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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

Subject Name Change for John A MacDonald Road

Meeting (if known)

Comments

We are requesting to read the letter to Council at their Monday Jan 21st Meeting. Attendees will be myself (Norine Tourangeau) and two colleagues (Audrey Ben and Faith Obey) from Wahkohtowin Elementary School.

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18th June, 2021

Mayor Charlie Clark

Councillor D. Kirton

Motion: Renaming of John A. MacDonald Road

This letter is in support of the motion to rename John A MacDonald Road. Since colonization, government assimilative policies were supported and implemented by John A. MacDonald and others like him, who held racist Eurocentric views, their sole purpose was to dismantle Indigenous societies. In this process, Indigenous children, who were the most vulnerable, were targeted. Their aim was to take the Indian out of the child. Indigenous children-nehiyaw awasisak- faced horrific abuses: physical, mental, emotional and sexual and spiritual, many of them perished in mass graves such as the discovery of mass graves that started at the Kamloops Residential School and many others that have since followed. Wahkohtowin, is a universal understanding of relationships. Since time immemorial, wâhkôhtowin, a sacred nehiyaw Cree natural law, has continuously served to guide relational aspects and responsibilities of the learner. It is imperative that students continue to receive relational teachings through an Indigenous language because it shapes their Indigenous identity, their Indigeneity. This Indigenous language experience was not always possible, knowledge of wahkohtowin was interrupted. Truth and Reconciliation Commission (2015) outlined the purpose and connections of residential schools, Indian day schools and Sixties Scoop by removing Indigenous children from their families into non-Indigenous settings (p. 69). Many of us Indigenous teachers and

students- have common narratives of the intergenerational effects that have contributed to the loss of cultural identity and language which ultimately lead to loss of connection to self, family, and to community. It is a time of healing. Wahkotowin is relationships. Your part now in this healing is to support this motion.

Sincerely,

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