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Subject Renaming John A. Macdonald and McPherson

Meeting (if known)

Comments

I wish to present the following comments regarding renaming of John A. Macdonald Road and McPherson Avenue.

1. We cannot rename streets based on assumptions. McPherson Avenue is assumed to be named after Sir David Lewis MacPherson. In order for this assumption to be correct, there should be facts backing this theory up. If the street was actually named after David MacPherson, the street name would have the proper spelling. Nobody really knows that it was named after him. We have a McPherson (same spelling as the street) living across the street from us. Perhaps it is named after one of his ancestors because they bought a house in the area. For this reason and with no concrete evidence to back up this assumption, the renaming of McPherson Avenue should not be allowed.

2. With regards to John A. MacDonald road, I feel that instead of removing the street name, it should be left as it is to educate people rather than eliminate or rewrite history. I also feel it is inappropriate and unjust for the people who live on that street to have to bear the financial and emotional burden that such a renaming would cause them. If we rename John A Macdonald road, we are, in essence, asking the residents to bear the brunt of his mistakes. That is not their mistake to correct. We are quick to judge the mistakes of others, but we should be looking also at what he contributed to Canada. People should be made aware of his actions with regards to residential schools. Educate, don't eliminate.

Attachments

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