October 16, 2023

Re: Item No. 5 Renaming a portion of Bishop Grandin to Edward Schreyer Parkway South in Winnipeg, Manitoba

Dear City of Winnipeg,

On behalf of Wa Ni Ska Tan, we are opposed to the renaming of a portion of Bishop Grandin to Edward Schreyer Parkway South. We oppose this motion because it would mean celebrating a man whose government was responsible for the flooding and destruction of First Nations lands in Northern Manitoba. Despite Schreyer's contributions to Manitoba, The Churchill River Diversion (CRD) project occurred under Schreyer's NDP government, a Hydro Development project which continues to negatively impact Indigenous communities today.

Honouring another colonizer after changing the street's previous name from Bishop Grandin to ABINOJII MIKANAH, or Children's Road in Anishinaabe, is NOT in the spirit of reconciliation and would be an act against First Nations people in Manitoba.

We feel very disappointed that there was so little notice and opportunity for people to respond and to become engaged on such an important issue it is for this reason, and the reasons mentioned above that we do not support this motion.

Sincerely,



Becky Filopoulos, on behalf of Wa Ni Ska Tan.