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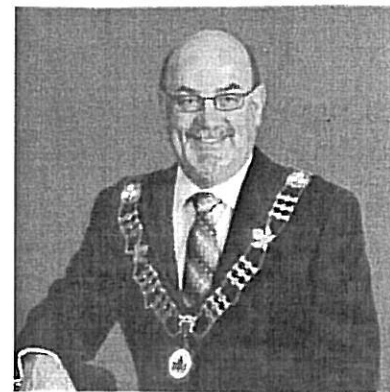
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GARY MCNAMARA

June 27, 2010

Honourable Rob Merrifield
Minister of State Transport
330 Sparks Street, Tower C, 29th Floor
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Honourable Merrifield:

**Re: Pre-emption Signalization Lesperance Road At-Grade Railway Crossing,
Town of Tecumseh, Ontario**

The Town of Tecumseh, in consultation with representatives from Transport Canada, Canadian National Rail and Via Rail, installed traffic signals in 2009 at the intersection of Tecumseh Road and Lacasse Boulevard as part of the Tecumseh Road improvement project funded through the COMRIF Program. Canadian National Rail (herein "CN") was required to modify the road crossing warning system at Lesperance Road, at mileage 99.31, for the provision of a pre-emption signal to the traffic signals at the intersection of Lacasse Boulevard and Tecumseh Road. Due to the lack of the necessary railway pre-emption, these traffic signals remain non-functional.

On December 14, 2009, the Town received correspondence from CN, indicating that CN had received materials for the pre-emption project and confirmed working towards a completion date of March 31, 2010.

The Canadian Transportation Agency forwarded Order No. 2010-AGR-123 dated February 22, 2010 to CN relating to the alteration and maintenance of the road crossing warning system at Lesperance Road and mileage 99.31. CN forwarded the executed agreement for the pre-emption works to the Town May 6, 2010.

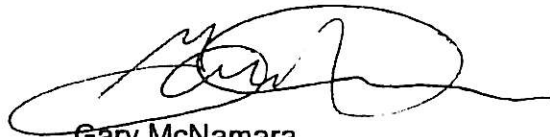
Recent correspondence received from CN dated June 7, 2010, states that the pre-emption works will not be completed until December 14, 2010 as CN has reassigned its resources to other Transport Canada projects that must be completed by the same completion deadline of December 14, 2010.

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Although the Town understands the challenges faced by CN in scheduling its projects, this pre-emption project was initiated in June 2006.

Accordingly, the Town respectfully requests your assistance in expediting CN's necessary modifications to the road crossing warning system required at Lesperance Road, in the Town of Tecumseh, at mileage 99.31, for the provision of a pre-emption signal to the traffic signals at the intersection of Lacasse Boulevard and Tecumseh Road.

Yours sincerely,



Gary McNamara
Mayor
Town of Tecumseh

Encl

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