

Letter to the Editor

To Mayor James McPherson and all the councillors of Greenstone who voted to remove the permanent display of the Franco-Ontarian flag:

Shame on you. Removing the Franco-Ontarian flag is a mark of disrespect to the historical and current presence of Francophones in Northwestern Ontario and to the contribution of French Canadians in the development of Greenstone.

We consider it an insult to our family and especially to our parents and their friends of the same generation who lived and worked in Geraldton for most of their lives and were part of the community and contributed to its social and economic development. The Franco-Ontarian flag is meant to celebrate and mark the presence of French Canadians, it is not a mark of disrespect to the Indigenous community.

Removing this symbol that represents many in the community and negating and attempting to erase the historical and current presence of Francophones in Greenstone will not aid in correcting past and present misdeeds to the Indigenous community of Greenstone.

Creating a wrong does not create a right.

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