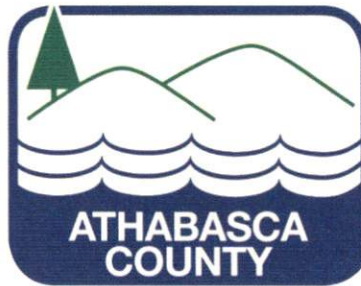


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Madam/Mr. Chair:

Re: Canada Transportation Act (CTA) Review

Athabasca County adopted the following motion at its April 14, 2015, Regular Council meeting:

Moved by Councilor Speers to authorize administration to provide a letter of support for Forest Products Association of Canada's (FPAC) concerns around efficient, reliable and cost-competitive rail transportation to the Government of Canada during its review of the Canada Transportation Act (CTA).

Carried.

Industries within Athabasca County, including Alberta Pacific Forest Industries Inc. and Millar Western Forest Products Ltd., are heavily dependent on a reliable and cost-competitive rail network in order to compete in the global marketplace. The forest industry within the boundaries of Athabasca County employs more than 1,500 full-time people, in addition to part-time and contract staff, making the industry critical to the viability and long-term sustainability of this region. Losses in the tens of millions of dollars are resulting annually within these two industries alone without a reliable supply network to ship product.

In addition, the oil and gas and agricultural sectors are major industries in the region that also depend on Canada's rail networks to ship products to market nationally, the United States, and internationally.

Athabasca County requests that you give due consideration to these important elements of rail transportation for Canadians and Canadian industries in your review of the Canada Transportation Act.

Thank you for the opportunity and consideration of our submission. We anticipate a positive result.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doris Splane". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Doris Splane
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Athabasca County

Cc: Alberta Pacific Forest Industries Inc.
Millar Western Forest Products Ltd.
MP David Yurdiga
Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC)