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His Worship Glenn Koester  
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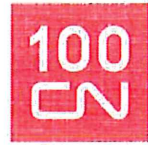
Dear Reeve Koester:

Following the entering into force of Transport Canada's *Grade Crossings Regulations* in November 2014, CN has been collaborating with Road Authorities and communities across our network as we all work to comply with the new requirements aimed at improving grade crossing safety by the November 28, 2021 deadline.

Safety is a shared responsibility and grade crossings present a very good illustration of this reality. By enabling the coexistence of road and rail traffic, grade crossings facilitate the flow of persons and goods, supporting the lives of Canadians and the economy. The Regulations recognize this shared responsibility by directing Road Authorities and Railway Companies to share information and take measures aimed at improving safety.

You may recall that the Regulations require Railway Companies and Road Authorities to share with each other specific information about public crossings in order to determine the work needed to bring grade crossings in compliance with the standards set by the Regulations. In that respect, by the end of November 2016, CN shared with your community a detailed list of crossings and a spreadsheet to facilitate the crossing information sharing.

CN has received the crossing information from the Wheatland County and we want to thank you for sharing this information with us.



Since the crossing information has been exchanged, CN proceeded with an evaluation to determine if the crossings are in compliance with the *Grade Crossings Regulations*. CN has identified certain items of potential concern and is proposing to meet with your representatives to provide details and discuss the potential required work or any concerns identified by your public works department.

CN is committed to continue working with your community on crossing safety. To that end, our Public Works Officers are preparing to meet with the Wheatland County and will be contacting your public works department in order to discuss the results of your own evaluations and to coordinate any required work so as to ensure that the crossings are compliant with the Regulations by November 28, 2021.

**Costs:**

Should any work at the crossings in your territory be required to ensure compliance with the Regulations, the costs will be shared in accordance with the existing orders from the Canadian Transportation Agency or its predecessors or Agreements in place governing each party's responsibility at those crossings.

**Contacts:**

If you have any questions or concerns respecting CN's activities in your community, please do not hesitate to contact Lyndsay Brumwell at 306-945-6567 or by email at [lyndsay.brumwell@cn.ca](mailto:lyndsay.brumwell@cn.ca)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sean Finn'.

Sean Finn

Encl.

cc: Mr. Brian Henderson, Interim Chief Administrative Officer





## A Shared Responsibility

- Transport Canada's New  
Grade Crossings  
Regulations and Standards
- CN's obligations
  - Communities' obligations

CN is working with road authorities and communities to meet Transport Canada's new crossing Regulations and Standards, and advance our shared responsibility.

### Goals of the new Grade Crossings Regulations

- Provide consistent grade crossing safety standards for both new and existing crossings in Canada
- Clearly define roles and responsibilities of railway companies and road authorities
- Promote collaboration between communities and railway companies.
- Ensure the sharing of key safety information

### Grade Crossing Standards

The Grade Crossing Standards are mandatory engineering standards for crossing surfaces, road geometry, sightlines, warning systems and other elements that improve safety at crossings.

Any new crossings and existing crossings undergoing upgrades or modifications must meet Transport Canada's new Regulations immediately. All crossings that currently do not meet the engineering standards must be upgraded to meet the Regulations and Standards by 2021.



HAVEN'T RECEIVED YOUR  
CROSSING INFORMATION OR  
FOR MORE INFORMATION  
Contact CN Public Inquiry Line  
(888) 888-5909  
Contact@cn.ca

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
FROM TRANSPORT CANADA  
Visit: [www.ttc.gc.ca/eng/railsafety/](http://www.ttc.gc.ca/eng/railsafety/)



## TRANSPORT CANADA'S NEW REGULATIONS REQUIRE INFORMATION SHARING ABOUT CROSSINGS BY NOVEMBER 27, 2016



### CN's obligations

CN is providing road authorities information about existing public grade crossings:

- Location of the grade crossing
- Number of tracks that cross the grade crossing
- The average daily railway movements
- The railway design speed (maximum train speed)
- Type of warning system in place at the crossing
- Whether a stop sign is installed on the same post as the railway crossing sign
- Whether or not whistling is required when trains approach the crossing

### Communities' obligations

Road authorities have been asked to provide CN with public grade crossings information:

- Location of the grade crossing
- Number of traffic lanes that cross the crossing surface
- Average annual daily traffic
- Road design speed at the crossing
- Roadway design specifications for road approaches, (Tables 10-2, 10-3 and 10-4 of the Grade Crossing Standards)
- Width of each traffic lane and shoulder on the road approach
- Design vehicle
- Stopping sight distance

- Average gradient of the road approach
- Crossing angle (Article 6.5 of Grade Crossing Standards)
- Applicable departure time (Article 10.3 of Grade Crossing Standards)
- Advanced activation time of the Prepare to Stop Sign (Article 18.2 of Grade Crossing Standards)
- Interconnection of Traffic Signals with Railway Warning Systems Time (Article 19.3(a) of Grade Crossing Standards)
- Whether the crossing includes a sidewalk, path or trail, and if so, whether the sidewalk, path or trail has been designated for persons using assistive devices

### ROAD AUTHORITIES: HOW WE ARE SHARING

#### INFORMATION WITH YOU

CN Engineering officers have been working to identify all the public road crossings and will share with you an electronic list of CN crossings in your community. Those lists will include the information CN is required to share with you and will also include a description of the information Transport Canada has asked you to share with us.

CN is also asking road authority representatives to fill in the required information in the electronic list provided and submit it to CN.

### WHAT HAPPENS THEN?

Once the crossing information is exchanged, CN and road authorities can make an evaluation to determine if the crossings are in compliance with the Grade Crossing Regulations.

Any required upgrades to existing crossings must be completed by November 27, 2021.

# Village of Hussar

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Attn. Reeve Amber Link

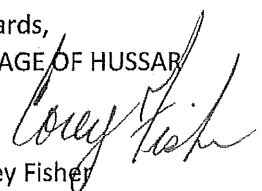
**RE: 2019 County Regional Infrastructure Services Program (CRISP) Funding**

On behalf of the Village of Hussar Council we would like to express our thanks to Wheatland County for the funding provided in 2019 under the Wheatland County Regional Infrastructure Services Program (CRISP).

The Village of Hussar will use the 2019 funds to help complete road construction on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East. This project includes the replacement of water and wastewater mains for the length of one block. The upgrades to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East provide benefit to both residents of the Village as well as residents of Wheatland County and local industry as this road provides direct access to the fuel cardlock station within the Village.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Kate Brandt, CAO at 403-787-3766 or by email at [office@villageofhussar.ca](mailto:office@villageofhussar.ca).

Regards,  
VILLAGE OF HUSSAR

  
Corey Fisher  
Mayor



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October 20, 2019

Wheatland County,

As you may be aware, the Hussar Arena requires a new ice plant. Investigation of code requirements has determined that there are new regulations that would make it extremely difficult to replace the plant in its current location. Therefore, we have received a quote to build a new plant in an external building on the property. This would then meet all the safety requirements of an ammonia plant and ensure the well-being of our contract workers, as well as all users of our facility. The current quote we have received is **\$635,000**.

As you can well imagine, the cost of this project makes it impossible for us to accomplish on our own! The Hussar Ag Society anticipates using \$100,000 of its operating funds towards this project. We have also received a grant from the Climate Leadership Plan of \$45,273. The Richardson Foundation will contribute \$25,000 once we reach our halfway funding. In pursuing grants, we have unfortunately been unsuccessful in some and currently have \$200,000 pending approval. We anticipate applying for upwards of \$200,000 in the winter season. Fundraising efforts are also underway and will continue.

In pursuing this project, we have come to truly appreciate the integral position the arena holds in our community. It is certainly a gathering place for our youth, and for all generations who enjoy the ice sports we offer. Understandably, without an ice plant we would no longer be able to operate our arena.

With this letter, we humbly ask for your aid in this project. Please feel free to discuss with any member of our board. Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,

**Hussar & District Agricultural Society**

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