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Dear Neighbour,

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

CPKC, formerly Canadian Pacific, 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 (VFPA) Project and Environmental Review (PER) process (Project Permit No. 21-042) authorizing CPKC to construct and operate the Project.

Work outside of standard hours (i.e. Monday to Saturday between 7a.m. to 8p.m.) is currently planned from July 16 to August 20, 2023 to assist the timely completion of on-going construction activities and to coordinate with the Viterra's Cascadia Grain Terminal annual maintenance shutdown. Additionally, portions of the track construction work can only be completed during designated work windows ("track blocks"; when rail traffic is temporarily prohibited from using tracks that are impacted during construction). The "track blocks" will occur during standard working hours, but some preparatory activities need to occur in advance. Additional detail on the specific dates and work hours during which CPKC will be undertaking construction outside of standard hours is provided in the anticipated work schedule attached to this letter. CPKC has also requested to undertake work outside of standard hours on an as-needed basis until October 31, 2023; VFPA is currently reviewing this request and if authorized, future notifications may be provided once schedules are available.

As part of the planned works the construction activities that may be completed by CPKC and its contractors outside of standard hours will include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- Track installation work along Commissioner Street including shallow excavations, subballast and ballast placement, electrical and conduit cable re-routing and concrete panel placement; and
- Track crossing warning system installation including signal and electrical work, trenching and excavation for cable and foundation gates and signage installation along on Commissioner Street.



Additional information on the planned construction activities outlined, associated environmental effects and a summary of mitigation measures is provided in Sections 2.1 and 7.2 of the Project and Environmental Review Report (<a href="https://www.portvancouver.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-05-13-WEB-COPY\_PER-21-042-Issued-Project-Permit-and-Report-CP-Rail-Commissioner-St-Rail-Expansion.pdf">https://www.portvancouver.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-05-13-WEB-COPY\_PER-21-042-Issued-Project-Permit-and-Report-CP-Rail-Commissioner-St-Rail-Expansion.pdf</a>) published by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA).

CPKC is committed to completing work within standard construction hours wherever possible and to minimizing potential noise and light disturbances to the adjacent community. Construction activities outside of standard hours may result in increased noise levels and light pollution; however, all reasonable efforts will be made to keep noise levels for these activities below 65dB and noise levels will be monitored during the work outside standard construction hours. Standard equipment typical for the construction activities listed above will be used including, but not limited to excavators, rollers, graders, backhoes, pavers and dump trucks. Track construction equipment including tampers, regulators, speed swings and boom trucks will also be utilized.

The following mitigation measures will be in place to manage noise levels and light pollution while maintaining a safe work site:

- All equipment will be properly maintained to limit noise generation and fitted with functioning exhaust and muffler systems.
- Only equipment in good working condition will be utilized on the project site.
- Equipment will be inspected on a regular basis by CPKC's representative on site.
- Equipment and machinery will be turned off when not in use to limit noise generation and to reduce idling.
- Activities required to prepare for work being undertaken during the scheduled maintenance shutdown of Viterra's Cascadia Grain Terminal, or during "track blocks" will be undertaken during regular working hours wherever possible.
- Noise generating activities will be completed, where possible, during standard construction hours.
- Reversing of the service trucks (i.e., engaging the back-up beepers) will be minimized where
  possible to complete the required work. Where possible, equipment will be retrofitted with a
  white-noise back up alarm.
- If required, lights stationed on the construction site will be positioned to face away from residences.
- The contractor, Prime (i.e., the company responsible for overseeing and managing the onsite construction activities), will continue to ensure work is undertaken in accordance to general industry accepted safety standards and company requirements.



CPKC will provide updates to the community regarding the construction schedule through CPKC's website (<a href="https://www.cpkcr.com/en-ca/community/rail-projects-near-you">https://www.cpkcr.com/en-ca/community/rail-projects-near-you</a>). Please send any questions you may have about the Project to our project team through CPKC'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>) or contact us at our 24/7 community connect line (1-800-766-7912). 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, or visit the port website at: <a href="https://www.portvancouver.com/permitting-and-reviews/per/project-and-environment-review-applicant/status-of-permit-applications/canadian-pacific-commissioner-street-rail-expansion/">https://www.portvancouver.com/permitting-and-pacific-commissioner-street-rail-expansion/</a>. A copy of this notification letter, as well as past and future letters are also be available on this webpage.

Regards,

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## COMMISSIONER STREET RAIL EXPANSION: NON-STANDARD HOURS ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Construction activities scheduled to occur outside of standard work hours including general construction, low impact construction work during the night and high impact construction work occurring the day will take place along Commissioner Street at the locations shown in the map below. Please note that other construction activities will continue to take place during standard work hours.



WORK EVENT	TYPE OF WORK	START AND END DATE (2023)	HOURS OF WORK	DESCRIPTION OF WORK
1	00	Sunday, July 16	7:00 a.m 8:00 p.m.	<ul> <li>General Construction</li> <li>Excavation / Backfill</li> <li>Moving Stockpile</li> <li>Distribute Ballast</li> <li>Move Panels</li> <li>Panel Removals</li> <li>Install Joint Bars</li> <li>Spoil and Ballast Relocate</li> <li>Surfacing</li> <li>Pull Cables at Viterra Cabinet</li> </ul>
2	00	Sunday, July 23	7:00 a.m 8:00 p.m.	
3	00	Sunday, July 30	7:00 a.m 8:00 p.m.	
4	00	Sunday, August 13	9:00 a.m 8:00 p.m.	
5	00	Monday, August 14 – Tuesday August 15	8:00 p.m 7:00 a.m.	<ul> <li>High Impact Work (Day Shift)</li> <li>Spiking</li> <li>Hydro Vacuum Use</li> <li>Cutting Existing Ties</li> <li>Drilling Holes</li> <li>Low Impact Work (Night Shift)</li> <li>Drain main water line</li> <li>Assemble watermain</li> <li>Assemble Gate</li> <li>Surfacing</li> <li>Ballast Distribution</li> <li>Drain Watermain Line</li> </ul>
6	00	Tuesday, August 15 – Wednesday August 16	8:00 p.m 7:00 a.m.	
7	00	Wednesday August 16 – Thursday August 17	8:00 p.m 7:00 a.m.	
8	00	Thursday August 17 – Friday, August 18	8:00 p.m 7:00 a.m.	
9	00	Friday August 18 – Saturday August 19	8:00 p.m 7:00 a.m.	
10	00	Sunday, August 20	7:00 a.m 8:00 p.m.	