



DRYDEN

WORKING CIRCLE

Renaming Colonization Ave. Recommendation

Recommendations

THAT Dryden City Council consider the recommendation(s) from the Working Circle;

The Working Circle submits for consideration three names to replace the name Colonization Avenue in the area between the CPR right of way in the North to the Pronger Park boundary in the South (currently known as Colonization Ave South).

And further, due to concerns raised by emergency response services, the Working Circle submits three names to replace Colonization Avenue in the area between the CPR right of way in the South and the City Boundary in the North (currently known as Colonization Ave North).

Background

- In January of 2021, the Working Circle brought forth a recommendation to Council to rename Colonization Avenue utilizing the City of Dryden's Municipal Asset Naming Policy.
 - Through this policy, the City must conduct a minimum of sixty (60) days of public consultation.
- Over 400 names were received during the Public Consultation, with 265 unique names and worthy of consideration.
- Through the Dryden Fire Service, a request to consider Colonization Ave as two separately named roadways (North/South) was put forward
- The Working Circle met on March 18th to review the proposed street names and agreed on a recommendation for each section of the Avenue.

Considerations

The Working Circle Committee agreed on a simple approach to narrowing the suggestions down using this criteria:

Name Criteria:

- Many names submitted honoured an individual or a family that were important to the growth of our community or area. The Working Circle made the decision to eliminate those names to ensure fairness and unity in the community.
- Consideration was given to the reality that other than “Wabigoon” Drive no other official street name in Dryden was derived from the Ojibway language.
- Must be dignified
- Must be meaningful to all
- Easy to pronounce and spell

Short Listing Method

- Each Working Circle member submitted 10 names after applying the consideration criteria
- The group met and further reduced the list of names down to the three preferred names for each North and South roadways.
- Each member was invited to speak to their names of choice for each roadway section.
- A list was developed and voted on. See “Schedule A”.
 - Each circle member was offered the chance to state if they felt that a name or idea was not considered but should have been.

RECOMMENDED NAMES (in order)

COLONIZATION AVE N

1. Boozhoo
2. Sunset
3. Memorial

Honourable Mentions

- Paawidigong
- Treaty

Colonization Ave N – Boozhoo Ave

- Boozhoo is the Ojibway word for Welcome
- Visible to our visitors as it crosses Highway 17 (Government Rd)
- Recognizes the Indigenous population of our community
- Services a growing area of the community and the newer industrial areas where the potential for growth is being realized

RECOMMENDED NAMES (in order)

COLONIZATION AVE S

1. Memorial
2. Harmony
3. Barclay

Honourable Mentions

- Sunrise
- Unity

Colonization Ave S – Memorial Ave

- Recognizes that there is no Memorial Avenue, Veteran's Drive, or similar street in Dryden.
- Pays tribute to those community members who have passed and how we came together to make a historic and positive change for Dryden.
- Pays tribute to first responders, police and volunteers who have dedicated their lives to providing emergency services to our community and surrounding area.
- Recognizes the past tragedies of the residential schools and of murdered and missing indigenous women
- Pays tribute to the Indigenous ancestors who are and were caretakers of this area, its beauty and its promise

Miigwetch Biizindaawiag Noongom.

Thank you for listening today.