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Subject Renaming Requests and Historical Context - McPherson Avenue, John A. McDonald Road

Meeting (if known) Governance and Priorities Committee, June 21, 2021

Comments

I recently submitted a request to rename McPherson Ave to John Arcand Ave, since (1) I live on McPherson Ave, and (2) it was named after someone in John A. MacDonald's cabinet who is responsible for implementing many of the harmful measures committed here against our Indigenous neighbours.

I created a petition (<https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/rename-mcpherson-ave-in-yxe>) that garnered a lot of support. The story was covered in the local news (<https://globalnews.ca/news/7697918/petition-mcpherson-avenue-saskatoon-john-arcand/>). Through my petition I met someone whose ancestors, the Vandales, were some of the first Indigenous people to live on this avenue.

We agreed that there may be many streets whose names should be changed as part of Reconciliation. I don't mind at all if we change McPherson Ave to Vandale Ave, and John A MacDonald Road to John Arcand Road, or find others to rename. The important thing is to stop honouring the people whose policies and actions caused great harm, and start honouring the Indigenous people who were harmed by them.

If it will help, I can address the committee, although as a descendant of White settlers, I would prefer to make space for Indigenous people to address the committee instead.

Thank you.
Erin O'Connor

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Attachments

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