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October 25, 2019

Her Worship Pauline Rochefort
Mayor
Municipality of East Ferris
390 Highway 94
Corbeil ON P0H 1K0

Dear Mayor Rochefort:

Following the entering into force of Transport Canada's *Grade Crossings Regulations* in November 2014, CN has been collaborating with Road Authorities and communities across our network as we all work to comply with the new requirements aimed at improving grade crossing safety by the November 28, 2021 deadline.

Safety is a shared responsibility and grade crossings present a very good illustration of this reality. By enabling the coexistence of road and rail traffic, grade crossings facilitate the flow of persons and goods, supporting the lives of Canadians and the economy. The Regulations recognize this shared responsibility by directing Road Authorities and Railway Companies to share information and take measures aimed at improving safety.

You may recall that the Regulations require Railway Companies and Road Authorities to share with each other specific information about public crossings in order to determine the work needed to bring grade crossings in compliance with the standards set by the Regulations. In that respect, by the end of November 2016, CN shared with your community a detailed list of crossings and a spreadsheet to facilitate the crossing information sharing.

CN has received the crossing information from the Municipality of East Ferris and we want to thank you for sharing this information with us.

cc: Antoine Bouchel
Director of P/W's
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Since the crossing information has been exchanged, CN proceeded with an evaluation to determine if the crossings are in compliance with the *Grade Crossings Regulations*. CN has identified certain items of potential concern and is proposing to meet with your representatives to provide details and discuss the potential required work or any concerns identified by your public works department.

CN is committed to continue working with your community on crossing safety. To that end, our Public Works Officers are preparing to meet with the Municipality of East Ferris and will be contacting your public works department in order to discuss the results of your own evaluations and to coordinate any required work so as to ensure that the crossings are compliant with the Regulations by November 28, 2021.

Costs:

Should any work at the crossings in your territory be required to ensure compliance with the Regulations, the costs will be shared in accordance with the existing orders from the Canadian Transportation Agency or its predecessors or Agreements in place governing each party's responsibility at those crossings.

Contacts:

If you have any questions or concerns respecting CN's activities in your community, please do not hesitate to contact Daniel Salvatore at 647-544-3368 or by email at daniel.salvatore@cn.ca

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sean Finn'.

Sean Finn

Encl.

cc: Mr. Jason Trottier, Treasurer/Interim CAO



A Shared Responsibility

Transport Canada's New Grade Crossings Regulations and Standards

- CN's obligations
- Communities' obligations

CN is working with road authorities and communities to meet Transport Canada's new crossing Regulations and Standards, and advance our shared responsibility.

Goals of the new Grade Crossings Regulations

- Provide consistent grade crossing safety standards for both new and existing crossings in Canada
- Clearly define roles and responsibilities of railway companies and road authorities
- Promote collaboration between communities and railway companies.
- Ensure the sharing of key safety information

Grade Crossing Standards

The Grade Crossing Standards are mandatory engineering standards for crossing surfaces, road geometry, sightlines, warning systems and other elements that improve safety at crossings.

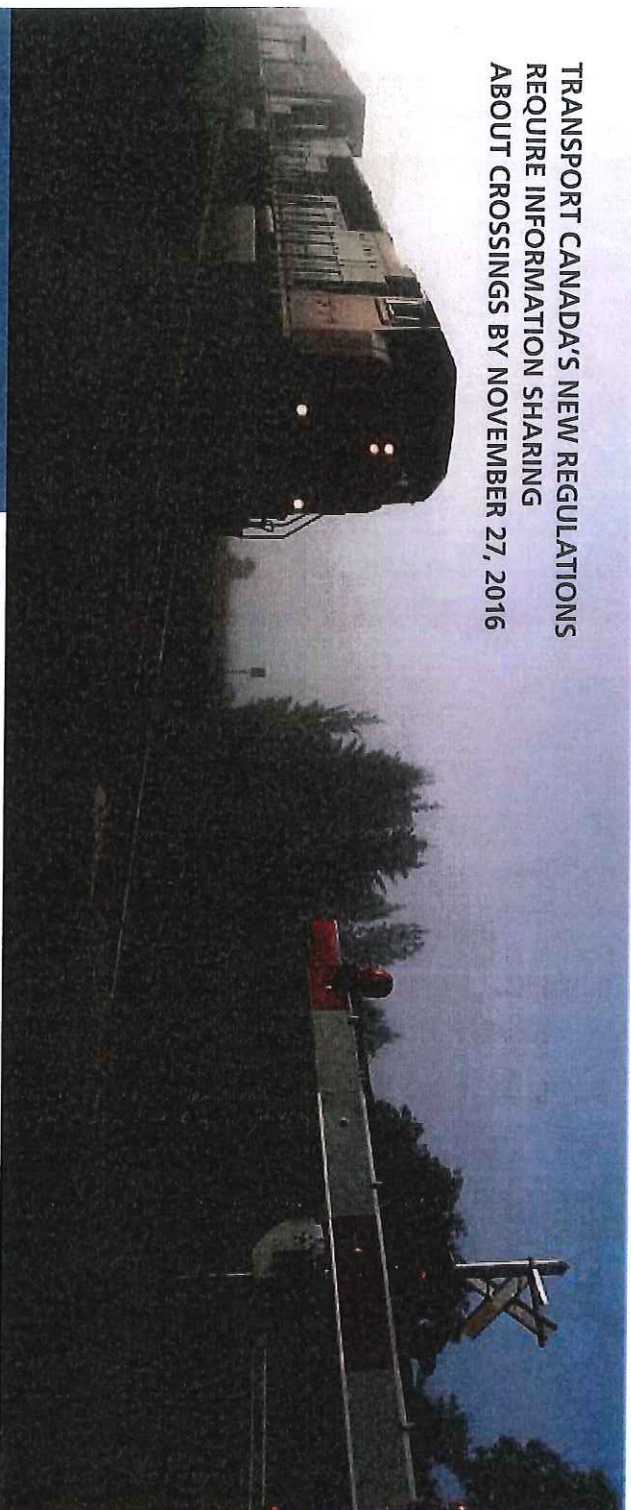
Any new crossings and existing crossings undergoing upgrades or modifications must meet Transport Canada's new Regulations immediately. All crossings that currently do not meet the engineering standards must be upgraded to meet the Regulations and Standards by 2021.



HAVEN'T RECEIVED YOUR
CROSSING INFORMATION OR
FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact CN Public Inquiry Line
(888) 888-5909
Contact@cn.ca

FOR MORE INFORMATION
FROM TRANSPORT CANADA
Visit: www.tc.gc.ca/eng/railsafety/

TRANSPORT CANADA'S NEW REGULATIONS REQUIRE INFORMATION SHARING ABOUT CROSSINGS BY NOVEMBER 27, 2016



CN's obligations

CN is providing road authorities information about existing public grade crossings:

- Location of the grade crossing
- Number of tracks that cross the grade crossing
- The average daily railway movements
- The railway design speed (maximum train speed)
- Type of warning system in place at the crossing
- Whether a stop sign is installed on the same post as the railway crossing sign
- Whether or not whistling is required when trains approach the crossing

Communities' obligations

Road authorities have been asked to provide CN with public grade crossings information:

- Location of the grade crossing
- Number of traffic lanes that cross the crossing surface
- Average annual daily traffic
- Road design speed at the crossing
- Roadway design specifications for road approaches, (Tables 10-2, 10-3 and 10-4 of the Grade Crossing Standards)
- Width of each traffic lane and shoulder on the road approach
- Design vehicle
- Stopping sight distance
- Average gradient of the road approach
- Crossing angle (Article 6.5 of Grade Crossing Standards)
- Applicable departure time (Article 10.3 of Grade Crossing Standards)
- Advanced activation time of the Prepare to Stop Sign (Article 18.2 of Grade Crossing Standards)
- Interconnection of Traffic Signals with Railway Warning Systems Time (Article 19.3(a) of Grade Crossing Standards)
- Whether the crossing includes a sidewalk, path or trail, and if so, whether the sidewalk, path or trail has been designated for persons using assistive devices

ROAD AUTHORITIES: HOW WE ARE SHARING INFORMATION WITH YOU

CN Engineering officers have been working to identify all the public road crossings and will share with you an electronic list of CN crossings in your community. Those lists will include the information CN is required to share with you and will also include a description of the information Transport Canada has asked you to share with us.

CN is also asking road authority representatives to fill in the required information in the electronic list provided and submit it to CN.

WHAT HAPPENS THEN?

Once the crossing information is exchanged, CN and road authorities can make an evaluation to determine if the crossings are in compliance with the Grade Crossing Regulations.

Any required upgrades to existing crossings must be completed by November 27, 2021.