

Community and Operations Services Committee – October 20, 2025

Canadian National Railway Access Control Agreement (Ward 5)

That the Community and Operations Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas, by way of correspondence dated July 6, 1998, from the Canadian National Railway (“CN”), and in accordance with Report OS-98-395, the then-Operational Services Committee considered recommendations at its October 27, 1998, meeting from the Acting Commissioner of Public Works regarding a proposed 1999 agreement with CN (“1999 Agreement”); and,

Whereas the purpose and intent of the 1999 Agreement was to enter a cost-sharing arrangement between the City and CN regarding the costs of repairing the fencing along the CN corridor, which acts as a mitigation strategy to support train whistling cessation efforts by municipalities; and,

Whereas City staff received correspondence from CN dated May 15, 2025, confirming that the 1999 Agreement was never executed by both parties, and provided an updated Access Control Agreement which reflects current operational needs and articulates the responsibilities and obligations for both the City and CN; and,

Whereas the three-year average maintenance costs are approximately \$3,500, and these costs will be accommodated in the City’s operating budget, to be shared equally (50%-50%) with CN;

Therefore be it resolved that based on Item CO-25-50 dated October 20, 2025 concerning an access control agreement with the Canadian National Railway, the Commissioner, Community and Operations Services Department, or their designate, be authorized to execute the Access Control Agreement for the cost-sharing arrangement of fence repairs, in a form and content satisfactory to the Commissioner, Community and Operations Services Department and the City Solicitor.