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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council:

I would like to draw attention to a matter related to the Exhibition Local Area Plan; particularly, the name of McPherson St. Named after Minister MacPherson, as the Exhibition LAP notes on p 28:

McPherson Avenue - Although spelled differently, it is believed to be named after Sir David Lewis MacPherson. Minister of the Interior under John A. MacDonald's government in 1882, he was responsible for the policy of granting land to settlement companies in return for assurances on how many settlers the companies would bring in. MacPherson gave the Temperance Colonization Society a land grant to establish their colony in Saskatoon.

What goes unmentioned in the LAP is that as Minister of Interior, MacPherson's ministry was responsible for egregious colonial policy decisions and other actions against the local Métis people, including the cancellation of Métis river lots which had been surveyed prior to the land in the area having been set aside for the Temperance Colonization Society. It is well known that the federal response to Métis land rights under his

purview was a major catalyst for the Riel Rebellion and the Battle of Batoche in 1885.

As this is a prominent street that runs through many historical neighborhoods in our city, I would like to request that the naming of this street be reconsidered to something that more appropriately reflects the Indigenous history of the area preceding colonization.

I am happy to provide further research and information should it be required.

Kind regards,

Stephanie Danyluk

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