

Memorandum

Date: January 17, 2022
Submitted by: General Manager of Engineering and Operations
Subject: Delegation Response – POMO Opposition to CP Whistle Noise

On November 23, 2021, Council received a delegation from “POMO Opposition to CP Whistle Noise” led by Patricia Godwin and Valerie Gray, expressing concerns about perceived increases in the numbers of trains and operating hours on the CP Rail loco Spur line. The addition of infrastructure to allow for whistle cessation at Murray Street was requested. In addition, the delegation requested that, should such an agreement exist, the agreement between the City and CP Rail on Spur Line trains and operating hours be reviewed to ensure compliance. Council passed the following motion:

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THAT the delegation request be placed on a subsequent Council agenda for consideration.

No formal or informal agreement exists between the City and CP Rail about train scheduling or number of trains along the loco Spur line. CP Rail has jurisdiction over train operations on its corridor and any agreement of this kind would likely be between CP Rail and customers such as Imperial Oil.

The City was informed by CP Rail several years ago that, in response to concerns raised about late night train noise, CP worked with their customer, Imperial Oil, to adjust train travel along the loco Spur to earlier in the evening. While this was certainly preferred by the City and residents, CP advised that they could not provide any long-term commitment to specific train scheduling as it is an operational matter that is influenced by customer needs and demand.

The City studied the feasibility of whistle cessation at the Murray Street crossing in 2017. Improvements such as fences and vegetation clearing with a budget estimate of \$300,000 (2017 dollars) would be required. However, even with these improvements at Murray Street, trains would still be required to whistle for the next crossing at Trasolini field, as well as subsequent crossings. The report identified that whistle cessation for the entire corridor could require a budget of \$2,000,000 (2017 dollars). The 2017 whistle cessation study and covering report is included as **Attachment 1** for reference in consideration of this delegation request.

THAT the memo dated January 17, 2022 from the General Manager of Engineering and Operations regarding Delegation Response – POMO Opposition to CP Whistle Noise be received for information.

Attachment(s)

1. CP Rail Whistle Cessation Report.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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