

March 1, 2023

Dear Neighbour,

## Re: <u>Commissioner Street Rail Expansion: Construction Outside of Regular Work Hours</u> <u>Project Permit No. 21-042</u>

Canadian Pacific (CP) is expanding our existing railway infrastructure to improve capacity and fluidity on the south shore of the Port of Vancouver in the vicinity of the Columbia Containers Terminal. The expansion is being undertaken as a final stage of the Burrard Inlet Road and Rail Improvement Program and, more specifically, the Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project. The Commissioner Street Rail Expansion (the 'Project') was reviewed and approved under the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's Project and Environmental Review (PER) process (Project Permit No. 21-042) authorizing CP to construct and operate the Project. CP will be undertaking construction outside of regular hours on Sundays and statutory holidays from March 5<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (inclusive) from 7:00 am and 8:00 pm. Additional details about the work can be found below.

As part of the planned enabling works, Bell Mobility Inc. (Bell) will be relocating their existing Fibre Optic Cable currently within CP right-of-way (ROW) to the CP leased area from the VFPA south of Commissioner Street. Bell's contractor, Ironman Directional Drilling, will be completing the proposed relocation work and associated activities from March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to the estimated end date of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 during regular work hours (Monday to Saturday, 7:00 am to 8:00 pm) with work continuing on Sundays and statutory holidays. The approximate work area is outlined in red below.



Relocation of the fiber cable will be completed via horizontal directional drill (HDD). This method involves drilling a small tunnel beneath the ground surface to install the fiber cable. The drilling method is much safer as it removes little soil, has a minimal environmental impact, and has fewer disruptions to above-ground and existing buried infrastructures. The noise level anticipated is low to medium (estimate 70db). Every attempt will be made to keep noise to a minimum for residents and business in the area. The following mitigation measures will be in place to manage the noise level and ensure safety on site:

- All equipment will be properly maintained to limit noise generation and fitted with functioning exhaust and muffler systems;
- Only Equipment in good working conditions will be utilized on the project site;
- Equipment will be inspected on a regular basis by CP's representative on site;
- Equipment and machinery will be turned off when not in use to limit noise generation and to reduce idling;
- Noise generating activities will be completed, where possible, during daytime hours;
- The work areas will be shrouded, where possible, and construction methods will be altered to limit noise pollution;
- If required, lights stationed on the construction site will be positioned to face away from residences; and
- The contractor will be Prime and ensure work is undertaken in accordance to general industry accepted safety standards and company requirements.

CP will provide updates to the community through CP's website (<a href="https://www.cpr.ca/en/community/rail-projects-near-you">https://www.cpr.ca/en/community/rail-projects-near-you</a>). Please send any questions you may have about the Project to our project team through CP's "Community Connect" page (<a href="https://www.cpr.ca/en/contact-us/community-connect">https://www.cpr.ca/en/contact-us/community-connect</a>). For questions about the VFPA's Project and Environmental Review of the project, please contact the VFPA at PER@portvancouver.com or 604-665-9047.

Regards,

**Canadian Pacific** 

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