

Hello,

Train whistles. This is an on-going concern for Port Edward residents and is reportedly being addressed by mayor and council.

The issue is, not necessarily, one of noise as much as consistency. Some engineers don't whistle at all, some whistle perfunctorily, and some seem to grab and hold on from one end of town to the other.

We live on Harbourview Drive which runs parallel to the tracks, albeit somewhat elevated, and almost directly opposite the sign indicating whistle-time for two marked, level, but un-controlled crossings.

Since CN has now pretty much completed its work on Ridley Island consisting of a ring-road and multiple in/out tracks and with the addition of the Pinnacle pellet facility in Prince Rupert we can expect increased traffic.

So, since a tiny hamlet like Port Edward (pop. 500) can't possibly afford the expense of installing multiple controlled crossings I would urge this committee to ask CN to ask their engineers to slow down, exercise better discretion in whistling, and consider the time of day (night!) when leaning on the horn when transiting the few hundred metres that constitute the municipality's boundaries. One has only to factor in the multiplying effects that a body of water (Porpoise Harbour) has on a train's whistle to fully understand the magnitude of the problem. A heavy-handed engineer can provide the illusion of a never-ending whistle!

Thank you,

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