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MIDDLESEX CENTRE

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Municipality of MIDDLESEX CENTRE  
10227 Hlderton Rd., R. R. # 2  
Hlderton (ON)  
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**Subject: Canadian Pacific Kansas City 2024 Vegetation Control Program**

Dear Madam:

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Canadian Pacific Kansas City Railway (CPKC) will be carrying out its 2024 annual vegetation control program within your city limits. This program will be confined to CPKC's right-of-way, part of this program will consist of grass and weed control using herbicides on the ballast (gravelled section) and the second part (if needed) will take care of the brush on selected rail lines. The rail ballast portion of the program will take place within your municipality between May 14 and August 31<sup>st</sup>, as for the brush control, if needed, will be between May 14 and August 31<sup>st</sup>. Some manual brush control involving stump treatment may occur from May 14 until December 15.

This program is necessary to eliminate brush and weeds which constitute a hazard to the public and to CPKC's employees as well. If left uncontrolled, vegetation contributes to trackside fires, impairs visibility of train signals, impairs sight lines at railway crossings, impairs proper inspection of track infrastructure, etc. This is all in accordance with Ontario *Regulation 63/09*, which grants public works the right to use herbicides when it comes to the safety of their infrastructure. All applications will be carried out by qualified operators in conformity with current federal and provincial regulations. This program will also be subject to all habitation and aquatic setbacks listed on the products' label. All herbicides are registered under the PMRA and they are all biodegradable.

We invite you to visit CPKC's web site at [www.cpkcr.com](http://www.cpkcr.com), where a detailed schedule of our vegetation control operations is posted. To find the schedule please copy and past the following address <https://www.cpkcr.com/en/community/Ontario-Spray-Schedules> into your browser. On the same page you will also be able to review previous vegetation management programs.

We also have a 24/7 service called Community Connect dedicated in providing answers to any question related to CPKC's railway operations. You can contact them through an online form by visiting <https://www.cpkcr.com/en/community/community-connect-contact-form> on CPKC's website.

We invite you to communicate this information to your citizens as well. We would like also to take this opportunity to remind you that, as per Transport Canada "*Railway Safety Act*", it is illegal to be on any railway property without lawful authorization.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Gordon', written in a cursive style.

Geoff Gordon  
Vegetation Management Specialist  
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Railway

c.c.: Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks of Ontario