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To: the City of Saskatoon Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

Re: File No. CK. 375-2 (Train Whistles in the Stonebridge area)

Good morning, councillors

It has now been several months since this item was sent to the Transportation Department for a report.

Since the city does not have jurisdiction over these crossings, the inevitable conclusion of that report must be that the application for whistle cessation has to be done by the RM of Corman Park according to the procedure set out by Transport Canada. The only role available for the city is to support them in this effort.

On December 3, Corman Park resident Juliane Deubner and I attended the regular meeting of the RM and requested that they start whistle cessation procedure for the crossings at Range Road 3051, Range Road 3050, and Township Road 360. After some discussion, they voted to add these crossings to their existing application for whistle cessation. Range road 3050 and Township road 360 should not need any additional expenditure, however, Range Road 3051 was not covered by the original engineering study. The cost for this is approximately \$5000 but the RM was reluctant to commit the funding for it.

It is quite probable that the RM will be asking the city for assistance with this expense.

This is the crossing closest to the city and is the reason for the train whistles in the Stonebridge area.

On behalf of the residents of Stonebridge, I am asking that the city please look favourably on this request if it should occur.

Thank you

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Background information

There is a complete history of the Corman Park whistle cessation program in the RM minutes, however it can be summarized as follows:

The initial request was made by a group of ratepayers headed by Juliane Deubner sometime in 2014.

In June 2015, council had CIMA engineering do a study of 6 crossings.

This report was completed in September 2015 and was very poorly done with numerous mistakes and omissions. Some of these errors were found and corrected by Juliane's group but misleading information in the report caused council to ask CN to stop the whistles at only three of the crossings.

CN also found the engineering report inadequate and worked with CIMA throughout 2016 and 2017 to have it corrected. This was finally completed in November of 2017.

It was determined that changes to the signal arm timing must be made for the crossings to meet the new standards. Transport Canada requires that this be done before November of 2021.

Currently, the RM is waiting for CN to complete these upgrades, after which whistle cessation can be put in place.

We have asked the RM to add the remaining crossings (including 3051) to the program so that the application part of the process will be completed by the time the necessary upgrades are done.