



Renaming John A. Macdonald Road

History

John A. Macdonald played a significant role in the development of Canada's Indian residential school system. Residential schools took Indigenous children away from their families, cultures and languages to assimilate them - so they would no longer exist as distinct peoples.

Residential schools were responsible for the hunger, neglect, abuse and death of thousands of Indigenous children in Canada. Indigenous families today continue to experience this pain, grief, loss and inter-generational trauma.

Moving Forward

Saskatoon seeks to be a welcoming and inclusive place to live, where every resident feels a sense of belonging. On June 28, 2021, Saskatoon City Council approved beginning the process to rename John A. Macdonald Road, to recognize the ongoing harm in the community experienced by residential schools. The City of Saskatoon (City) is also committed to raising awareness and understanding of residential schools and their ongoing impacts.

What does this mean for residents on John A. Macdonald Road?

There may be costs associated with the address name change for property owners and residents of John A. Macdonald Road. The City is looking at options to manage these costs and to provide support where possible. **There is no action for you to take right now** as the name of the road has not yet been changed. The City will continue to provide you with updates as available, including timing and next steps.

Engagement Process

In the coming months, the City will be engaging with Indigenous leaders, Survivors, Elders and Knowledge Keepers on a new name. In addition, the City will host public information sessions with residents to listen to concerns and answer any questions they may have about the renaming.

The City is creating a new process to look at the naming, recognition and celebration of the histories of Indigenous peoples and other diverse communities in Saskatoon. This Legacy Review will provide a way to look at the renaming of other streets and city facilities in the future and make the city a safer and more equitable place for all. More information on the Legacy Review will be shared in the coming weeks.

Contact

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please email **Customer Care Centre** or call **306-975-2476**.

For more information, visit the John A. Macdonald Road engage page at saskatoon.ca/engage/renaming. Updates will continue to be provided on the City's website and by mail to property owners and residents of John A. Macdonald Road.

Supports for Residential School Survivors and their Families

National Indian
Residential School
Crisis Line:
1-866-925-4419

Saskatchewan Indian
Residential School
Mental Health
and Counselling
Support Line:
1-866-250-1529

First Nations and Inuit
Hope for Wellness 24/7
Help Line:
1-855-242-3310

Métis Crisis Line:
1-833-638-4722



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