

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – APRIL 22, 2002

**STOPPING AND IDLING OF TRAINS
CNR RIGHT OF WAY
BATHURST STREET AT CROWN HEIGHTS CRESCENT**

Recommendation

Councillor Susan Kadis recommends that the City of Vaughan formally request CN Rail to reduce the frequency of the stopping and the idling of trains on the CNR right of way at Bathurst Street adjacent to Crown Heights Drive.

Background

Residents of Crown Heights Crescent backing on the CNR right of way as it crosses Bathurst Street are experiencing noise, vibration, dust and dirt emanating from the CNR mainline tracks running behind their homes.

The City has been advised that as of the present time there could be as many as sixty (60) freight trains per day crossing above Bathurst Street adjacent to Crown Heights Crescent. A number of times, trains are slowed or stopped at this location for switching purposes or are waiting to enter the McMillan Marshalling yards west of Keele Street. Coming from the east there is also an incline at this spot that can account for additional noise over and above normal freight train operations.

There is a noise attenuation fence behind the homes on Crown Heights Crescent that was installed when the adjacent subdivision was approved and it is privately owned by the adjacent residences.

There does not appear to be any municipal jurisdiction in this matter beyond a local request to CNR to investigate the residents' concerns of noise, vibration, dust and dirt and where possible mitigate the situation through, at minimum, reducing the number of stops, starts and idling at this particular location on the CNR right of way.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Susan Kadis