

Working Circle

Recommendation to Council

Recommendations

THAT Dryden City Council consider the recommendation of the Working Circle;

THAT the name of Colonization avenue be changed through the Asset naming by-law of the City of Dryden; and

THAT Dryden City Council endorse the Working Circle to develop a process and present to Council at least three alternate names for their consideration.

Corporate Background

City of Dryden Vision Statement:

“Dryden is as a vibrant, safe, healthy and inclusive community with a diverse economy, providing and exceptional quality of life.”

The Working Circle

The mandate of the working circle is to:

- Identify issues important to Dryden's Indigenous Community;
- Recommend actions the city can take to improve the experience of Indigenous people; and
- Propose ways the community can bring together Indigenous and non-Indigenous residents.

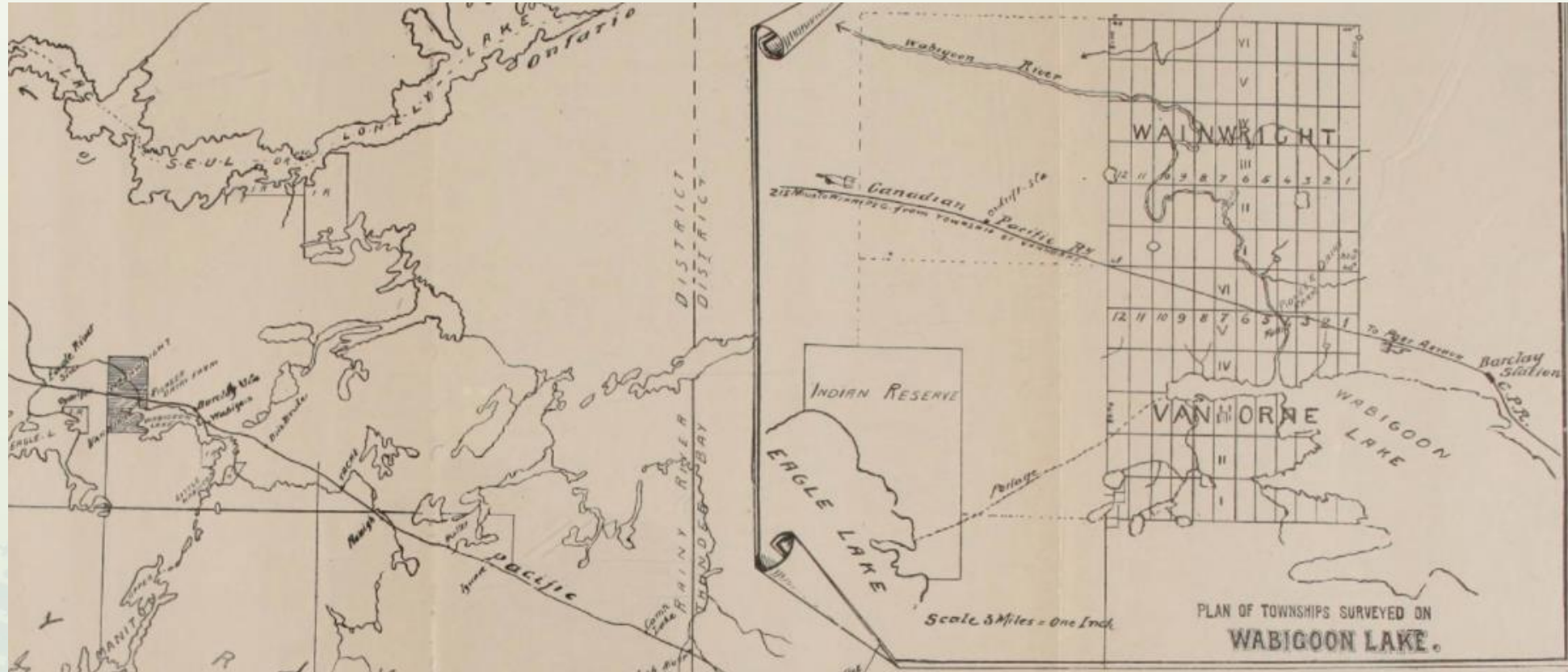
Issue Background

- History of Colonization Avenue in Dryden
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

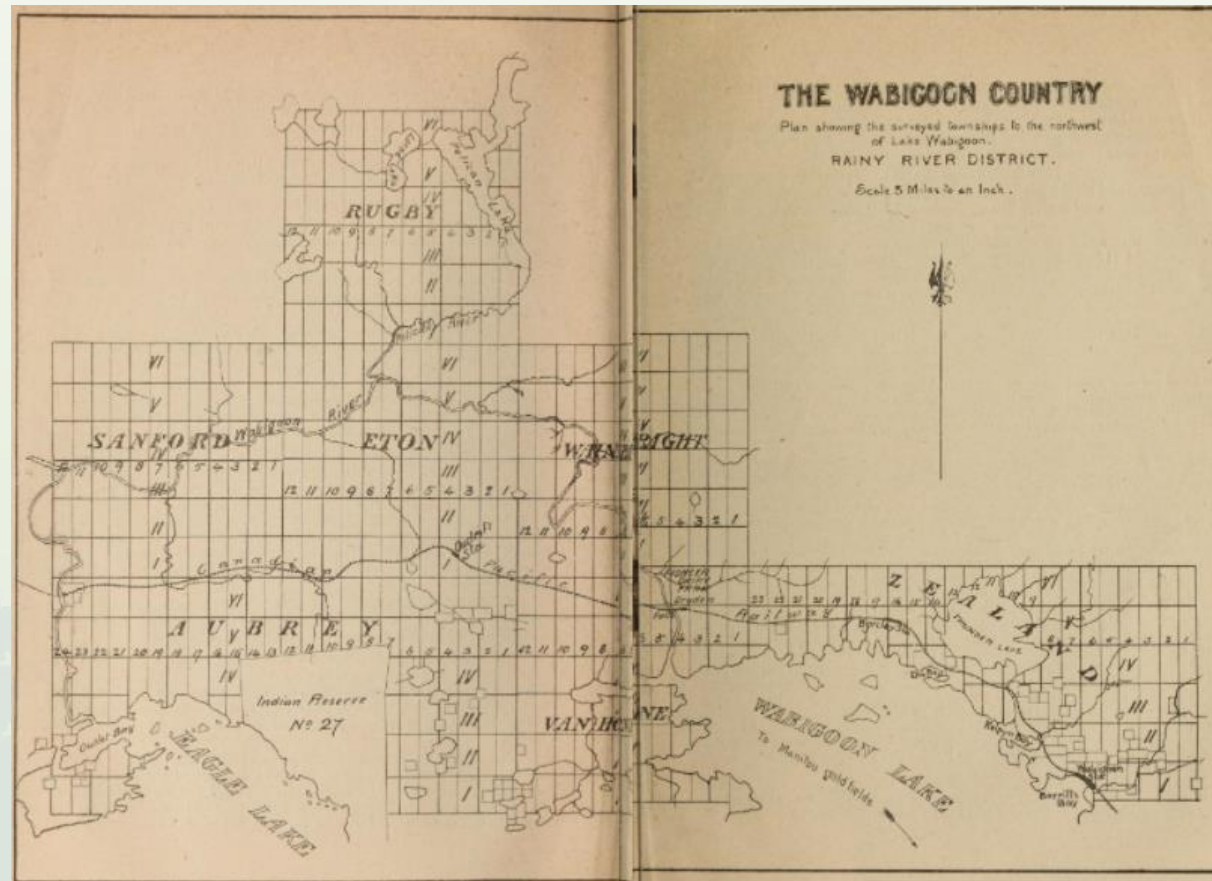
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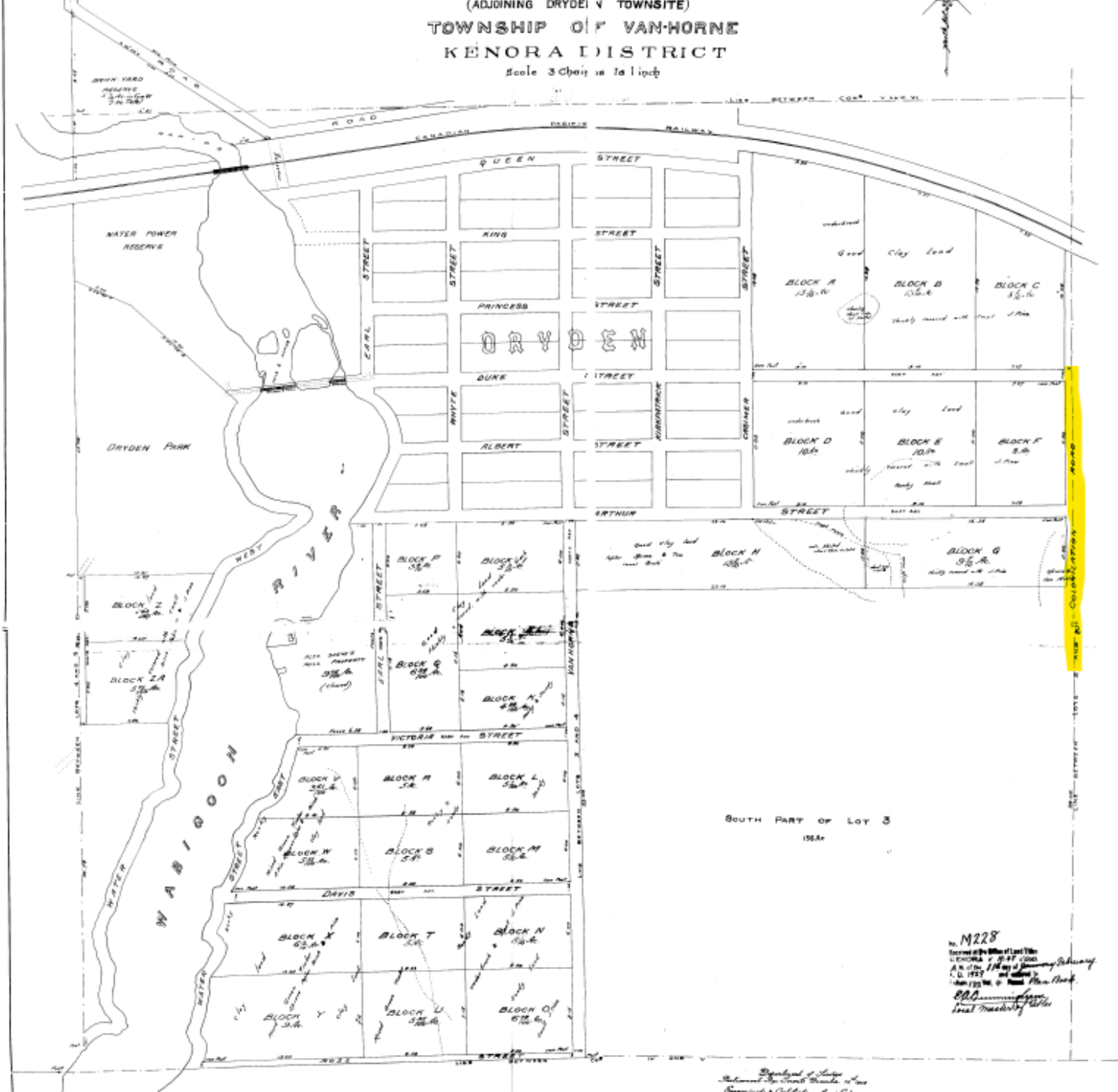
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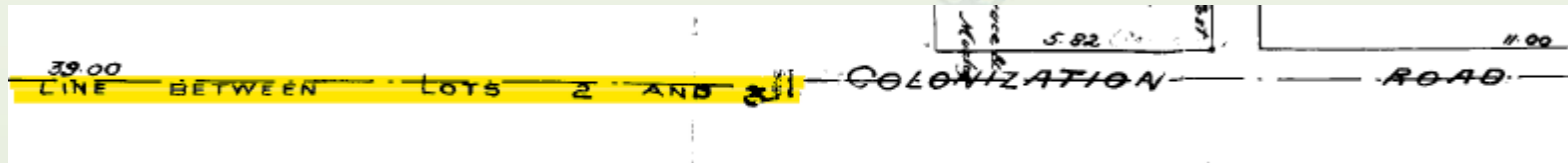


History of Colonization Rd



No. M228
Record of the Office of Land Titles
TOWNSHIP OF VAN HORNE
K. D. 1923
880
Local Municipality Office

History of Colonization Rd



Findings

- Truth & Reconciliation Commission Findings
 - “43. To fully adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the framework for reconciliation.”
- United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples – Article 15
 - Indigenous peoples have the right to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information.
 - States shall take effective measures, in consultation and cooperation with the indigenous peoples concerned, to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination and to promote tolerance, understanding and good relations among indigenous peoples and all other segments of society.
 - <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/declaration/index.html>

Colonization Road – CBC Gem

Short documentary film by Ryan McMahon. Produced by CBC, this documentary can be viewed [here](#).

Asset Naming Policy

Under the City of Dryden Municipal Asset Naming Policy:

- Section 6:
 - the City has the authority to rename Avenues.

Discussion

- City of Dryden Working Circle is asking for two considerations from Council:
 - To invoke provisions of the Asset Naming by-law and agree to change the name of Colonization avenue based upon the preceding background and history.
 - That the Working Circle be given carriage of creating and executing a process to find three suitable street names for Councils consideration to replace the name Colonization.

Steps in the Process

Step 1:

An education of the citizens of the community and specifically those residents and property owners/occupiers of Colonization Ave. will take place immediately. This education will be achieved through

- Mail out contact with residents, owner/occupiers and presentation of information packages, change checklists and references to on-line materials.
- Public engagement through virtual forums, social media, and Working Circle web page.

Steps in the Process

Step 2:

Seek public input on renaming of the avenue. It should be noted that the Working Circle encourages all submissions whether they reflect indigenous content or not. The submission must be dignified and respectful of all in our community. The name search will be achieved through.

- A request for name suggestions from those residents, owners/occupiers of Colonization now.
- A request for the community schools to possibly assign students a home assignment where they may engage those occupants of their home in the reasons for and suggestions of a new name.
- A request for community seniors to submit names with their knowledge of our history of diversity and growth.
- A general call for submissions from the public on renaming their street.

Steps in the Process

Step 3:

The Working Circle will review the submissions and create a short list of three Avenue names and a recommendation to City Council. All submissions will be kept on file for the review of City Council should that be their desire. It is hoped that City Council will then choose a new name and pass a resolution to that effect which will be officially enacted on the 21st of June 2021.

Steps in the Process

Step 4:

Through the City resources we recommend a guidance page and temporary help line be set up to assist residents with the process from changing their address to the new name. This page could be reproduced on the Working Circle site as well.

Timeline & Culminating Event

- Council Presentation: January
- Naming Process: January - March
- Full Recommendation & Council Vote: April
- Planning Process & Preparation: May
- Naming Community Event: June 21st

Financial Implications

- Signage
- Information Package(s)
- Media Notices
- Public Meetings – Venue / Virtual
- Additional Resources:
 - Help line
 - Website
 - Social Media

Community Support



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Miigwetch Biizindaawiag Noongom.

Thank you for listening today.