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Submitted by: J. Versigne

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## Whistle Cessation Kleinburg: Huntington Road, Kirby Road, Cold Creek Road

- 380 concerned residents have signed a petition to request a Whistle Cessation be put into effect immediately for the railroad crossings at Cold Creek Road, Huntington Road and Kirby Road.
- Whistle Cessation was adopted by the City of Vaughan at Rutherford Road and Major Mackenzie Drive and Nashville Road, overlooking subsequent crossings leaving residents of Kleinburg still affected by train whistles
- Transport Canada and Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) confirm current estimated freight train frequency for the CP Rail travelling through Kleinburg is 16 to 21 trains per 24 hours, operating 24/7 on no set schedule, day and night (as per email attached)
- Train whistles must begin blowing “at least” a quarter mile before each crossing, rendering the Cessation in place for the Nashville Road crossing ineffective as the close proximity of the next crossing makes the whistles overlap
- The Canadian Tire Mega Distribution Site in Bolton, will greatly increase the train activity through Kleinburg to the CP Rail Intermodal Facility located at Highway 50 and Rutherford Road which will be most active at night<sup>\*1</sup>, promising delivery to every store<sup>\*2</sup>. Most petitioners were probably unaware of this fact.
- The development of hundreds of new homes on the former site of the Kleinburg Golf and Country Club, will also see hundreds more disgruntled residents.
- The residents of Kleinburg are entitled to peaceful enjoyment of their homes, the previous undertaking of Whistle Cessations did not encompass all the appropriate crossings leaving the town residents to continue to suffer day night.
- Costs: for flashing lights, bells and crossing gates (York’s Transportation and Works Committee dated June 11, 2008), the federal government provides grants up to 80% of the fund for the installation of railway safety crossings (all here being two-lane rural, \$208,000 each). The City’s share of the annual insurance premium per crossing is between \$500 and \$650 per annum (taken from the June 8, 2001 Committee of the Whole Records).
- Finally, the Regional Municipality of York, Transportation and Works Committee, June 11, 2008 Report to the Commissioner of Transportation Services recommended adopting a Policy On Anti-Whistling at railway crossings of Regional Roads. Regarding Train Whistling Cessation, Item 15 Report No. 44 of the Committee of the Whole adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan at it’s meeting of September 22, 2008, Huntington Road, Kirby Road and Cold Creek Road are listed, have not yet been addressed (as per attached).
- By placing flashing lights, bells and crossing gates at these three locations, eliminates the auditory assault to the residents of Kleinburg and also creates a safer environment at these crossings, which will in turn save lives.

### Sources:

- 1 Bolton Distribution Centre ([www.caledon.ca](http://www.caledon.ca))  
Coleraine Drive  
Transportation Considerations  
December 2011  
BA Group Transportation Consultants
- 2 Canadian Tire Real Estate Limited ([www.town.caledon.on.ca](http://www.town.caledon.on.ca))  
Proposed Warehouse Distribution Centre  
Coleraine Drive and Healey Road, Town of Caledon  
Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications  
POPA 12-03 & RZ 12-05  
November 26, 2012



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## Train frequency E-2013-02-13-03950

1 message

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Community Connect <Community\_Connect@cpr.ca>

Thu, Feb 14, 2013 at 12:48 PM

To: "DAN@YOURWAYOUT.CA" <DAN@yourwayout.ca>

Hello Dan

Thank you for your inquiry.

Current estimated freight train frequency for the Canadian Pacific track at Vaughan, ON is 16-21 freight trains per 24hrs. CP freight trains operate 24/7, and unlike passenger trains we do not operate by a set schedule, so trains can be expected *at any time during the day and night*. Please note that the frequency range is only an estimate and may change without notice. For safety and security reasons we do not provide specific train time information to the public.

You may also wish to provide the following information to your client when looking at purchasing a house within proximity to our tracks.

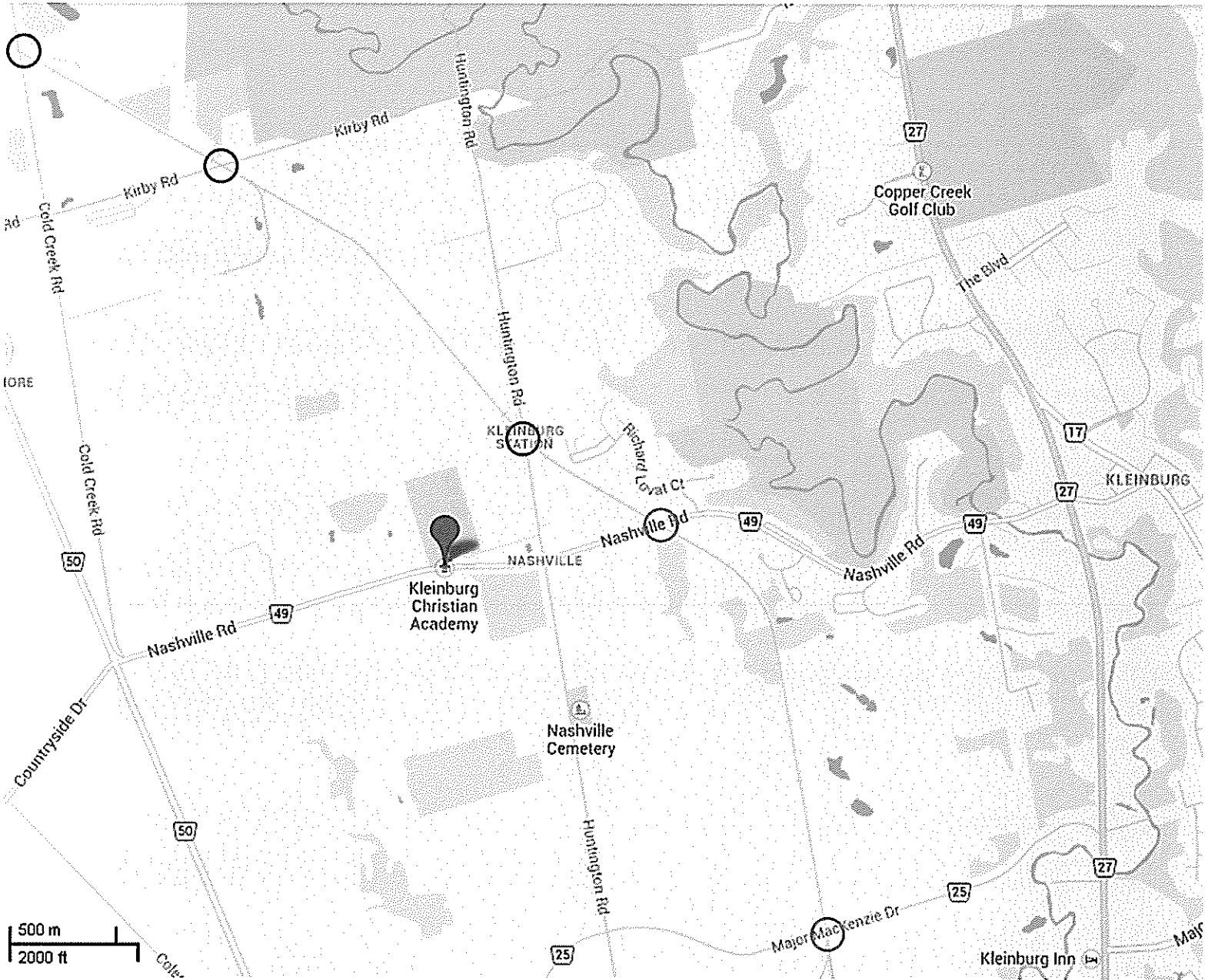
CP is a federally regulated company, and we are required by law to sound whistles at all public crossings within Canada as prescribed by the Canadian Railway Operating Rules (CROR). The rules apply 24 hours a day and the whistle must be sounded even if the crossing has lights, bells and crossing arms. The train whistle must begin at least a quarter mile before each crossing, and is sounded in a sequence of 2 long - 1 short - 1 long whistle. The sequence may be repeated according to the speed of movement, with the last long whistle held until the crossing is fully occupied. In areas where there are crossings in close proximity, the whistle must still be sounded at each crossing. The train whistle is a significant safety appliance, which provides a last warning to the public of an approaching train. CP takes public and employee safety very seriously, therefore it is CP's position to sound the train whistle at every public crossing. The only exception to the whistling regulations are crossings where federally approved whistle prohibitions have been put in place. There is a whistle cessation in place for the crossing at Nashville Road. Please note that the whistle will still sound in the event of a safety concern such as trespassers or animals on the track or adjacent right of way.

As with any similar heavy industry, there are inherent noise and vibrations from our operations which may affect neighbouring properties. We encourage home buyers, builders, and property developers to spend time at the location to get a sense of what to expect when living in proximity to our rail line.

Kind regards,

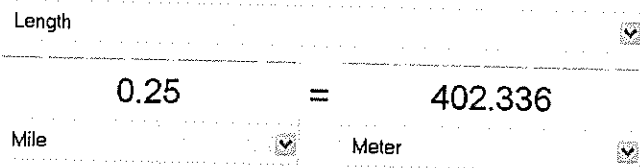
Christine Brown

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○ Rail Crossings with Whistle Cessation in effect

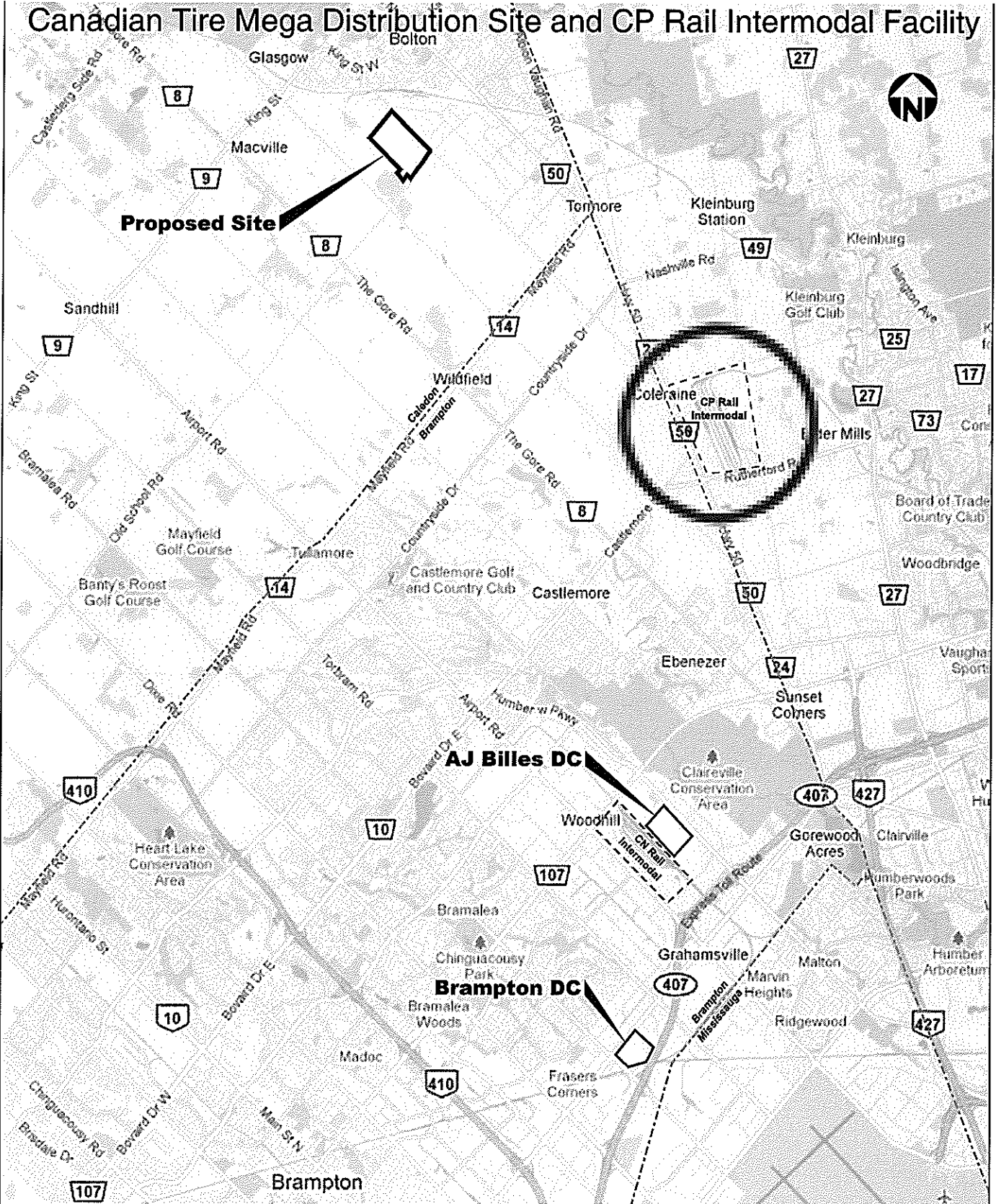
○ Rail Crossings requiring Whistle Cessation



# Canadian Tire Mega Distribution Site and CP Rail Intermodal Facility

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DATE PLOTTED: November 29, 2011



**SITE LOCATION**



Bolton Distribution Centre  
5767-38 December 2011

Figure 1

**Table 1**  
**Anti-Whistling Implementation Costs on Regional Roads**

		Cost Per Location				
		Regional	Local Municipality for Anti-Whistling			Total
# Lanes	Environment	Flasher and Gates	Pedestrian Gates	Safety Audit	Education Program	
2 – lane	Rural	\$200.000	No sidewalk	\$3.000	\$5.000	\$208.000
4 – lane	Rural	\$250.000	No Sidewalk	\$3.000	\$5.000	\$258.000
2 – lane	Urban	\$200.000	\$80.000	\$3.000	\$5.000	\$288.000
4 – lane	Urban	\$250.000	\$80.000	\$3.000	\$5.000	\$338.000

**Costs to install the necessary safety devices to implement anti-whistling at railway crossings vary based on geometrics**

Should a crossing location that is being considered for an anti-whistling by-law not have all appropriate safety warning devices in place, the installation of the necessary devices is required. The Federal government provides up to 80% of the funding for the installation of railway safety devices.

The Regional Municipality of York, Transportation and Works Committee,  
June 11, 2008

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If it meets the Transport Canada guidelines for anti-whistling and an exemption is made, the municipality will be required to execute an insurance agreement whereby it pays a share of the costs of the annual insurance premium per crossing. In this case, staff have been advised by St. Lawrence and Hudson Railway that the premium would be approximately \$1,000.00 to \$1,300.00 per year. The City's share of the insurance premium would be 50%, or between \$500.00 and \$650.00 per annum.

OF/gg

Committee of the Whole, June 18, 2001  
Train Whistling at the Level Crossings  
on Rutherford Road, Major Mackenzie Drive  
and Nashville Road West of Highway #27



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**FOR INQUIRIES:** PLEASE QUOTE ITEM & REPORT NO.

September 26, 2008

Mr. Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk  
The Regional Municipality of York  
17250 Yonge Street, Box 147  
Newmarket, ON  
L3Y 6Z1

**REGION OF YORK  
CLERK'S OFFICE**

**FILE No. -** *906*

Dear Mr. Kelly:

**RE: TRAIN WHISTLING CESSATION**

Attached for your information is **Item 15, Report No. 44**, of the Committee of the Whole regarding the above-noted matter which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan at its meeting of September 22, 2008.

Sincerely,

*Sybil Ferrerolas*

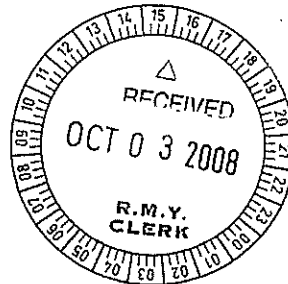
*for* Jeffrey A. Abrams  
City Clerk

Attachment:

Extract

1. List of CP railway crossings in the City
2. List of CN railway crossings in the City

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Attachment #1

**CP Railway Crossings in the City**

CP Mactier Subdivision (North-South)

9.95 Islington Ave (whistle cessation in place)  
10.10 CNR (grade separation - no whistle required)  
10.30 Highway #407 (grade separation - no whistle required)  
10.48 Humber River (grade separation - no whistle required)  
11.15 Highway #7 (grade separation - no whistle required)  
11.49 Woodbridge Ave (grade separation - no whistle required)  
11.56 William St. (grade separation - no whistle required)  
11.77 Kipling Ave (whistle cessation in place)  
11.90 Private Road (whistle cessation in place)  
12.5 Langstaff Road  
13.70 Highway #27 (grade separation - no whistle required)  
14.13 Rutherford Road (whistle cessation in place)  
15.47 Major Mackenzie Drive (whistle cessation in place)  
16.70 Nashville Road (whistle cessation in place)  
17.28 Huntington Road  
18.48 Kirby Road  
19.15 Cold Creek Road  
19.71 Albion Vaughan Townline Road (whistle cessation in place)