

I am not in favour of removing the statue of John A. Macdonald for the following reasons:

- 1) Removing the statue does not erase or change history.
- 2) Removal is a lost learning opportunity.
- 3) Removing this, or any other “offensive “ statue is a form of censorship. It is a very slippery slope as monuments, great works of art, feats of great engineering all over the world would be demolished if demolition was approved because the person/people involved practiced racism (or some other undesirable trait).
- 4) Censorship contributes to the “dumbing down” of society and threatens freedom of speech.

I suggest the council consider the following:

To place permanent information by the statue stating John A. Macdonald’s contributions to Canada and his failures.

Thank you,
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