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Chair Jason Lum
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via email: info@fvrd.bc.ca

Dear Chair Lum:

RE: Rail Safety Week 2018

Canadian Pacific (CP) and the Canadian Pacific Police Service (CPPS) will be educating the public during this year's Rail Safety Week about safety in and around railway property. From September 23 to 29, CP and CPPS will conduct rail safety blitzes in communities across our network – from Montreal to Vancouver – with participation from other police agencies and schools to educate motorists, pedestrians and the general public about the role we each play in staying safe.

"All railway property, including tracks and surrounding right-of-ways are private. Unauthorized access by the public is illegal and hazardous. This includes walking on or around tracks, bridges, right-of-ways or rail yards. Trespassing laws are designed to keep the public and our employees safe," said Laird Pitz, CP's Senior Vice-President and Chief Risk Officer. "Rail safety requires 24/7 vigilance. We ask everyone to consider their own safety around railroad property. The impact of an incident can have tragic consequences for all concerned, including family, friends and community."

CP is proud to be the safest railway in North America, with the fewest reportable train accidents per million train miles among all Class 1 railways for 12 years straight.

We ask that you support rail safety in your community by participating in the upcoming Canada Rail Safety Week in the following ways:

- Engage on social media with CP's RailSense campaign, highlighting dangerous behavior near the tracks.
- Ask your local police service to also declare Rail Safety Week over social media
- Engage with Operation Lifesaver's #STOPTrackTragedies campaign that will tell the personal stories of those affected by railway crossing and trespassing incidents, and will feature the voices of locomotive engineers, emergency responders, and friends and family members of rail incident victims from across Canada. The campaign will be launched on Monday, September 24, 2018 and will be promoted from coast-to-coast through digital and traditional media campaigns.

The strong commitment of municipalities like yours continues to have a significant impact on community awareness, helping to reduce avoidable accidents, injuries and damage caused by collisions between trains and vehicles or

pedestrians. Together with other communities, railways and members of the public, your support this year will go a long way towards making Canada's rail network even safer.

We greatly appreciate your participation in Canada's 16th Rail Safety Week, and we welcome any information you'd like to share about your plans to promote rail safety this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike LoVecchio', with a stylized, flowing script.

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