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Mark Roberts, Chief Administrative Officer
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Received via email: kdykeman@pittmeadows.ca

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed Canadian Pacific (CP) Rail Logistics Park in Pitt Meadows. The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries (the Ministry) is aware that CP Rail is currently undergoing public and stakeholder engagement and appreciates the City of Pitt Meadows raising concerns about the proposed project and potential impacts to farmland in your community.

We understand that the project is an expansion to the existing Vancouver Intermodal Facility and consists of a multi-modal, multi-commodity transloading and logistics facility that would handle agricultural products, automobiles (including electric vehicles), and liquid energy products. We note that the project would affect approximately 41 hectares of CP Rail-owned land on the south side of the existing facility (extending from Kennedy Road to Harris Road) that is located entirely within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and is considered prime agricultural land.

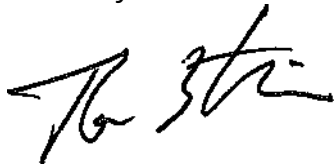
We are also aware that the Agricultural Land Commission has been engaged and provided a letter to CP Rail emphasizing the importance and scarcity of prime agricultural lands in British Columbia (B.C.) and highlighting the possible impacts that the proposed project may have on the local agricultural community. We also understand that the City of Pitt Meadows is advocating for the proposed project to be reviewed through federal channels. We wish to note that the proposed project is not being reviewed under the provincial *Environmental Assessment Act* as it does not meet project threshold criteria. More information on these threshold criteria may be found in Section 4 of the *Reviewable Projects Regulations* of the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

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We recognize that CP Rail has engaged a Professional Agrologist to provide a report on the potential impacts of the project to agriculture. Ministry staff have reviewed the project documents and will be offering comments to CP Rail regarding the potential impacts of the project on the agriculture community and mitigation options to consider, should the project move forward.

Thank you for bringing attention to this matter and for supporting agriculture in your community. Please contact Jeff Weightman, Team Lead - Land Use Planning (Jeffrey.Weightman@gov.bc.ca or 236-478-3272) if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

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

Tom Ethier
Deputy Minister