

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DECEMBER 3, 2001

**TRAIN WHISTLING AT THE HUNTINGTON ROAD
"Y" TRACK INTO THE VAUGHAN YARD**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS there is a level crossing, being a St. Lawrence and Hudson Railway (CPR) crossing on Huntington Road at the "Y" track into Vaughan Yard at mileage 0.72 Mactier Subdivision in the City of Vaughan;

AND WHEREAS residents in the vicinity of this crossing have complained regarding disturbances from train whistling at this crossing;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vaughan requested that CPR investigate the appropriateness of eliminating train whistling at all crossings in Vaughan;

AND WHEREAS CPR has advised that it is prepared to take steps to cease train whistling at various crossings in Vaughan upon receipt of a resolution passed by the Council of the City of Vaughan requesting the cessation of train whistling at specified crossings;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vaughan requests that CPR eliminate train whistling on Huntington Road at the "Y" track into Vaughan Yard at mileage 0.72 Mactier Subdivision in the City of Vaughan.

AND THEREFORE be it further resolved that the City Clerk be authorized to fund from the City's insurance reserve the City's share of the annual insurance premium per crossing, an amount between \$500.00 and \$650.00 per annum.

Purpose

To respond to requests from residents and a Council directive that train whistling be eliminated at level crossings in the City of Vaughan.

Background - Analysis and Options

Council at its meeting held on June 18, 2001 adopted a resolution, in response to area residents complaints regarding train whistling at level crossings, requesting CPR to eliminate train whistling at the Rutherford, Major Mackenzie and Nashville crossings (Attachment #1). Staff have continued to receive complaints from area residents about train whistling. Upon investigation it was found that the whistling is occurring at the Huntington Road "Y" track into the Vaughan Yard at mileage 0.72 Mactier Subdivision (Attachment #2). CPR advises that this crossing meets Transport Canada's guidelines for anti-whistling and that anti-whistling can be implemented at this crossing upon receipt of a resolution from the municipality requesting the cessation of whistling at this crossing.

The appropriate resolution is submitted for consideration.

Conclusion

The adoption of the resolution will facilitate elimination of train whistling at the subject location.

Attachments

1. Extract from Council Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2001 – Item 4 – Report No. 49
2. Location Map

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach
City Clerk

Item 4, Report No. 49, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 25, 2001.

**4 TRAIN WHISTLING AT THE LEVEL CROSSINGS
ON RUTHERFORD ROAD, MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE
AND NASHVILLE ROAD WEST OF HIGHWAY #27**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated June 18, 2001:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS there are level crossings, being St. Lawrence and Hudson Railway (CPR) crossings on Rutherford Road, Major Mackenzie Drive and Nashville Road in the City of Vaughan;

AND WHEREAS residents in the vicinity of these crossings have complained regarding disturbances from train whistling at these crossings;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vaughan requested that CPR investigate the appropriateness of eliminating train whistling at all crossings in Vaughan;

AND WHEREAS CPR has advised that it is prepared to take steps to cease train whistling at various crossings in Vaughan upon receipt of a resolution passed by the Council of the City of Vaughan requesting the cessation of train whistling at specified crossings;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Vaughan requests that CPR eliminate train whistling at the following crossings in the City of Vaughan: Rutherford Road mileage 14.13, Major Mackenzie Drive mileage 15.47 and Nashville Road mileage 16.70, all of which are in the Mactier Subdivision;

AND THEREFORE be it further resolved that the City Clerk be authorized to fund from the City's insurance reserve the City's share of the annual insurance premium per crossing, an amount between \$500.00 and \$650.00 per annum.

Purpose

To respond to requests from residents and a Council directive that train whistling be eliminated at level crossings in the City of Vaughan.

Background - Analysis and Options

At its meeting held on February 14, 2000, Council directed, in response to complaints from residents regarding train whistling at level crossings in the City of Vaughan, that the St. Lawrence and Hudson Railway (CPR) be requested to investigate the appropriateness of eliminating train whistling at level crossings in Vaughan (extract attached). In response to Vaughan's request CPR staff now advise of three crossings in Vaughan, namely Rutherford Road, Major Mackenzie

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Drive and Nashville Road, that may meet Transport Canada's guidelines for anti-whistling. CPR staff will request Transport Canada to conduct the necessary inspection upon receipt of a resolution passed by Council requesting the elimination of train whistling at these crossings.

Further as reported earlier in the attached report, the City is required to share in the insurance costs to secure the anti-whistling at specified crossings

Conclusion

Council has directed that CPR investigate anti-whistling at all level crossings in Vaughan in response to complaints from residents. Adoption of the resolution in the Recommendation will facilitate elimination of train whistling at the level crossings specified.

Attachment

Council Extract Item 7, Report No. 12 – February 14, 2000

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

