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Council Approves Motion to Ban Train Whistles in Maple Ridge

Maple Ridge, BC: The City of Maple Ridge has been working closely with Transport Canada and CP Rail towards eliminating the use of train whistles in Maple Ridge. On Tuesday, September 18, Council passed a motion to prohibit the use of train whistles at the eight crossings located in Maple Ridge, the next step in a formal process that began in 2017.

To reach this point in the process the City has worked with CP Rail to conduct a safety audit of the train crossings in our community from Maple Meadows Way in the west through to 287 Street on the eastern border of the community. As a result of that audit, improvements were made to fencing at the Port Haney and Maple Meadows Way crossings. CP Rail has approved the works and the formal Council resolution was required to move forward.

The resolution will be sent to CP Rail who will notify Transport Canada of the intent to stop the train whistles in Maple Ridge. From there, the City will continue to work with CP Rail and Transport Canada over the coming months with the expectation that the formal train whistle process will be completed and train whistles will stop by the end of the year.