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Mayor and Council

Town of Fort Frances

320 Portage Avenue

Fort Frances, On

Re: Railroad Tracks on Armit Avenue

Dear Sirs,

It has come to my attention that the CN are considering putting in a third set of tracks from the Duluth junction, westerly to allow for another holding area for trains. Given that the trains are some twelve thousand feet long, I wonder how long the area would then be. At this time the existing tracks that run through Armit Avenue by my house are more then adequate to hold trains that shake the whole neighborhood when stopping, starting or operating over worn out rail joints. In the past , towns were built around train tracks but I feel this is no longer necessary. Holding areas can be created in places safer then the middle of town. Single trains passing through from a holding west of town is an idea I feel very strongly about. This is an issue the town should address, as more tracks can be related to more issues of safety concerning hazardes goods and more disturbances in neighborhoods located by the tracks.


The railroad is not your friendly neighbor. Small towns need to start speaking out ! We only need to think of the recent derailment in the west of town and the one on Armit Avenue sometime back, we were lucky then because it was only coal that spilled.

Also, reading about the CN asking to dump the Potash in the Town's dump has prompted me to call a CN representative by the name of Dave Nichols in Thunderbay. In regards to my concern of the third tracks, he informed that he is not at liberty to comment. He can be reached at : 705-618-1258.

Should you need to talk with me I can be reached at the above noted number.

Thank you for all your concerns in this matter.

Sincerely.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Terry Parks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

Terry Parks