



March 31, 2021

Re: Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services- Sir John A Macdonald Statue

Honourable Mayor and Councillors,

Thank you for the opportunity to address City Council on the important issue of the disposition of the John A MacDonald statue.

Most people's definition of history is "what-really-happened-in -the-past" But professional historians know the reality of history is hardly that straight forward. History is susceptible to bias, self-righteousness, pride, vanity, and intentional pervasion of the truth.

Heritage Regina believes we owe it to future generations to tell the historical truth of the difficult events of our past. We owe it to our youth to address the whole truth of moments in time that we were not at our best. We owe it to those who have been hurt, to make reparations. We owe it to ourselves to tell the whole story and own up to both the difficult parts and the good.

Heritage Regina supports the work carried out so far by the City of Regina to determine the future of the John A. MacDonald statue and to determine the appropriate way to tell the full story of his legacy. Ongoing consultations with Indigenous groups are a key component to making the best decision for the future. The recommendation to remove the statue and continue consultation is reasonable and appears to be the best course of action towards reconciliation. We hope that ultimately the status comes back out into the city and the full story of John A. Macdonald is told.

Heritage Regina would be pleased to participate in any future consultations when appropriate.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jackie D. H.", is written below the text.