

**Special Council Meeting Number 16-2021
Addendum
Wednesday, June 16, 2021**

Delegations

The consent of Council is requested for the **addition** of Delegation Numbers 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

4. Moved by Deputy Mayor Neill

Seconded by Councillor Doherty

That Clauses 12.9 and 12.11 of the City of Kingston Procedural By-Law 2021-41 be waived in order to allow Mark O'Farrell to speak to Clause 1 of Report Number 58: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Consider) with respect to Considerations related to the Statue of John A. Macdonald in City Park.

5. Moved by Deputy Mayor Neill

Seconded by Councillor Doherty

That Clauses 12.9 and 12.11 of the City of Kingston Procedural By-Law 2021-41 be waived in order to allow Natasha Stirrett to speak to Clause 1 of Report Number 58: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Consider) with respect to Considerations related to the Statue of John A. Macdonald in City Park.

6. Moved by Deputy Mayor Neill

Seconded by Councillor Doherty

That Clauses 12.9 and 12.11 of the City of Kingston Procedural By-Law 2021-41 be waived in order to allow Dionne Nolan to speak to Clause 1 of Report Number 58: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Consider) with respect to Considerations related to the Statue of John A. Macdonald in City Park.

7. Moved by Deputy Mayor Neill

Seconded by Councillor Doherty

That Clauses 12.9 and 12.11 of the City of Kingston Procedural By-Law 2021-41 be waived in order to allow Mary Farrar to speak to Clause 1 of Report Number 58: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Consider) with respect to Considerations related to the Statue of John A. Macdonald in City Park.

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8. Moved by Deputy Mayor Neill

Seconded by Councillor Doherty

That Clauses 12.9 and 12.11 of the City of Kingston Procedural By-Law 2021-41 be waived in order to allow Matilda Nataway Struthers to speak to Clause 1 of Report Number 58: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Consider) with respect to Considerations related to the Statue of John A. Macdonald in City Park.

9. Moved by Deputy Mayor Neill

Seconded by Councillor Doherty

That Clauses 12.9 and 12.11 of the City of Kingston Procedural By-Law 2021-41 be waived in order to allow Lorie Young to speak to Clause 1 of Report Number 58: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Consider) with respect to Considerations related to the Statue of John A. Macdonald in City Park.

10. Moved by Deputy Mayor Neill

Seconded by Councillor Doherty

That Clauses 12.9 and 12.11 of the City of Kingston Procedural By-Law 2021-41 be waived in order to allow Aric McBay to speak to Clause 1 of Report Number 58: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Consider) with respect to Considerations related to the Statue of John A. Macdonald in City Park.

11. Moved by Deputy Mayor Neill

Seconded by Councillor Doherty

That Clauses 12.9 and 12.11 of the City of Kingston Procedural By-Law 2021-41 be waived in order to allow Savannah Shea Reaburn-Gibson to speak to Clause 1 of Report Number 58: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Consider) with respect to Considerations related to the Statue of John A. Macdonald in City Park.

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Reports

Report Number 58: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Consider)

The consent of Council is requested for the **addition** of Clause 2.

Note: Clauses 1 and 2 of Report Number 58: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Consent) will be considered concurrently.

2. Considerations related to the Statue of John A. Macdonald in City Park – Additional Option

Option 3

That the City staff initiate a process to relocate the statue of Sir John. A. Macdonald in City Park to Cataraqui Cemetery, a National Historic Site where Sir John A. Macdonald is buried, being understood that:

- a) the City and Cataraqui Cemetery have an agreement in principle for the relocation and installation;
- b) the process of relocation includes a City led facilitation and consultation between Cataraqui Cemetery and representatives of the local Indigenous community;
- c) the statue of Sir. John A. Macdonald in City Park be removed and placed into temporary City storage until the statue is installed at Cataraqui Cemetery;
- d) the City will pay for the cost of removal, transportation and installation with \$80,000 from the Working Fund Reserve and the existing capital budget;
- e) the City will provide support to the Cataraqui Cemetery to maintain and/or remove the statue should there be ongoing concerns with vandalism;
- f) staff be directed to develop a multifaceted engagement and consultation plan that includes consideration of new interpretive intentions for its previous location at City Park and a timeline for the completion of this consultation, to be provided to Council for consideration at the August 10, 2021 Council meeting;
- g) staff be directed to develop amendments to the terms of reference for the Sir John A. Macdonald History and Legacy Working Group as appropriate in relation to the direction approved by Council at the June 16, 2021 Special Council meeting.

(The Report of the Commissioner, Community Service (21-184) is attached to the Addendum as schedule pages 1-6)

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Communications

The consent of Council is requested for the **addition** of Communication Numbers 16-679, 16-680, 16-681, 16-682, 16-683, 16-684, 16-685, 16-686, 16-687, 16-688, 16-689, 16-690, 16-691, 16-692, 16-693, 16-694 and 16-695.

16-679 Correspondence received from Marg Buckholtz with respect to Banishment of Sir John A, dated June 15, 2021.

(Distributed to all members of Council on June 16, 2021)

(Attached to Addendum as schedule page 7)

16-680 Correspondence received from Lilith Wyatt with respect to Sir John A statue, dated June 15, 2021.

(Distributed to all members of Council on June 16, 2021)

(Attached to Addendum as schedule page 8)

16-681 Correspondence received from Lisa Kelian with respect to Revolution of the heart, dated June 15, 2021.

(Distributed to all members of Council on June 16, 2021)

(Attached to Addendum as schedule page 9)

16-682 Correspondence received from June Ferris with respect to Removal of John A. Macdonald Monument in City Park, dated June 15, 2021.

(Distributed to all members of Council on June 16, 2021)

(Attached to Addendum as schedule page 10)

16-683 Correspondence received from Brian Porter with respect to Macdonald statue, dated June 15, 2021.

(Distributed to all members of Council on June 16, 2021)

(Attached to Addendum as schedule page 11)

16-684 Correspondence received from Kait Allen with respect to “Every Child Matters”, dated June 15, 2021.

(Distributed to all members of Council on June 16, 2021)

(Attached to Addendum as schedule page 12)

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- 16-685 Correspondence received from Michael J. Mallen with respect to Sir John A., dated June 15, 2021.
- (Distributed to all members of Council on June 16, 2021)
- (Attached to Addendum as schedule page 13)
- 16-686 Correspondence received from Erica Wyncoll with respect to Sir John A Macdonald Statue, dated June 15, 2021.
- (Distributed to all members of Council on June 16, 2021)
- (Attached to Addendum as schedule page 14)
- 16-687 Correspondence received from David MacKinnon with respect to Macdonald Statue, dated June 15, 2021.
- (Distributed to all members of Council on June 16, 2021)
- (Attached to Addendum as schedule page 15)
- 16-688 Correspondence received from Ron Thomas with respect to Sir John A Macdonald statue, dated June 15, 2021.
- (Distributed to all members of Council on June 16, 2021)
- (Attached to Addendum as schedule page 16)
- 16-689 Correspondence received from John Conklin with respect to “Tear down the statue of John A Macdonald”, dated June 15, 2021.
- (Distributed to all members of Council on June 16, 2021)
- (Attached to Addendum as schedule page 17)
- 16-690 Correspondence received from Marilyn Braden with respect to “A tough time for leaders”, dated June 15, 2021.
- (Distributed to all members of Council on June 16, 2021)
- (Attached to Addendum as schedule page 18)
- 16-691 Correspondence received from The Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East with respect to the statue of Sir John A Macdonald, dated June 15, 2021.
- (Distributed to all members of Council on June 16, 2021)
- (Attached to Addendum as schedule page 19)

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16-692 Correspondence received from Peter Lockyer with respect to “A Way Forward: Truth, Reconciliation and the Complicated Legacy of John A. Macdonald, dated June 15, 2021.

(Distributed to all members of Council on June 16, 2021)

(Attached to Addendum as schedule pages 20-21)

16-693 Correspondence received from Leo Finnegan with respect to John A statue, dated June 16, 2021.

(Distributed to all members of Council on June 16, 2021)

(Attached to Addendum as schedule page 22)

16-694 Correspondence received from Brian Barber with respect to protection of the Macdonald statue, dated June 16, 2021.

(Distributed to all members of Council on June 16, 2021)

(Attached to Addendum as schedule page 23)

16-695 Correspondence received from Dave Markotich with respect to Sir John A Statue, dated June 16, 2021.

(Distributed to all members of Council on June 16, 2021)

(Attached to Addendum as schedule page 24)



**City of Kingston
Report to Council
Report Number 21-184**

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Paige Agnew, Commissioner, Community Services
Resource Staff: Jennifer Campbell, Director, Heritage Services
Date of Meeting: June 16, 2021
Subject: Considerations related to the Statue of John A. Macdonald in
City Park – Additional Option

Council Strategic Plan Alignment:

Theme: Corporate business

Goal: See above

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report is to provide City Council with an additional option for consideration as it relates to the future of the Sir John A. Macdonald statue located in City Park. This supplemental report is being submitted as this option was only confirmed late June 15th, after the release of [Report Number 21-181](#). In addition to the two (2) options provided to Council in Report Number 21-181, this report includes an option for removal from City Park and relocation of the Sir John A. Macdonald statue to the Cataraqui Cemetery.

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Recommendation:**Option 3**

That the City staff initiate a process to relocate the statue of Sir John. A. Macdonald in City Park to Cataraqui Cemetery, a National Historic Site where Sir John A. Macdonald is buried, being understood that:

- a) the City and Cataraqui Cemetery have an agreement in principle for the relocation and installation;
- b) the process of relocation includes a City led facilitation and consultation between Cataraqui Cemetery and representatives of the local Indigenous community;
- c) the statue of Sir. John A. Macdonald in City Park be removed and placed into temporary City storage until the statue is installed at Cataraqui Cemetery;
- d) the City will pay for the cost of removal, transportation and installation with \$80,000 from the Working Fund Reserve and the existing capital budget;
- e) the City will provide support to the Cataraqui Cemetery to maintain and/or remove the statue should there be ongoing concerns with vandalism;
- f) staff be directed to develop a multifaceted engagement and consultation plan that includes consideration of new interpretive intentions for its previous location at City Park and a timeline for the completion of this consultation, to be provided to Council for consideration at the August 10, 2021 Council meeting;
- g) staff be directed to develop amendments to the terms of reference for the Sir John A. Macdonald History and Legacy Working Group as appropriate in relation to the direction approved by Council at the June 16, 2021 Special Council meeting.

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Authorizing Signatures:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER

Paige Agnew, Commissioner,
Community Services

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lanie Hurdle, Chief
Administrative Officer

Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:

Peter Huigenbos, Commissioner, Business, Environment & Projects	Not required
Brad Joyce, Commissioner, Corporate Services	Not required
Jim Keech, President & CEO, Utilities Kingston	Not required
Desirée Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer	
Sheila Kidd, Commissioner, Transportation & Public Works	Not required

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Options/Discussion:

[Report Number 21-181](#) provides Council with two (2) options on how to address the complex issue of the Sir John A. Macdonald statue located at City Park:

Option 1

That the statue in City Park remain in place, and the Sir John A. Macdonald History and Legacy Working Group continue to develop interpretive plaques/panels to be placed near the statue that share a more complete history of Macdonald and his legacy.

Or

Option 2

That the statue of Sir John A. Macdonald in City Park be removed within a week being understood that:

- a. the statue of Sir John A. Macdonald be placed into temporary storage at an existing City storage site; and
- b. staff be directed to develop a multifaceted engagement and consultation plan that includes consideration of potential sites for the Sir John A. Macdonald statue to be moved to, consideration of new interpretive intentions for its previous location at City Park and a timeline for the completion of this consultation, to be provided to Council for consideration at the August 10, 2021 Council meeting; and
- c. staff be directed to develop amendments to the terms of reference for the Sir John A. Macdonald History and Legacy Working Group as appropriate in relation to the direction approved by Council at the June 16, 2021 Special Council meeting.

Following the release of Report Number 21-181, City staff confirmed that another option is now available for Council's consideration. This third option would include the removal of the Sir John A. Macdonald statue from City Park and its relocation and installation at the Cataraqi Cemetery.

The Cataraqi Cemetery was founded in 1850, it predates Canadian Confederation, and continues as an active burial ground. More than 46,000 individuals are interred within the grounds, and it is the final resting place of many prominent Canadians, including the burial site of Sir John A. Macdonald. The Macdonald family gravesite, and the cemetery itself, are both designated as National Historic Sites of Canada. The Cataraqi Cemetery Board has expressed an interest in having the Sir John A. Macdonald relocated to its cemetery.

As part of this agreement in principle between the City and the Cataraqi Cemetery, The City would cover the costs of relocating and installing the statue in the cemetery. The City would also

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commit to support the Cataraqui Cemetery with maintenance and potential future removal depending on vandalism activities.

The recommendation below would enable the City to facilitate a partnership with the Cataraqui Cemetery to relocate the statue to the Cataraqui Cemetery.

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Existing Policy/By-Law:

None

Notice Provisions:

None

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Accessibility Considerations:

None

Financial Considerations:

Staff are recommending utilizing the existing capital budget and that \$80,000 be drawn from the Working Fund Reserve to cover the cost of removing, relocating and installing the Sir John A. Macdonald statue.

Contacts:

Jennifer Campbell, Director Heritage Services, 613-546-4291 extension 1377

Other City of Kingston Staff Consulted:

None

Exhibits Attached:

None

From: Marg Buckholtz
Sent: June 15, 2021 12:31 PM
To: ourhistories <ourhistories@cityofkingston.ca>
Subject: Banishment of Sir John A

I am appalled at the way the citizens of this city have been ignored in this decision. When did they get an opportunity to give their opinion?

I would agree with the artist who created one of the statues of Sir John A (Toronto Star June 13):

"What staggers me is the decades of subsequent prime ministers and bureaucrats who can't have not known that the system wasn't serving Indigenous people and things weren't changed."

"I don't let (John A.) off the hook. I don't. **But there is no reason that this individual should bear the brunt of the entire 19th century of bureaucrats and other elected leaders.**"

Marg Buckholtz
Kingston ON

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COMMUNICATION
No: 16-679

From: Lilith Wyatt

Date: June 15, 2021 at 3:11:19 PM EDT

To: "Doherty, Bridget" <bdoherty@cityofkingston.ca>

Cc: ourhistories <ourhistories@cityofkingston.ca>, Mayor of Kingston <mayor@cityofkingston.ca>, City Clerk <CityClerk@cityofkingston.ca>

Subject: Sir John A statue

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Dear Councillor Doherty and Mayor Paterson,

My name is Lilith Wyatt.

I urge you to support the removal of the Sir John A MacDonald statue from City Park in the upcoming special city council meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, June 16. As per the demands of the Revolution of the Heart Ceremonial Action and Indigenous community members, the statue should be removed and replaced with a memorial to residential school survivors and victims.

Sir John A. embodies the genocide against Indigenous people here in Kingston and across Turtle Island when he is put upon a pedestal in a visible public space. MacDonald was the architect of the country's residential school system, and supported policies aimed towards displacing, starving and eradicating Indigenous nations. His brutal policies loom and influence current Canadian politics to this day. The legacy of Residential Schools continues into the present. A staggeringly large number of Indigenous children are still being stolen from their families and put into a system of badly regulated foster and group homes.

We are calling on the City to respect Indigenous community members by committing to removing the statue and honoring the lives of children and families impacted by the residential school system.

In the Your Stories Our Histories: What We Heard report prepared by The First Peoples Group there was a call for three kinds of action: Symbolic, Substantive and Systemic. Let the removal of the Sir John A. statue serve as an opportunity to make meaningful Symbolic change in how Kingston/Katorokwi represents its history.

Sincerely,
Lilith

Lilith Wyatt

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**COMMUNICATION
No: 16-680**

From: Lisa Kelian

Sent: June 15, 2021 3:33 PM

To: City Clerk <CityClerk@cityofkingston.ca>; Mayor of Kingston <mayor@cityofkingston.ca>; ourhistories <ourhistories@cityofkingston.ca>

Subject: Revolution of the heart

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

Action Alert! Call and email City Council to encourage them to vote in favour of removing the John A statue and replacing it with a memorial that recognizes the truth of genocide and colonization and honours the lives of residential school victims and survivors.

Send the emails to your city councilor, the mayor (mayor@cityofkingston.ca), cityclerk@cityofkingston.ca and ourhistories@cityofkingston.ca.

Councilor phone numbers and email addresses can be found through this link: <https://www.cityofkingston.ca/city-hall/city-council/mayor-and-council>

613-929-0269 kelianlisa@gmail.com

Hello Councilor/Mayor,

My Name is Lisa Kelian

I urge you to support the removal of the Sir John A MacDonald Statue from City Park in the upcoming special city council meeting on Wednesday. As per the demands of the Revolution of the Heart Ceremonial Action and Indigenous community members, the statue should be removed and replaced with a memorial to residential school survivors and victims.

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Lisa Kelian

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

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**COMMUNICATION
No: 16-681**

From: June Ferris

Sent: June 15, 2021 4:19 PM

To: Holland, Mary Rita <mrholland@cityofkingston.ca>; Mayor of Kingston <mayor@cityofkingston.ca>; City Clerk <CityClerk@cityofkingston.ca>; ourhistories <ourhistories@cityofkingston.ca>

Subject: Removal of John A. MacDonald Monument in City Park

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Hello,

My Name is June Ferris-Baker

I urge you to support the removal of the Sir John A MacDonald Statue from City Park in the upcoming special city council meeting on Wednesday. As per the demands of the Revolution of the Heart Ceremonial Action and Indigenous community members, the statue should be removed and replaced with a memorial to residential school survivors and victims.

John A. embodies the genocide against Indigenous people here in Kingston and across Turtle Island when he is put upon a pedestal in a visible public space. Macdonald was the architect of the country's residential school system, and supported policies aimed towards displacing, starving and eradicating Indigenous nations. His brutal policies loom and influence current Canadian politics to this day. The legacy of Residential Schools continues into the present. A staggeringly large number of Indigenous children are still being stolen from their families and put into a system of badly regulated foster and group homes.

We are calling on the City to respect Indigenous community members by committing to removing the statue and honoring the lives of children and families impacted by the residential school system.

In the Your Stories Our Histories: What We Heard report prepared by The First Peoples Group there was a call for three kinds of action: Symbolic, Substantive and Systemic. Let the removal of the Sir John A. statue serve as an opportunity to make meaningful Symbolic change in how Kingston/Katorokwi represents its history.

With Hope and Anger,
June

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<p>COMMUNICATION No: 16-682</p>

From: Brian Porter
Sent: June 15, 2021 5:47 PM
To: Bolognone,John <jbolognone@cityofkingston.ca>
Subject: Macdonald statue

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Dear Mr. Bolognone; Would you please see that Mayor Paterson and members of Council get a copy of this e-mail. My previous message to mayor and council bounced back.Thank you.

Brian Porter

Dear Mayor Paterson and Members of Council;

I am writing to strongly oppose the removal of the statue of Sir John A. Macdonald, our first prime Minister and **the** pre-eminent Father of Confederation. There is a great distortion of Canadian history happening just now, led by some determined activists, who do not speak for the majority of the population. Canadian history in general and John A. Macdonald in particular are not well known. Much misleading and outright false accusations are being made about Macdonald. He was absolutely critical to the formation of this nation, which has had 154 years as a most successful nation, based on his foundation.

It is a sad commentary on our country to see Macdonald’s statues vandalized and his name vilified and removed, supposedly in the name of reconciliation. Anger and resentment are building among the quiet majority, who see vandalism, intimidation and threats of violence being used to further a political agenda.These tactics will not help us move forward in improving relations with Indigenous people. I fear that you are about to receive a very biased report from the working committee, who seem to have begun with a political agenda and a strong prejudice against Macdonald.

Yours truly,
 Brian Porter

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<p>COMMUNICATION No: 16-683</p>

From: Kait Allen
Sent: June 15, 2021 5:48 PM
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@cityofkingston.ca>
Subject: Every Child Matters

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Hello

My Name is Kait

I urge you to support the removal of the Sir John A MacDonald Statue from City Park in the upcoming special city council meeting on Wednesday. As per the demands of the Revolution of the Heart Ceremonial Action and Indigenous community members, the statue should be removed and replaced with a memorial to residential school survivors and victims.

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The fact that it has taken long before Kingston began seriously having this conversation is appalling. Use your platform for equitable social change.

-Kait

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**COMMUNICATION
No: 16-684**

From: mmallen1 mmallen1
Sent: June 15, 2021 6:08 PM
To: Mayor & Council <Mayor&Council@cityofkingston.ca>
Subject: Sir John A.

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Mayor & Council

Today I went to City Park to offer my support to the Indigenous protest encampment @ Sir John A's statue , including any help I could provide to pull it down , they said it was in the process of being removed and to wait . Hope it is not another consultation process (2+ years already)

I do have an idea what to do with the statue when it is pulled down, by hook or by crook? That is, to take it and all the other historical plaques and statues including the Gaskon Lion, that refer to him and his supporter's contribution in the forming of Canada as a nation. They could be sent to a foundry to be melted down to make man hole covers for city sewers .

Michael J. Mallen

P.S. I hope these statues and plaques have the same fate as what my ancestors (Irish Catholics) did to the original Shannon Cannon at the corner of Clergy and Princess Streets.

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COMMUNICATION No: 16-685

From: Erica Wyncoll

Sent: June 15, 2021 8:12 PM

To: Stroud, Peter <pstroud@cityofkingston.ca>; Mayor of Kingston <mayor@cityofkingston.ca>; City of Kingston Feedback <feedback@cityofkingston.ca>; City Clerk <CityClerk@cityofkingston.ca>; Thomas Kerr

Subject: Sir John A MacDonald Statue

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Dear Peter Stroud:

I am writing to you to ask you to think deeply about removing the statue of Sir John A MacDonald from City Park. I heard a quote today that said, "What you permit, you promote." I think it is time to listen to Indigenous voices and ask them what they need to heal. They are asking us to act and I think it is time for us to listen.

We can remember the complexity of the first Prime Minister by the places in Kingston that are still here – and are of Fact. It is a fact that he lived on Centre Street, it is a fact he had a law office (or two) downtown. There is no fear we will forget this man in Kingston. But we do not need to glorify him and put him on a pedestal.

This is a pivotal moment for Kingston.

Thank you for listening and I hope you vote to remove the statue on Wednesday night.

Yours,
Erica Wyncoll

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**COMMUNICATION
No: 16-686**

From: David MacKinnon
Sent: June 15, 2021 9:19 PM
To: Mayor.Council.CAO.City Clerk <Mayor.Council.CAO.CityClerk@cityofkingston.ca>
Subject: MacDonald Statue

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I would like to oppose the removal of the MacDonald statue in Kingston.

Several years ago, Queen's University held a mock trial of MacDonald with a former judge of the Supreme Court presiding.

Justice Binnie decided that there was no criminal conduct in MacDonald's history of dealing with Indigenous people. Accordingly, there is no basis for removing the statue. There are many other reasons why removing the statue is a terrible idea, including the fact that the Kamloops school which has been the subject of much recent controversy was only opened three years after MacDonald's death. This should certainly be on the mind of the council when it decides this matter.

David MacKinnon

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No: 16-687**

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Sent: June 15, 2021 4:47 PM
To: ourhistories <ourhistories@cityofkingston.ca>
Subject: Sir John A MacDonald statue.

I hope I can share an opinion with out being branded a racist. I do not support the initiative to remove the statue. Although some may be uncomfortable with the way they perceive the man there are still a great many citizens that are okay with the statue. I hope council doesn't cave into the vocal minority because of the silent majority. Every body has to freedom to view and believe what they want about any historical figure, nobody should have the right to impose their believes on the rest of us. There are several other parks to enjoyed by those troubled by one statue.

Ron Thomas

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<p>COMMUNICATION No: 16-688</p>
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From: John C

Sent: June 15, 2021 5:05 PM

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Subject: Tear down the statue of John A Macdonald

Good afternoon,

My Name is John Conklin.

I urge you to support the removal of the Sir John A MacDonald Statue from City Park in the upcoming special city council meeting on Wednesday. As per the demands of the Revolution of the Heart Ceremonial Action and Indigenous community members, the statue should be removed and replaced with a memorial to residential school survivors and victims.

Sir John A. embodies the genocide against Indigenous people here in Kingston and across Turtle Island when he is put upon a pedestal in a visible public space. Macdonald was the architect of the country's residential school system, and supported policies aimed towards displacing, starving and eradicating Indigenous nations. His brutal policies loom and influence current Canadian politics to this day. The legacy of Residential Schools continues into the present. A staggeringly large number of Indigenous children are still being stolen from their families and put into a system of badly regulated foster and group homes.

Historian Tim Stanley has noted that Macdonald was a racist even by the standards of his day. While politicians like Macdonald were keeping the franchise from Asian and Indigenous people, figures like J.S. Woodsworth were denying scientific racism on the floor of the House. The only possible reason the city of Kingston could have for keeping the statue would be to protect a nationalist-- a *white* nationalist-- understanding of this country that does harm every day to its people.

We are calling on the City to respect Indigenous community members by committing to removing the statue and honoring the lives of children and families impacted by the residential school system.

In the Your Stories Our Histories: What We Heard report prepared by The First Peoples Group there was a call for three kinds of action: Symbolic, Substantive and Systemic. Let the removal of the Sir John A. statue serve as an opportunity to make meaningful Symbolic change in how Kingston/Katorokwi represents its history.

John Conklin

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Subject:A tough time for leaders

Date:Tue, 15 Jun 2021 21:34:12 -0400

From:Marilyn Braden

To:bpateron@cityofkingston.ca

Dear Mayor Paterson Councillors Hutchison& Boehme,

This is a very tough time to be in leadership positions in Canada. We hope & pray wisdom will prevail regarding issues related to our first Prime Minister Sir John A Mac Donald; whom i understand was out of office when the Residential Schools act was passed .Never the less,as per Andrew Coyne Globe & Mail6/6/21,Canada was a fledgling democracy at that time,so all our ancestral families,Canadian born, bear responsibility for this situation ,for which we're all now ashamed.Those were very different times,when even children of British military were packed off to boarding schools,so wives & younger children could accompany their husbands posted around the British empire.Boys of 12 or 13 were forced into military service.Then there were the truly destitute children who lived on the streets with their more fortunate in orphanages who were fed & might have learned to read.

That was the thinking during the eighteenth century at the time Residential schools were conceived.

I believe Mayor Paterson& council's measured approach is the correct posture;further removal&/or desecration of Canadian monuments serves no useful purpose & relegates our history to the dustbin.

Thank you for your attention

Your truly,

Marilyn Braden

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June 15th, 2021

To the City Council of Kingston, Ontario;

Let it be known that the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East and its representative membership resoundingly oppose the removal of the statue of our Brother, Sir John A. Macdonald from City Park in Kingston, Ontario.

While we recognize and understand that our Brother was instrumental in establishing a Residential School System that ultimately caused inter-generational suffering for many Indigenous families, we also recognize that he has become a convenient scape-goat for the wrong-doings and faults of successive governments, institutions, and individuals whose attitudes and actions perpetuated an exercise of mistreatment far beyond the reach of our nation’s founding father.

The recent discovery of 215 children’s bodies in an unmarked mass grave in Kamloops, British Columbia is nothing short of tragic, but to pretend that these spirits were extinguished at the hands of Sir John A. Macdonald is a convenient myth, a ridiculous assertion, and does little more than kowtow to an Indigenous-chic social movement that aims to instill guilt and shame under the guise of truth and reconciliation. The removal of Sir John A. Macdonald’s statue does not expose the complete truth of the man and his impact on our Country, and it does the opposite of reconcile opposing perspectives on his legacy; it only widens the divide and cements misconception.

Sir John A. Macdonald is not dead to the members of the Loyal Orange Association, and we will continue to hold his name and image in reverence and high regard. We encourage the City Council of Kingston, Ontario to do the same, and not to bend to the demands of an over-zealous element simply because the current social climate makes it convenient to do so.

Respectfully,

The Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East



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A WAY FORWARD: TRUTH, RECONCILIATION AND THE COMPLICATED LEGACY OF JOHN A.

MACDONALD

FROM: Peter Lockyer, History Lives Here Inc.,

June 15th, 2021

I am forwarding my thoughts on the contentious issue of John A. Macdonald statues in your community and mine.

I want to speak on behalf of history. I believe we need more history, not less; we need more public education, not less; and we need to harness the very best of us – not the least or worst – as we examine our complicated past, learn from it, and shape a new way forward.

Macdonald is not my hero. He is not my villain. I have always described him as an imperfect man living in imperfect times – just like us. But he is a dominant historical figure. Here we are – 130 years after his death - still talking about him in an animated, passionate fashion. That's because it is not possible to talk about the history of the Quinte region, the country he helped create, and the many contemporary indigenous issues without talking about Macdonald.

I do not see what good will come from hiding Macdonald away. We will not change a moment of history. We will not address the priorities of indigenous peoples today. We will have mistaken revenge for reconciliation. And we will have all failed because amidst all the blaming and shaming, we will have not heard the opportunities to do something extraordinary – to forge a new way forward that unites us rather than divides us, and is based on mutual respect, compassion, and true partnership in shaping the future of this country.

I have been a journalist all my life – a job that has taken me across Canada, Europe, and to other parts of the world. I've reported on many stories involving indigenous peoples and minority groups in this country and elsewhere; I worked at Indian Affairs on the land claim of the Labrador Inuit, was a radio and tv trainer for First Nations Communication Societies, was part of the Special House of Commons Sub- Committee on Indian Self-government in the 1980s that recommended the elimination of the Department of Indian affairs and the Indian Act, and worked as the Interim Manager of the journalism program at the First Nations Technical Institute in Tyendinaga when I first returned to my hometown of Picton over 20 years ago.

I've been telling stories of Prince Edward County for 40 years, and was part of the Macdonald Project, the volunteer group that raised the funds to gift the Macdonald statue to our municipality in 2015 with the widespread support of the community.

Should we not tell our stories? Or tell only some stories? Or some parts of some stories? And who will decide? I believe we should tell all the stories as completely as we can because they are the story of us. And I am saddened by what this has become because it is a wasted opportunity to do something remarkable...together.

These are extraordinary times. So, I am asking you to do something extraordinary.

A WAY FORWARD: TRUTH, RECONCILIATION AND THE COMPLICATED LEGACY OF JOHN A. MACDONALD

FROM: Peter Lockyer, History Lives Here Inc.,
June 15th, 2021

I am asking you to release us from being perpetual prisoners of the past; to focus on efforts to learn from the past while going forward together towards a different, better future. Create solutions that unite us rather than divide us; that are constructive rather than destructive; that bring out the best of us – not the least or worst. A key element in this journey is to stop endlessly blaming others for what happened in the past. That’s easy. What we really need to do is live in our own time seizing ownership of these issues to create a better Canada. That’s the hard work that needs to be done.

I believe Kingston should keep its statue just as Picton should keep its artwork. I believe its pedestal should be removed; and perhaps it is moved to a different public location with added signage and programming to tell the complicated legacy of Macdonald’s life. But big picture, this needs to be accompanied by systemic change in our everyday relationship with our indigenous neighbours to bring about profound, enduring, enlightened, and lasting change. We can start by listening rather than shouting. And we can be thoughtful rather than vindictive.

We are all heartbroken by the discovery of bodies at the Kamloops residential school. Canadians strongly support reconciliation. But I agree with the viewpoint of many indigenous leaders like Senator Murray Sinclair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Melissa Mburki of the Treaty 4 Nation in Saskatchewan, Chief R. Donald Maracle of Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, and David Chartrand, President of the Manitoba Metis. “We can’t hide this history,” Chartrand says. “We need to tell the truth about that history and I think that would be more healing than trying to rip down statues.”

We need to be fearless in facing the past. And we need to have an unshakeable belief in each other in shaping a better future. This is bold, challenging, tough work just as it must have been in Macdonald’s time to overcome the bitter divides of French-English, Catholic - Protestant solitudes. But he did. Now let’s see what we can achieve together in our time.

Peter Lockyer
Picton, ON

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From: Leo Finnegan

Date: June 16, 2021 at 9:34:07 AM EDT

To: "Mayor.Council.CAO.City Clerk" <Mayor.Council.CAO.CityClerk@cityofkingston.ca>

Subject: John A statue

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I do not need to tell you what Sir John A meant to these parts.
He practiced law in Picton and later in your city of Kingston.
he was our first Prime Minister and took the lead in making Canada what it is today.If it not been for him the western provinces may have been part of the the United States.
He is being blamed for the residential school when he had died prior to the school in Kamloop being built.
I urge you to maintain his statue in Kingston and not become weak in the knees like our Council in Prince Edward.
Thank you for you consideration.
Leo Finnegan
former Mayor
of the county of Prince Edward

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Leo Finnegan

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No: 16-693

From: Brian Barber

Date: June 16, 2021 at 10:40:32 AM EDT

To: "Mayor.Council.CAO.City Clerk" <Mayor.Council.CAO.CityClerk@cityofkingston.ca>

Subject: Protection of the Macdonald statue

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The principal author of our founding constitution and our first Prime Minister deserves our respect.

In the name of “peace, order and good government” I ask you to protect a key symbol of the founding of Canada.

It is certainly worth remembering that “No Macdonald, No Canada”. To tear down Macdonald is to tear down Canada.

Brian Barber

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No: 16-694

From: Dave Markotich
Sent: June 16, 2021 11:41 AM
To: ourhistories <ourhistories@cityofkingston.ca>
Subject: Sir John A Statue

I recently heard that a "working group" will recommend the removal of the Sir John A statue in Kingston City Park.

I wanted to register my strong opposition to this recommendation.

The current zeitgeist appears to be a historical witch hunt without applying any historical lens to the perceived wrongs committed by historical figures such as Sir John A. MacDonald. Every human alive has done things that we later recognize as a mistake. For all his faults, Sir John A was the first Prime Minister of Canada, a Nation not without its own faults, but one that has made great strides towards improving the lives of its citizens and indeed people around the world over the years of its relatively short existence.

If council bows to these extreme and radical people currently demanding the removal of the statue, there will be no end in sight to the slippery slope we'll be on. These people are a very vocal minority. At the very least a much more wide ranging public discussion and referendum is needed before a major decision such as the removal of a historical monument is undertaken.

Thank you for your consideration,
Dave Markotich

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