

September 12, 2022

Dear Neighbour,

## Re: <u>Commissioner Street Rail Expansion Construction Notification</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. Two new yard tracks will be constructed on the north side of CP's existing "East L Yard" and sections of existing track realigned with the new tracks. These changes will: improve mainline fluidity and switching operations of loaded and empty railcars between the CP track and the Columbia Containers Terminal; increase railcar storage capacity; and contribute to the creation of local and national jobs.

The Commissioner Street Rail Expansion (the 'Project') is located roughly between the Victoria Drive alignment and New Brighton Park (Mile 125.37 and Mile 127.00 of CP's Cascade Subdivision). The new tracks will be situated within the CP right-of-way and on lands under the jurisdiction of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA), and will connect with Columbia Containers private trackage. The Project does not require any work within Burrard Inlet. The location and extent of the Project is shown on the attached map.

The proposed Project was reviewed under the VFPA's Project and Environmental Review (PER) process (<a href="https://www.portvancouver.com/permitting-and-reviews/per/">https://www.portvancouver.com/permitting-and-reviews/per/</a>) between August 2021 and April 2022. In May 2022, the VFPA issued Project Permit No. 21-042 authorizing CP to construct and operate the Project. CP continues to work with the Port Authority to ensure that community interests are considered as the Project moves towards construction. This letter is to notify you that construction is scheduled to start the week of September 26, 2022 with all work completed by October 31, 2023.

Where possible, construction activity will take place during standard working hours (Monday to Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., excluding holidays). To manage unavoidable disruptions to rail and road traffic and existing terminal operations, certain construction activities may take place outside of standard hours, however this will be by exception. Possible disturbances anticipated from construction activities will be increases in low-level noise and lighting of the construction area. Our construction contractors will be implementing various mitigation measures to manage disturbance from noise and light to the minimum level required to execute the project safely.

CP will provide updates to the community through CP's website (<a href="https://www.cpr.ca/en/community/rail-projects-near-you/commissioner-street-rail-expansion-project">https://www.cpr.ca/en/community/rail-projects-near-you/commissioner-street-rail-expansion-project</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.

Sincerely,

**Canadian Pacific** 

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