

Original Submission - Truth and Reconciliation Commission Bridge Renaming

the PROCESS

General Name Request

Suggestion
Submit Application Form to Planning and Development Branch to request that a name be added to the Names Master List.

Screening
Naming Advisory Committee reviews naming request in accordance with Council guidelines.

Recommendations
Naming Advisory Committee recommends to City Council the support or non-support for adding the name to the Names Master List.

Approval
City Council approves or rejects adding names to the Names Master List.

Requests
Requests to assign a name from the Names Master List are made to Planning and Development Branch by Developers, Land Branch, or other Civic Departments.

Selection
Requests to assign a name from the Names Master List are forwarded to the Mayor's Office who selects a name from the Names Master List.

Notification
The Mayor notifies applicant and affected others that a name has been selected for use.

Screening
Naming Advisory Committee recommends to City Council the support or non-support for the naming request.

Approval
City Council approves or rejects naming request.

Notification
The Mayor notifies applicant and affected others of City Council's decision.

Re-Naming Request

Consult
The applicant is required to consult property owners affected by the proposed re-naming. Please contact the Planning and Development Branch to determine the consultation requirements.

Suggestion
Submit Application Form to Planning and Development Branch to re-name a specific municipally-owned property. Include written comments from affected property owners.

Comments
Planning and Development Branch contacts all affected civic departments, community associations, property owners, etc. to gather comments and estimate costs.

Screening
Naming Advisory Committee reviews re-naming request in accordance with Council guidelines.

Recommendations
Naming Advisory Committee recommends to City Council the support or non-support for the re-naming request.

Approval
City Council approves or rejects re-naming request.

Notification
The Mayor notifies applicant and affected others of City Council's decision.

APPLICATION FORM
To Name Streets, Parks & Civic Properties

Please complete the attached application form for all new name submissions and requests for re-naming a street, park, or other civic properties.

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New Name Submission Re-naming Request

Requested Name(s) (please print)
Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) Bridge

Requested Use of Name
 Street Park Municipal Facility
 Neighbourhood Other Any of the Above
Bridge

If this is a request for renaming an existing location, please indicate the current name:

Traffic Bridge

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS PART OF YOUR APPLICATION (Indicate which items are attached to the application form)

1. Background Information (Reason for request)
2. Short Biography (Given name, date of birth/death, place of birth, contributions, awards, achievements, or other relevant information)

Do you wish to speak to the Naming Advisory Committee? YES NO

Please send the completed application forms to:
City of Saskatoon Naming Advisory Committee
Community Services Department 2, Planning and Development Branch
222-3rd Avenue North
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Ruth Elliott
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April 12, 2017

Dear Sir or Madame,

I am writing to request that the City of Saskatoon consider renaming the Traffic Bridge, the Truth and Reconciliation Bridge (TRC Bridge).

I am a Teacher-Librarian in the Saskatoon Public School Division. Since January, I've been working with Mrs. Maria Jones and her grade 7 students at Lawson Heights School. We learned about Residential Schools and their impact upon First Nations and Metis families. As a group, we wanted to implement a recommendation from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Final Report. One of the recommendations is that cities in Canada erect statues to remember Residential Schools. I believe that building a bridge named the TRC Bridge is even better than a statue. Our Director of Education, Mr. Barry MacDougall, suggested this idea to me.

As I did some research in early Saskatchewan and Saskatoon history (in order to make a presentation to the students), I realized that there is geographical and historical significance in the physical site of the current Traffic Bridge. In this letter, I propose to present some First Nations' historical perspective, some Dakota history (Whitecap Reserve), some early history of Saskatoon, and concepts on the importance of the first Traffic Bridge.

First Nations people lived in and around the Saskatoon area 6000 years ago. In 1977, Charles Gowen, was operating his grader at the Saskatoon landfill. After he had scraped down a metre, he noticed that the soil looked different. The city called in Ernie Walker (a University graduate student at the time) who set up a dig. He discovered a small camp site with remnants of bone and stone tools, rocks cracked by fire and bison bones. Carbon dating revealed that this camp existed 6000 years ago. The truth is that we (I'm speaking of myself as a white person whose ancestors came from Europe) are newcomers to this land. Canada is far more than 150 years old. First Nations people lived and thrived here on the Plains. They practiced "nose to tail" cuisine years before it became popular. They always ate and "shopped" locally as they gathered and used whatever they could find. Cree people from the Fort Carleton area stopped at the present site of the Traffic Bridge to cut willow branches to make arrows before they went out hunting buffalo. Unfortunately their main source of food, the buffalo, began to disappear because of drought, overhunting by Europeans and settlers moving in. First Nations people signed treaties in good faith while we took their land and their livelihood. Saskatoon sits on Treaty Six land.

Another group of First Nations people who live in the Saskatoon area are the Dakota people who live on the Whitecap Reserve. Dakota people valued the creation and maintenance of alliances. These alliances encouraged trade and collaboration. The Dakota were primarily American Indians although they did roam across the plains up into Canada following the buffalo over many centuries of time. In 1812, when the British and Americans were at war, the Dakota joined the British side of the battle. After the war, the Dakota people were given British flags and King George III War of 1812 Indian Peace Medals. They were told that if they ever needed to seek refuge in Canada, they would be welcomed. In the 1860's, the Dakota people did move to Canada. At first, when they wished to sign

treaty, they were rebuffed. However, when they brought out the flags and medals, and asked for some land so they could farm, the British remembered their promises.



(The Whitecap Dakota First Nation's War of 1812 Monument "Spirit of Alliance" was unveiled in 2014 at Saskatoon River Landing.)

There are three Dakota reserves in Saskatchewan. Chief Whitecap was given land near Beaver Creek. The reserve was called Moose Woods Reserve (later changed to Whitecap Reserve). Each family was given 80 acres of land (In Treaty 6, each family received 640 acres of land.) Chief Whitecap settled there around 1879. He continued the Dakota way of creating and maintaining alliances. They had connections with the Metis at Round Prairie and at Batoche. I'll mention their connection with Saskatoon next. However, continuing on with Whitecap history--although they had an elementary school on the reserve, many children were sent away to Residential Schools in Regina, Duck Lake, Prince Albert, and Brandon, Manitoba. They experienced the abuses and loss of culture, language, and identity just as other First Nations' people did because of Residential Schools.

Now we come to the early history of settlement in Saskatoon. After a Temperance Colony Society was formed in Toronto in 1881, the colony was given a land grant on either side of the South Saskatchewan River. The land stretched from White Cap Reserve in the south to Clark's Crossing in the north. In 1882, John Lake came to survey the land and decide where to establish a town. He consulted with Chief Whitecap. The Chief suggested the site of the present Traffic Bridge because it was in the middle of the land allotment and had low banks on either side of the river. This historic



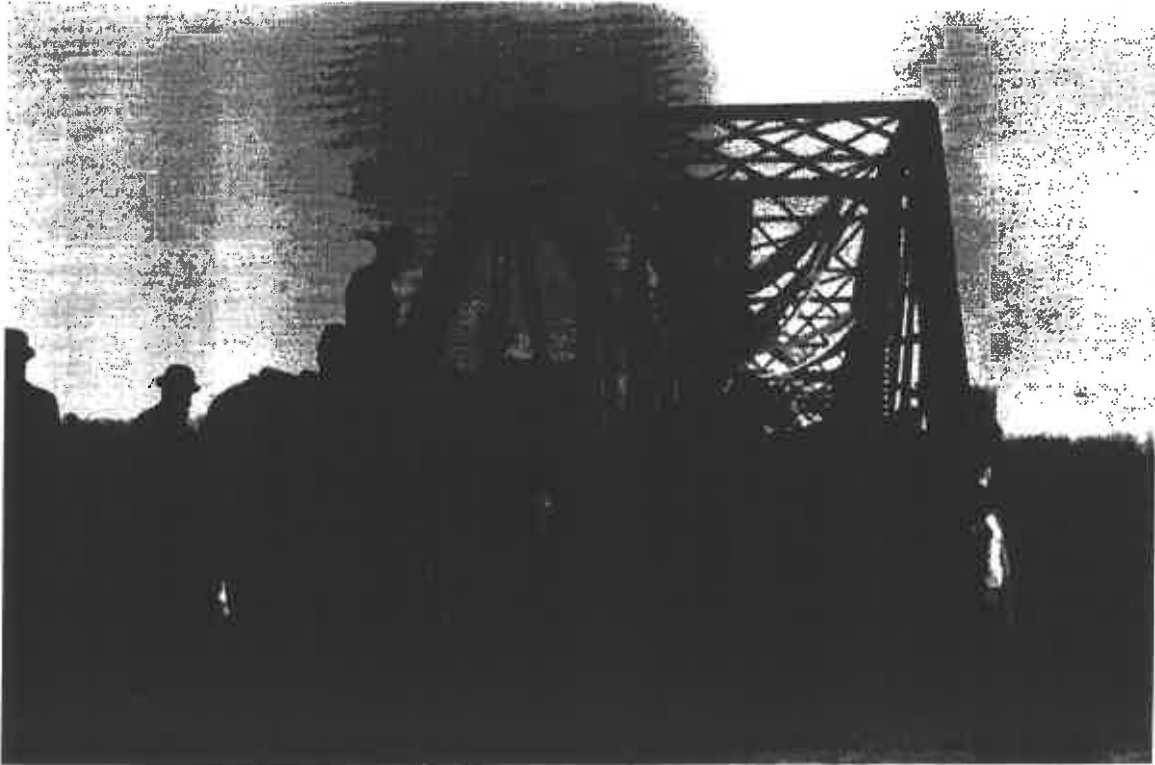
event is commemorated by a statue of the two founding fathers at the bottom of the Traffic Bridge.

In 1883, the first settlers came to Saskatoon. A ferry operated in the months when the river was open. Service was erratic (since the ferry operator held other jobs to make ends meet). While people waited for the ferry, they socialized. In fact, the first wedding held in Saskatoon involved a bride and groom who first met while waiting for the ferry. The ferry operated near the site of the present Traffic Bridge.

Cooperation and commerce continued between Whitecap Reserve and the new community of Saskatoon. The Dakota brought in hay for the livery stables and provided horses. In 1885, during the Riel Resistance at Batoche, Chief Whitecap and some others from Whitecap were planned to travel through Saskatoon on the Batoche Trail to Batoche. Some Saskatoon residents went out to talk with them and ask them to go around Saskatoon and leave the settlers in peace. Chief Whitecap was willing to do this. Later on Chief Whitecap was charged with being involved in the Riel Resistance. Saskatoon citizens spoke up on his behalf and he was acquitted and freed.

In 1890, the railway came to Saskatoon. The first railway bridge crossed the river where the Sid Buckwold Bridge is located now. The railway company decided to erect a water tower on the west side of the river. Up until that point, the town had been built in the Nutana area. Once the water tower was built, a train station was situated on the west side. Hotels, stores and warehouses were built. Children who lived on the west side had a difficult time getting to school on the Nutana side. They had to walk across the train bridge, take the ferry, or walk across the ice in the winter time. Both the west side and east side communities were called Saskatoon which confused the mail service. The west side claimed the name of Saskatoon while the east side made up the name Nutana (there was some bitterness about this). A third community of Riversdale was established on the other side of the railway tracks. People who lived there wanted to avoid paying many taxes and had narrow streets and smaller lots for their houses. (In Saskatoon today, there is still an east west divide which began between 1890 and 1907.)

After Saskatchewan became a province in 1905, cities could apply for money for infrastructure. The three communities of Saskatoon, Nutana, and Riversdale decided to join together to make the city of Saskatoon. Nutana was only willing to do this if a traffic bridge was put up to join both sides of the river. When the first Traffic Bridge was opened, it brought three communities together. It was a joyous occasion when people and vehicles could use the bridge. School children sang a song at the official ceremony on October 10, 1907.



This is the history of this geographical location in Saskatoon. Because of the community and connections that have been established at this location, I respectfully request that this bridge be renamed the Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) Bridge.

The grade 7 class and their teacher, Maria Jones, have written about Residential Schools in their letters. Therefore I will not mention them except to say that I have a personal connection with the evil done by these schools. My sister was married to a Dene man who attended Residential Schools. He is an alcoholic who cannot get past the pain of that experience. Two years ago, he showed me a photo of his grade two class at Residential School. He told me that everyone in the photo is either an alcoholic or is dead now. I want the Truth to be told and for Reconciliation to take place.

Yours truly,

Ruth Elliott

Ruth Elliott
Teacher-Librarian
Lawson Heights and Sutherland School

Residential Schools

Residential schools were a terrible thing that unfortunately happened. We learn about this every year in school, so it never happens again. This happened because people thought they weren't civilized and had a different way of life that they were wrong. The way they thought they could fix it was to steal First Nations kids or take them from their homes. They were forced to go to a school that would cut off their hair, abused them (sexually, mentally, physically, and did not feed them enough), they would work long hours, couldn't speak their Native tongue, had to believe in god, died from diseases and malnourishment.

When the First Nations signed the treaty they were promised an education. They never thought their children were going to be taken away and they wouldn't see them for months or in some cases years. Everything they promised either didn't happen or wasn't what they thought. As a result, the many survivors of the residential schools started abusing drugs and alcohol to take away the pain of what the residential schools did to them.

When they were done in the residential school or were old enough to not have to go back, they didn't fit back into their communities because they normally don't remember their Native tongue and forget their traditional ways. Learning this all back takes time and sometimes they can't because their parents may not know English to communicate with them, or their parents also went to residential schools and it is too painful to speak English again.

At my school we are very multi-cultural, We have people from all over the world and that speak different languages and different cultures. We can never forget that this happened. We need to know that being the way you are is ok and I am trying to help by learning about this and respecting that we are no more or no less than anyone else.

By: Rhyanna Corrigan

Grade 7, Lawson Heights School

430 Redberry Road

Rhyanna Corrigan

Ben Krzak
Lauson Heights
430 Redberry Rd
Saskatoon SK. S7X 5H6

Dear Sir/Madame

I am here to inform you that we would like to rename the Traffic Bridge the TRC Bridge (Truth and Reconciliation). I believe renaming this bridge will help right Canada's wrongs. When you drive over that bridge you will think about the horrible treatment of the Aboriginal people during our history. We want other people to recognize the wrongs and help fix them.

The location of the bridge is very important. It connected two different towns to be one. Chief Whitecap and John Lake met here on the bank to choose a location for the City we know as Saskatoon. The old bridge is in a location where First Nations people used to stop and make arrows. The location makes it a very fitting name.



Rylan Renner
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Monday, April 3 2017

Dear

I am writing to you to ask if
you would name the new traffic bridge,
The TRC Bridge (Truth and Reconciliation).
Because in our class we have learned
about truth and Reconciliation, and
First Nations people, and their culture.

The reason that we want to name the traffic Bridge, the TRC Bridge is because, in the east part of the city lots of Dakota first Nations people lived, there and it would be nice for them to be part of the naming of the new and improved traffic bridge to be named ~~the~~ the TRC Bridge. Please consider our request and think about this option and honour the first Nations people and also right the wrongs that were done so long ago.

Sincerely

Rydon Remmer

Trista Cape G
Grade 7 student
Lawson Heights School
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Dear Sir / Madame,

I wrote this letter to you because I want you to help us rename The Traffic Bridge, the TRC Bridge. The TRC Bridge means the Truth and Reconciliation Bridge, We're trying help First Nations of Saskatoon heal, from all the things we did to them in the past.

In our Grade 7 class, we learned about the First Nations people that lived before the Europeans came to Canada and changed all of it. We learned that the First Nations treaties with the Europeans, only to know later that they were tricked. They made their kids go to "schools" which eventually turned to Residential Schools. The kids were stripped of their culture, language, and most importantly family.

So, I think naming the Traffic Bridge the TRC Bridge will mean a lot to the First Nations who went to Residential schools. We know this may not make up for all the things we did in the past, but a small change like this might



have a big impact for the future.

Please consider our Request in order to
right the wrong.

Sincerely,
Trista Capez
T. Capez



Michaela Chubelovska
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April 4, 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

I am participating in a group to decide how to name the traffic bridge. A really nice and meaningful name is Truth and Reconciliation Bridge. I think the bridge will help the First Nations people to heal from all the bad things we've done to them.

In our class we learned all about the lives of the First Nations people before and after the Europeans came. We learned about the lies they were told and all the promises that weren't kept. When the First Nations people signed Treaty they thought their kids would go to a reserve school not be taken away from their families. At residential schools children were not allowed to speak their language or maintain their culture.



I think naming the Bridge, IRC Bridge is the least we can do to say sorry to the First Nations people for what we've done in the past. I think doing this will make the First Nations people feel appreciated. Please consider this request and hear our opinion

Sincerely,
Mihaela
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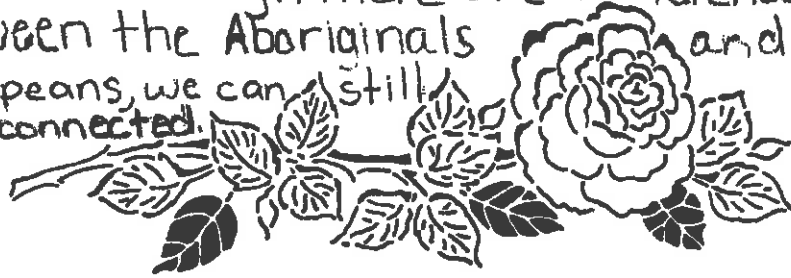
Tulsi Gupta
Grade 7
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Saskatoon, SK.,
S7K5H6

April 3, 2017

To Whom St. Mary Concern,

I am writing this letter to inform you that our class would like the bridge to be renamed the Truth and Reconciliation Bridge, or the TRC for short. I believe that this name will help heal some of the wounds that the Residential School System bestowed upon the Aboriginal People.

Bridges are an important symbol of connectivity. They bring together two sides of the city that would otherwise be separated. The name TRC would hopefully remind us that even though there are differences between the Aboriginals and Europeans, we can still stay connected.



Renaming the Traffic Bridge would bring us a step closer to righting the wrongs that were committed against the First Nations people. When people would drive over the bridge, they would remember what had happened to the Aborigines and hopefully be a little more empathetic and understanding towards them. Also, this would be a chance for people to learn about Canada's History. Many would wonder why the bridge is named TRC and be more inclined to do some research on it. Please consider this humble request and make the right decision.

Sincerely, Tulsi Gupta

Tulsi Gupta



Het Patel
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to rename the Traffic Bridge the TRC (Truth and Reconciliation) Bridge. If we rename the bridge we might heal some of First Nation people's feelings that were hurt by us. Also the bridge brings the city together.

Over the year at school we learned a lot about First Nations people. We learned traditional ways to dress, make food, hunt and the tools they used. We also learned about their culture and Religion. The main thing we learned was about Residential schools. This was something that tried to take their traditions away.



It will be an honour to rename the
Traffic Bridge the TRC Bridge. The
cool thing is that if you take
first two and last letter of the
Traffic and it gives you TRC.

Sincerely,

Jeb Patel

~~Pat~~

Ethan Jay
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Tuesday April 4 2017
Dear Sir or Madam,

I'm bringing up something, very important. The thing is we need to rename the new traffic bridge. I think we could name it the TRC also known as Truth and Reconciliation bridge because Indigenous people helped us in choosing a place to build Saskatoon. The people were vital to our survival. So I think we should name a bridge dedicated to Indigenous people.

The reason I think we need to name it TRC, is because the Indigenous people played a big roll in Saskatoon's history. An example is that Chief Whitecap suggested the city's location to John Lake. Another example is that Indigenous people have been on this land for over 6000 years.

If you could concede this idea, I think the Indigenous people would be very happy. Thank for reading!

Sincerely,
Ethan



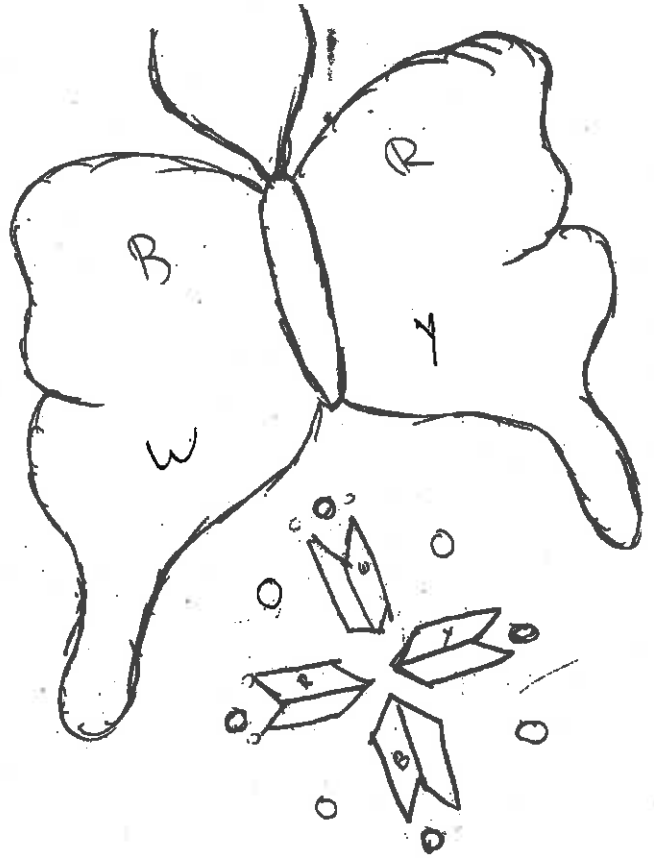
I want to rename the traffic
Bridge The Truth and reconciliation.

The traffic bridge should be
called Trc so we can learn from our
mistakes and not take children away
from their parents. We learned about the
the bridge across the two sides of the river
and brought people together people who
survived the residential schools was most
long lived to speak and you can't always
stop that so we should name the traffic
bridge because you can't stop the past.

The spot where the traffic bridge is,
that's where the ferry used to be and it
was used frequently. It was the best place to
run with people on either side. That's also
how the first Saskatoon couple met and got
married. I think the traffic bridge should
be called the Trc bridge because bridges welcomed
people traffic could be really called Trc because
traffic already has Trc.

The first nations were abused and wanted
hand in residential school and we can't apologize
enough and those who survived have tried it
we could name something to help them
feel better I believe that the
traffic bridge should be
called Trc for those reasons.

Sincerely
Kat



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April 3rd Monday 2017

Dear,



Jersey Oosterlaken
grade 7 student
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S7K 5H6

Monday April, 3rd

Dear Sir/Madame,

Our class is writing to you to rename the traffic bridge, the TRC bridge (Truth and Reconciliation). Our class learned that the traffic bridge was the bridge that brought the two sides of Saskatoon together.

Our class thinks it's a good idea to name it the TRC bridge because of what happened to the First Nations 150 years ago and when they were sent to residential schools and for all the things that happened to make them lose their culture and homeland.

Our class also think it's a great idea to name the bridge the TRC bridge is because we are righting Canada's wrong doings by naming the first car bridge after the first nations people

Sincerely,

Jersey Oosterlaken

Frederic Li
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Tues, April 4, 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to request that the council rename the new Traffic Bridge the Truth and Reconciliation Bridge (TRC Bridge). The reason for this is because recently, at school our class has been learning about First Nations, treaties, and residential school. I think TRC is a good name because right beside the bridge is a statue of John Lake and Chief Whitecap. The First Nations played a big role in Saskatoon's location. If it weren't for First Nations we might not be where we are right now. I hope you will give my letter a consideration. It will be a great way to remind us of how the First Nations have helped us.

Sincerely,

Frederic Li



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Monday, April 4 2017

Dear Sir or madame,

The traffic bridge has been around a long time. It's about time we change it. We should call it T.R.C. bridge (truth and reconciliation bridge) in honour of the Indigenous people. The reason we should do this is that they helped us long ago. They all fought in the war, Chief Whitecap helped John Lake decide where to build Saskatoon. We should name the bridge as a thank you.

Sincerely,
AShton

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Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Dear Sir or Madam,

I'm writing this letter to rename the Traffic Bridge to the TRC Bridge (truth and reconciliation). As a class we have been learning about Residential Schools and fighting Canada's wrongs. If you don't have anyone else wanting the Traffic Bridge renamed I don't see why you shouldn't name it the TRC Bridge.

In our class we did an inquiry project and talked about how we can right our wrongs, and truth and reconciliation plays a big role. Renaming the bridge is a step in the right direction. Before the bridge was there, the city and land were divided, but the Traffic Bridge connected this city. The bridge connecting the sides represent us connecting back with the First Nations people.

Please consider this option. It would be great. If you do go with this it's putting the city another step in the right direction. This is why you should rename it to the TRC Bridge.

Sincerely,

Wyatt



Rhyanna Corrigan
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April, 4, 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Traffic bridge connected one side of the river to the other. I think we should name the Traffic bridge the truth and reconciliation bridge because we need to honour the First Nations people that were here before us and never forget what happened. Forgive but never forget.

I am not Metis or First Nations myself but I can speak up for the ones who cant. that what the government did was wrong. To right this wrong we need to honour their culture and beliefs. I am only one person but joined together we can make a difference.

Naming this bridge TRC will mean so much because this is one step in the right direction. I am going to help by learning about this and telling and teaching others about this.

To judge someone on their skin colour or what they believe in is wrong. If we were all the same it would be boring. Being different is so cool because we can teach others different ways of seeing things.

Thats why I think we should name it TRC. I hope you will take these letters into consideration

Sincerely, your truly Rhyanna

Rhyanna Corrigan

Alexia, Grade 7 student
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Dear Sir or Madam,

In Saskatoons past, there were two sides, and the river was seperating the lands. Children and Adults would have to take the ferry across the river, even in the winter when it was icy, to get to school or work. The east side was there first, and wanted to name their little town Saskatoon. But before that happened, the west side was built and they stole the name. So the east side had to be named Nutana. But because it was hard to get across the river in the winter, the two sides decided to build a bridge.

To honour our past, we would like to rename the new traffic bridge the TRC bridge (Truth and Reconciliation). It would mean alot to Saskatoons community, especially to the aboriginal people. They played a key role in the history of Saskatoon, and it would be amazing for this to happen. Please take this idea into consideration.

Sincerely,
Alexia, Grade 7 student

~~Alexia~~



Rename

The

Traffic

Bridge

FRC

Bridge

Yesha Sisodiya
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04/04/2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

Renaming the Traffic Brige means alot to me but from my point of veiw it deserves to be named the TRC (Truth and Reconciliation Bridge). The Dakota people use to cross over the bridge to go to the west side. That was where the ferry was and it helped them with their doily lives and so did the river.

The TRC Bridge is going to be a good name because it will not only honor the First Nations it will also help recover from the past. But you still can't undo the past and all the horrible things we've done. I believe it's a huge step in bringing peace with the F.N groups. We've done way more than the sixties scoop and Residential school.

Please consider our request in (righting the wrong, don't just think we are a bunch of kids doing an assignment. It's a chance to bring peace and connect with the First Nations. Please think about this option.

Sincerley,

Yesha



Cooper Berg

Grade 7 student

Lawson Heights school

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[306] 683 7340

Dear Sir/Madam

Why we should call the new bridge the truth and reconciliation bridge.

The reason why we should call it the truth reconciliation bridge is because First Nations culture is important to Canada. We really need to have a name that would be nice to everyone in Canada. We learned a lot about it in school and if we got a name like that for the bridge it would be awesome. I think that a lot of First Nations people would be happy if we named it the truth and reconciliation bridge. Although some people might protest it we would want that name. It would be awesome to name it the truth and reconciliation bridge. It would bring a lot of smiles to First Nations. You should put a statue of a residential school in front of the bridge. We also learned that Canada used to be not very nice to other countries. So please allow Saskatoon to have a nice/new bridge to have to remember the past.

Sincerely Cooper Berg

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing to get the traffic Bridge to be renamed the truth and reconciliation Bridge or TRC Bridge for short.

I am a Metis person. Metis people were also affected by residential school. In residential school they lost their traditions, culture and language. Fortunately my Kokum did not lose her language and she was able to teach my mom and myself Cree.

The traffic Bridge made Saskatoon happen because the two sides of the river both wanted their name of the towns to be Saskatoon. One of the sides had to change their name so the east side changed their name to Nutana. When they build the traffic bridge they both agreed to make a city. This brought the city together, Naming the bridge TRC will hopefully bring FN and others together too.

Sincerely,

Starla Krawczyk



Alex g. kumka

Grade 7 student

Lawson heights elementary school

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Dear sir/madam

I would like to ask you to name the traffic bridge the trc [truth and reconciliation] bridge. because we made a treaty and said the fn [first nations] kids would get a good education but they got residential schools instead.so now we need to stand for the truth.

Another reason to call it the trc bridge is. Saskatoon was once split into two with only a rail road track to connect them. Then they came together in reconciliation.

The last reason we should call it trc bridge. Is we have to show future generations not too do residential schools again. That's why you should call the traffic bridge trc bridge

Sincerely Alex

Maria Jones
Grade 7 Teacher
Lawson Heights School
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Saskatoon, SK
S7K 5H6

Dear Sir or Madam,

I have been an elementary school teacher for the past 20 years. I believe that a quality education is not only the right of every child but the foundation for a happy life. This year I have had the opportunity to delve deeper into defining "quality education". My students and I have been studying Indian Residential Schools. While this program did provide a building and teachers, this system failed in educating the whole child. There was little attention paid to the physical, mental, spiritual and emotional wellbeing of these children. In fact, one could argue that the educators job was to "kill the Indian but keep the child".

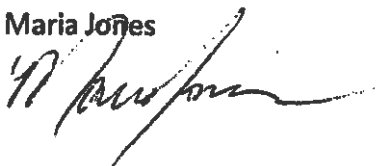
I have presented the facts of Indian Residential Schools to my students. We have called this learning the TRUTH. My students now understand the deep impact that the isolation and assimilation of First Nation's children had on their families. They know that many systemic problems originated during this time. They now have the knowledge necessary to speak up for those whose lives were adversely affected through Indian Residential Schools.

The next step is RECONCILIATION. My students and I feel that making others aware of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement will lead to repairing these broken relationships. As part of our learning, we have studied the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) document. We feel that having a public space named after the TRC will be integral in continuing the discussion of Indian Residential Schools.

This is why our class is asking that you consider naming the Traffic Bridge the TRC (Truth and Reconciliation) Bridge. As we are building the new bridge, we can continue to build and strengthen relationships between survivors, families and communities.

Thank you for considering our request.

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Dear sir/madam,

I am a first nation student and my grandparents lived on a reserve. They were affected by residential school. When I was 6 I was taken away for my mom and dad because my dad was drinking.

My mom and dad are both first nations. Because I am living safe house, I have lost my language and culture. My brothers Austin and Anthony have also lost their language and culture I rarely see my parents. Well I blame residential schools for the damage to my family

It would mean a lot to me if the bridge was renamed the truth and reconciliation bridge.

This would recognize the truth of my family and what happen to us. I hope for peace and reconciliation.

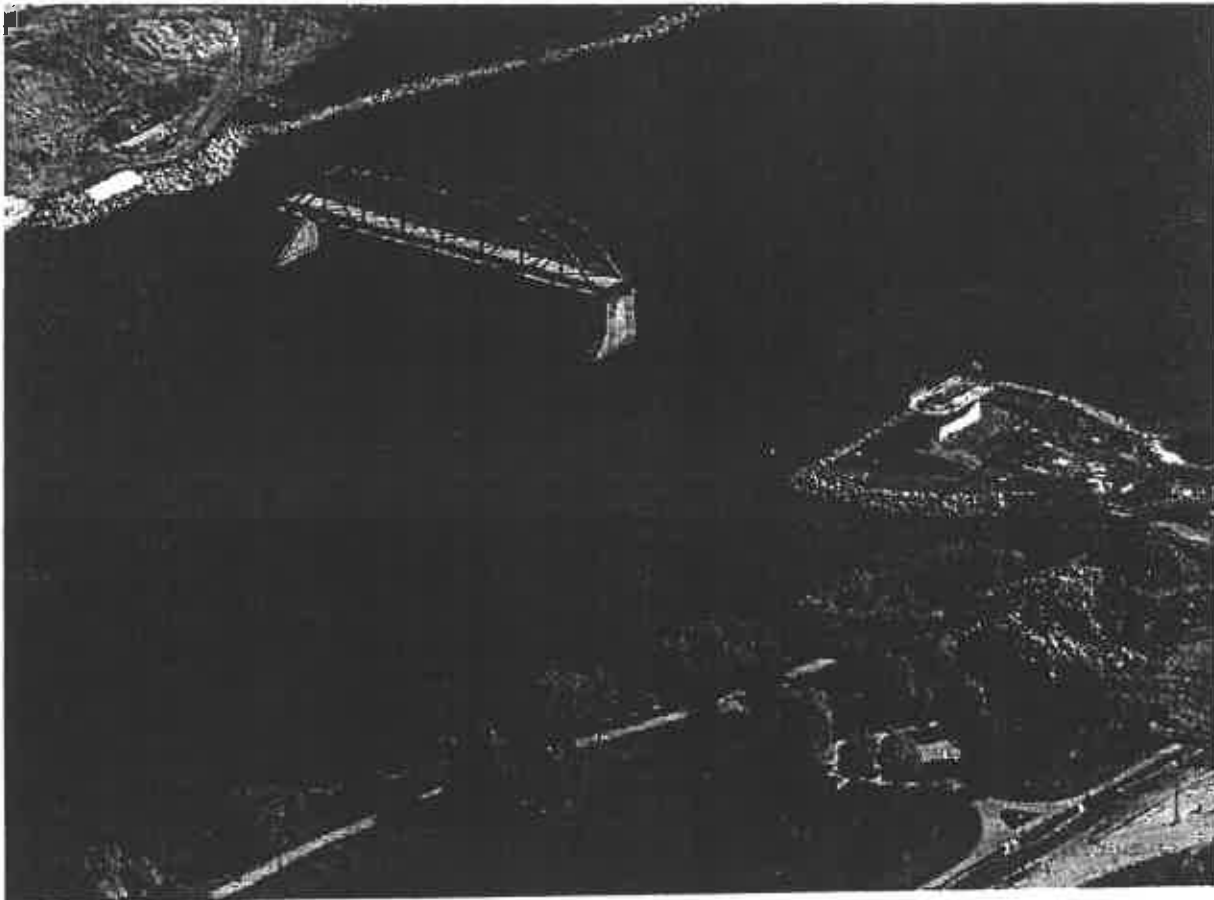
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Viewpoint: Rename the Traffic Bridge as the Truth and Reconciliation Bridge

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The following in the viewpoint of Leon Thompson, an intergenerational residential school survivor, president of the Aboriginal Law Students Association, and nehiyaw (Cree) law student at the University of Saskatchewan.

The Traffic Bridge has stood over the waters of the South Saskatchewan since 1907. Before it was torn down, it started on the west side of the riverbank at River Landing.

At the traffic circle there, a statue of Chief Whitecap and John Lake depicts them taking in the view of the South Saskatchewan River valley along the Meewasin. The bridge was connected on the other side of the river to a street named after the monarch under whose name Treaty 6 was signed.

Today, between these two major components that helped to shape Saskatoon's history a lone span of the bridge remains, coming from nowhere and going nowhere. Its rusted body is perched upon weathered supports that are beaten back by time. This, I think, represents the relationship that Canada, until recently, has had with its Indigenous peoples.

City Councillor Darren Hill has suggested that the new north commuter bridge be named the in honour of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and, in particular, No. 79 of the recommendations. He wants to name the bridge so that Saskatoon can, "Participate in a strategy to commemorate Aboriginal peoples' history and contributions to Canada." This is not an ill-advised idea; there is nothing but genuine interest in responding to the calls to action and I thank Hill for pushing this into the spotlight.

Truth and Reconciliation are worthy goals, but to reach reconciliation we first must have truth.

It is not simply the truth that our elders had to tell — of the stories of sadistic suffering. What holds us back are the uncomfortable truths that we need to acknowledge. These are truths such as the fact that we are on stolen land, with bargain made and received being vastly different. Truths such as our understanding that the criminal justice system disproportionately affects Indigenous peoples, where a change in policy that could keep

young persons out of jail remains absent. Truths, like the fact that Indigenous people have been here the whole time.

When I am away from home and think of Saskatoon with only my memory to guide me, I see angular iron spans over slowly rippling waters. The former Traffic Bridge has become a de facto symbol of our home, so much so that we seek to replace it with a familiar look and a few modern additions.

The city has made a plan to make it work and our home will soon look more like I remember it, but renewed. That is why, rather than name the north commuter bridge, I would instead recommend renaming the replacement Traffic Bridge as the Truth and Reconciliation Bridge.

The bridge itself could be made into a teaching tool. It is ideally located, in that it will receive a fairly high pedestrian interaction from its placement at River Landing. Signs upon, under and around the bridge could discuss varying aspects of Indigenous history and contemporary issues.

Our histories are not simply replete with sorrow and despair; we are peoples with a rich and vibrant complexity of societies, culture and world view, of hunting, fishing and gathering practices, along with unique sports, ceremony and art. The knowledge exists. It resides with the traditional knowledge keepers who have earned the right to hold our history. It is accessible, if customary protocol is observed.

This does not require a grand redesign, merely signage. This could be the way that we go forward by acknowledging truth, in order to get to reconciliation.

The simple act of naming the bridge will not change hearts and educate minds. It will not heal the schisms we have in our respective communities. Naming something does not bring about reconciliation. What does is being exposed to the truth.