



Hamilton

MINUTES

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Monday, April 10, 2006

2:00 p.m.

Committee Room 110, 1st Floor
Hamilton City Hall

Present: Councillor B. McHattie (Chairman)
Councillors B. Bratina, B. Morelli
CPR Staff: R. Marsh, Director, Government & Public Affairs
D. Elen, Road Manager, Technical
D. Forbes, Process Manager
M. Fitzpatrick, Constable, Ontario South District
K. Paul, Manager – Sales, Real Estate Ontario
R. Dartsch, R. Dubois, C. Feaver, K. Kippen, B. Zelic, ,

City Staff: B. Janssen, Manager, Community Planning and Design
B. Towers, Contract Co-ordinator, Public Works
D. Brown, Assistant to Councillor B. McHattie
I. Sturgeon, Legislative Co-ordinator

1. **Call to Order/Introductions** (Item 1)

Councillor McHattie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chairman McHattie introduced Mr. Randy Marsh, Director of Government and Public Affairs for Canadian Pacific Railway who is now replacing Paul Thurston.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

(Bratina/Feaver)

That the Minutes of the CP Railway Liaison Sub-Committee meeting held on December 1, 2005 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Bratina updated the Committee regarding the Go Transit Public Information Meeting which was held on April 4, 2006. He advised that there was good neighbourhood representation at the meeting and that it appeared that Hunter Street was the preferred location.

4. Anatomy of a Train

Doug Elen asked for Committee input as to what type of information they would like to receive.

Suggestions were made as follows;

- Engine Idling - Why do engines have to idle so long?
 - Can anything be done to reduce idling?
 - Can anything be done to reduce emissions?
- Different Technology - Why certain locomotives freeze in the winter
 - Design of Go Trains vs. CPR trains)
- Smart Start Process

Mr. Elen agreed to provide this information at the next meeting.

5. Improving Citizen Communications – Community Connection Line

The following comments/suggestions were discussed;

- Citizen's are urged to call the Community Connect line in order to have a record of the call and it will allow CPR to monitor the situation.
- Concern over no weekend service was raised and discussed.
- The City urged CPR to make this a key objective and asked that they put mechanisms in place where contact could be made on a weekend. It was noted that this is a primary objective for the City of Hamilton and we would be prepared to partner with this initiative.
- The City concurred that the issues couldn't always be resolved on the weekends but that it was important to have the citizens calls answered.
- CPR was asked if they could come back to the next meeting with some suggestions.

6. Idling Engines at Aberdeen Yard

- Locomotives have been moved to the north side of the yard – committee agreed that this has made a difference.
- Could CPR consider parking locomotives at other stations?

- April – October Fuel Shutdown Policy comes into effect
- Concern was raised that diesel fumes can be detected in areas beyond the Aberdeen yard. Residents are more concerned today with environmental issues.
- CPR know that their yards are not compatible with residential areas. Future developments are an issue for them as it adds to the list of people being impacted.

7. Dundurn Street Overhead Bridge Replacement

- CPR advised the contract has gone out to tender
- Work will be carried out over the weekends as well
- CPR were asked to contact Councillor McHattie's office with information regarding the timelines and the extent of the closures.

8. CPR Leased Land – Uses for 2006

- CPR will not be leasing out the land at Aberdeen to the past tenant
- Their mandate is to secure revenue for this parcel of land as they are paying taxes for it
- Intent in future is to sever and sell off that portion of their property (land size is over one acre).
- An agreement for purchase and sale has been received for the Chatham lands but no final confirmation has been received to date.

9. CPR Safety Performance (R. Marsh)

Mr. Marsh spoke to members of Committee regarding railway safety and how it is CPR's highest priority. A copy of Mr. Marsh's presentation was provided to members of Committee along with a copy of a letter that had been sent to Mayor Dilani regarding the industry's safety record.

10. Other Business

(i) Federal Representation

A suggestion was raised that there should be Federal Representation on this Committee and staff were directed to invite area M.P., Mr. Dave Christopherson and/or a designate from his office.

(ii) Chedoke Reconstruction

C. Feaver asked CPR if they would consider making visual improvements to their Aberdeen property in the way of fencing and/or landscaping etc. She suggested that the community would probably be pleased to partner in such an endeavour ie. provide labour

A suggestion that this property might qualify for the City's Tree Planting program was also made.

Mr. Marsh advised that aesthetics were not a high priority and that CPR usually installs fencing and/or shrubbery to deter trespassing.

(iii) Golf Balls/Fencing

D. Elen noted a concern regarding the amount of golf balls that come into their yard from the Chedoke Golf Course. He advised that there had been a lot of property damage last year and that he was concerned for the safety of the office staff. Mr. Elen asked that the City consider raising the height of the fence at Chedoke.

Chairman McHattie advised that he would follow up on this issue.

iv) Anti-Idling By-law

K. Kippen requested that City staff be invited to a future meeting to discuss the Anti-Idling By-law and how it might relate to locomotives.

B. Janssen will follow up on this issue.

K. Kippen also noted that there have been recent changes to statutory defence/guidelines and the onus is now on businesses to provide the "burden of proof".

Chairman McHattie advised that he would speak to the City's legal solicitors regarding this matter.

v) Whistle Cessation Process

R. Marsh provided copies of CPR's Whistle Cessation Process and made reference to the City's recent resolution respecting Parkside Drive. Mr. Marsh suggested that in future, this Committee could be the starting point of this type of issue.

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Anatomy of a Train (D. Elen)
- Citizen Communications (R. Marsh)
- Golf Ball Issue at Chedoke (B. McHattie)
- Federal Regulations – What are the parameters? (R. Marsh)
- Anti Idling By-law (B. Janssen)

12. Adjournment

Councillor McHattie thanked everyone for attending the meeting and advised that the next meeting of the Committee would be scheduled in approximately one months time.

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor B. McHattie
Chairman

Irene Sturgeon
Legislative Assistant
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