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Subject 9.1 - Renaming of John A MacDonald Road

Meeting (if known) Governance and Priorities Committee

Comments

Your Worship the Mayor and members of City Council:

I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Councillor Kirton's notice of motion at the request of Tribal Chief Arcand.

I do not know what it is like to be taken from my parents, in many cases, never to see them again.

I do not know what it is like to have my child ripped from my arms, in many cases to never be seen again.

I have been to the Killing Fields and S-21 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. It was chilling.

I have also been to the Dachau concentration camp in Germany. It was devastating.

I visited the Holodomor Memorial in Kyiv, Ukraine. It was horrifying.

I mention these experiences only to raise the point that we learn about genocide in other countries, but I didn't grow up learning about the genocide that happened right here in Saskatchewan and across the country. Our own sordid history was hidden from us.

Because I haven't personally experienced the trauma and devastation that residential schools have caused, I need to rely on those who did to learn what would help with the healing

process. If changing the name of a street helps, then we need to take that step. Tribal Chief Arcand walks the talk and he did that by raising awareness when he walked over 30 km of Circle Drive.

You will hear from naysayers, who will decry this request. We cannot erase history, they will say. My answer to that is we are righting history. Future generations will know about the genocide of the residential schools, the truth that was erased from history for my generation when I was growing up. John A MacDonalld will always be the first prime minister of Canada. Nothing will change that. But does he deserve to be honoured with a street named after him? I think not.

I commend Councillor Kirton for bringing this forward and I wish you all the best in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

Ann Iwanchuk
Attachments

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