra Fakhrashrafi	Toronto, , Canada	2017-04-07
Mikala Matias	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-07
Brenda Wilson	Westville, , Canada	2017-04-07
Chantal BATT	Ottawa, , Canada	2017-04-07
melissa rousseau	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-07
Levi Morris	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Sarah Faber	Head of Chezzetcook, , Canada	2017-04-07
David Laframboise	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-07
Sydney Radigan	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-07
Carly Robillard	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-07
Dylan Twist	Lansdowne, , Canada	2017-04-07
Elizabeth Comegan	Morson, , Canada	2017-04-08
Tanya Korigan	Guelph, , Canada	2017-04-08
Brad Oster	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-08
Michele Visser	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-08
Sarah Irwin-Gardner	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-08
Brett Willemssen	Toronto, , Canada	2017-04-08
Melissa Shine	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-09
Kendra Duffy	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-09
Sarah Broad	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-09
Priscilla Simard	Fort Frances, Ontario, , Canada	2017-04-09
Fanny Drouet	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-09
Vanessa Big George	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-09
Heather Biggeorge	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-09
Jodie Kabatay	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-09
trevor medicine	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-10
Jessica Bird	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-10
April Field	Sault Ste. Marie, , Canada	2017-04-10
Eric Minden	Hamilton, , Canada	2017-04-10

Name	Location	Date
Melody McKiver	Sioux Lookout, , Canada	2017-04-11
Frankie Lafrance	Ottawa, , Canada	2017-04-12
Sarah Leary	Vancouver, , Canada	2017-04-15
Heather Zachozy	Windsor, , Canada	2017-04-17
Catherine Petracek	Kenora, , Canada	2017-04-17
Danielle Strachan	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-17
Michael Jensen	Brandon, , Canada	2017-04-17
Letitia Maveety	Cumberland, , Canada	2017-04-17
Elizabeth Seibel	Ottawa, , Canada	2017-04-18
Zachary Davis	Toronto, , Canada	2017-04-18
fred whitey	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-05-02
Emily Carriere	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-05-04
Ashlyn Haglund	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-05-04
Catherine Stauffert	Toronto, , Canada	2017-05-04
Gordon Lee	Toronto, , Canada	2017-05-04
Michael Dudley	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-05-04
Lucie Pekarek	North York, , Canada	2017-05-04
Douglas Lee	Red Deer, , Canada	2017-05-05
Colleen Robertson	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-05-05
Catherine Kiewning	Red Lake, , Canada	2017-05-05
April Bruyere	fort frances, , Canada	2017-05-23

Signatures

Name	Location	Date
Dawson Mihichuk	, Canada	2017-04-05
Taleah Gerhard	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Ashlee Grimard	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Ian McKay	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Carole Easton	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Carissa Copenace	Kenora, , Canada	2017-04-06
Debora Morrison	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Rochelle Bird	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Andrew Sonnasinh	Winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-06
danielle spuzak	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Megan Kawulia	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Riley Keast	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Andrew George	Winnipeg, MB, , Canada	2017-04-06
Larrayne Muloin	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Krishna Ksiezopolski	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-06
kelly kennedy	winnipeg, , Canada	2017-04-06
Izzy Smith	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Austin King	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
brett bruyere	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Randy Roth	Aurora, , Canada	2017-04-06
Dawn ashcroftDawnAshcroft	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jeremy Caul	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Nicole Sandelovich	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Andrew Wiersema	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Lori Flinders	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Tannis smith	Thunder Bay, , Canada	2017-04-06
Charity McMahan	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Jeremiah windego	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
Mona-Rose Morrisseau	Fort Frances, , Canada	2017-04-06
alex cochrane	Fort frances, , Canada	2017-04-06

Recipient: Mayor and Members of Council

Letter: Greetings,

Fort Frances Mayor and Council: As a resident of Fort Frances I find the name Colonization Road to be offensive to Fort Frances' aboriginal community and detrimental to the relationship between aboriginal and non-aboriginal Fort Francesians.

Please work to change the name of Colonization Road,

Following are generally accepted guidelines for a petition (taken from the Ontario Government website):

Petitions

A petition is a request that a municipal council take some specific action (or refrain from taking some action) to redress a public grievance.

The action requested must be within the scope of jurisdiction of the council, and the request must be clear, temperate, proper and respectful.

The request must appear at the top of every page of signatures submitted with the petition.

Signatures

Petitioners must be residents of the municipality; it is acceptable for petitioners to be under the age of majority.

A petition must contain original signatures only, written directly on the face of the petition.

Each person petitioning the council must print his or her name and address and sign his or her name under the text of the petition.

Form and Content

A petition must be addressed to the council.

Petitions addressed to someone other than council, or to a particular member of council will not be accepted.

Petitions must be written, typewritten or printed.

Email, faxed or photocopied petitions are not admissible and will not be accepted.

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



June 29, 2017

Attention: CAO Doug Brown, Mayor Roy Avis + Town Council

Re: Renaming Colonization Road

This week, the Right Relation Circle met at the Fort Frances Museum to discuss various topics, among them the issue around the street name: Colonization Road.

For more than a hundred years, our residents have walked along Colonization Road without much thought as to it's meaning. To many of us, it simply signified a new homeland with links to the old.

And yet what does 'colonization' truly mean, and in particular, for those peoples who lived here first?

With today's increased sensitivity to the well being of First Nation communities, our shared history and a future that we must walk together, we look about Canada with different eyes. We understand that there are many past wrongs, that, we cannot hope to make right. However, among those things we can, here is a simple change that would cost little and yet say so much.

Across Canada, communities like ours will be asked to make this decision. Our neighbouring city, Kenora, has been asked and a decision to rename 'Colonization Road' was made. The request was made with a completed disposition only, no petition was required. The process of renaming the road is now in progress.

The Right Relations Circle supports the renaming of Colonization Road. We ask that you take our letter into consideration as you work towards a decision. Thank you.

Sincerely

Peggy Mason

Peggy Mason / Right Relations Circle
Site 216-39 RR2
Fort Frances, ON
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Patrick Briere

From: Lisa Slomke
Sent: June-28-17 11:46 AM
To: Patrick Briere; Arlene Byrnes; Travis Rob; Tyson Dennis
Cc: Jason Kabel; Laurie Lindberg; Dawn Galusha; Doug Brown
Subject: FW: Petition to Rename Colonization Road

Please add this e-mail to the Exec Cmtee agenda item when it is placed on the agenda at a future meeting.

Thanks.
Lisa

From: Town
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 11:01 AM
To: Lisa Slomke <lslomke@fortfrances.ca>
Subject: FW: Petition to Rename Colonization Road

Best regards,

Kathryn Lawson, Deputy Clerk
Phone - 807-274-5323 ext 1212
fax - 807-274-8479
klawson@fortfrances.ca

From: Kevin Stewart [<mailto:stewak2@hotmail.com>]
Sent: June-28-17 9:54 AM
To: Town <town@fortfrances.ca>
Cc: mbehan@fortfrances.com; B93 News <news@931theborder.ca>
Subject: Petition to Rename Colonization Road

Council Members:

As residents of Colonization Road Wests, are writing to express our opposition to this proposal.

While we sympathize with those who find the name offensive, there is not a clear public consensus that 'Colonization' is in fact a racist or offensive term. If in fact any reference to European settlement of Canada is offensive, there are many other potential issues - our local hospital, which serves all of our community, is named for La Verendrye, the first European in the Fort Frances area. There are many more local examples. Renaming Colonization Road might well set an undesirable precedent.

Renaming a street has significant impact to those who live on it. Records must be changed - billing records, driver's licenses, mailing addresses of all kinds, signage. The town will incur significant expenditure both on changing records and for signage changes, at time when funding is so constrained stop lights are being removed. At the very least, this change should not be made without formal input and majority approval from impacted residents - those who reside on Colonization Road.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

1235 Colonization Road West

Fort Frances, Ontario

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