

March 19, 2021

RECEIVED

MAR 30 2021

MIDDLESEX CENTRE

Municipality of MIDDLESEX CENTRE  
10227 Ilderton Rd., R. R. # 2  
Ilderton (ON)  
N0M 2A0

**Subject: Canadian Pacific 2021 Vegetation Control Program**

Dear Madam:

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) will be carrying out its 2021 annual vegetation control program within your city limits. This program will be confined to CP'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 4<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>, as for the brush control, if needed, will be between May 4<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>. Some manual brush control involving stump treatment may occur from May 4<sup>th</sup> until December 15.

This program is necessary to eliminate brush and weeds which constitute a hazard to the public and to CP'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 CP's web site at [www.cpr.ca](http://www.cpr.ca), where a detailed schedule of our vegetation control operations is posted. To find the schedule move your cursor over "Community" (just above the main banner), a drop-down menu will open and then select the item "Living Near the Railway". Once on that page, click on the "Learn More" button on the main banner image (under Seasonal Track Maintenance title) then among the items listed on the far left of the screen click on "Ontario vegetation control", to see the link to the actual schedule (a pdf document). You can also use the following address with your browser: <http://www.cpr.ca/en/community/living-near-the-railway/ontario-spray-schedules>.

We also have a 24/7, toll-free service called Community Connect dedicated in providing answers to any question related to CP's railway operations and can be reached at 1-800-766-7912. You can also send them an online form or an email. You can find all this information by simply scrolling down while on "Ontario Spray Schedules" webpage.

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

c.c.: Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change of Ontario