

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

SESSION ELEVEN

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008

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Township of Brock
1 Cameron St. East, PO Box 10
Cannington, Ontario L0E 1E0
Attention: G.S. Graham,
Clerk/Administrator

Dear Sir or Madame;

RE: Snow Removal Operations 2008-2009 Rail-Road Crossings

During winter months, snow removal operations are carried out on our roads to ensure safety of motorists. Unfortunately, we notice far too often that a build-up of snow on the side of the road caused by snow removal is obstructing visibility at the level crossing. In addition, *this snow build-up sometimes affects the operation of the automatic protection system.* We wish to remind you that the road authority is responsible to ensure that snow-clearing operation does not affect in any way, the safety of public level crossings on its territory.

We are therefore counting on your cooperation to proceed with the removal of the snow within your jurisdiction, such that it does not create safety hazards at the level crossings. Snow accumulation along the side of the road, shall not affect public safety nor railway operations.

The road surface on the approaches shall be cleaned to ensure that vehicles are able to stop clear of the track. De-icing or abrasive products are usually used on the road surface to reduce the risk of sliding and improve braking for vehicles. Such products can sometimes cause *automatic protection equipment* to malfunction and therefore shall *not be* used directly on the track.

A motorist approaching a level crossing shall have a clear view of the automatic protection equipment and of the crossing signs (cross bucks); he should be able to come to a complete stop clear of the track and have a clear view of any approaching trains.

If snow accumulation is left on the crossing, near the signal equipment or any other location, where it may compromise safety or affect railway operations, the Railway will arrange to get the corrective work done at the cost of the Road Authority. However, the

Road Authority could do this work by contacting CN Engineering Services at 905-669-3184 to make arrangements for the safe execution of this work. **No work shall be carried out within the railway corridor without first contacting the CN.**

Please ensure that your staff, which is responsible for snow removal operations will carry out their work without compromising roadway and railway safety.

For any additional information please contact the undersigned at (905) 669-3373 or at the email address given below. We thank you for your cooperation.

Yours truly,

Vivek Gupta Kumar, CA
For John Mac Taggart, P.Eng.
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NOTE: PLEASE RSVP THE RECIEPT OF THIS MAIL AT THE EARLIEST.

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To Heads of Council, CAO's, Treasurers and Engineering/Public Works Departments

Call for information on municipal "construction-ready" projects

On November 26, 2008, FCM President Jean Perrault wrote to all members to provide an update on the federal government's plan to accelerate infrastructure funding to municipalities as part of an economic stimulus package to protect Canada's economy.

In this advisory, we are now calling on members to share with us information on construction-ready capital projects that we can use to make the case to the Government of Canada that municipalities are ready and waiting to participate in a national effort to stimulate the economy.

In the coming weeks, the Government of Canada will be rolling out an economic stimulus package. We expect it will contain a commitment to accelerate the allocation of existing funds in the application-based, cost-shared Building Canada Fund (BCF). We have also urged the federal government to deliver new funds, above and beyond what has been allocated in the BCF, by quickly confirming the extension of the three existing social housing programs, by extending soon-to-expire public transit funding and increasing this year's gas tax transfer.

Critics of this approach to economic stimulus have suggested that infrastructure projects cannot be organized rapidly enough to create jobs in this recession. We need your help to counter these criticisms.

Specifically, we are asking members to provide us with either or both of the following:

- A list of municipal capital projects, (e.g. water or sewer rehabilitation; road resurfacing; or new construction) with details on type of project and total value, which are currently not fully funded but, with additional funding, could begin in time for the 2009 construction season. In most cases, given the limited planning time, "construction-ready" projects are more likely to be small to medium-sized and mostly for rehabilitation rather than for new services.
- An aggregate value of all currently unfunded "construction-ready" projects your municipality could begin in the 2009 construction season if you received additional funding.

Project information can be e-mailed to construction@fcm.ca or faxed to 613-241-7440. With the federal economic stimulus package expected in the next six to eight weeks, project information from members would be most effective if received by December 8, 2008.

In addition, as the national debate continues on the need for and shape of an economic stimulus package, your local media may ask you how and whether your municipality would be ready to get construction underway in 2009 if new funding was made available. The information we are requesting here will help you respond with specific examples of projects on which your municipality could move forward.

If you have any questions about this call for information, please contact Talusier LaSalle, Policy & Research Analyst, at tlasalle@fcm.ca or 613-907-6243.