



CANADA'S RAILWAYS

# A Primer on Canada's Railway Industry

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# Canada's railway franchise



## About the RAC

Class 1: CN, CP and US carriers

Short line: 50+ across Canada

Passenger: Commuter, Intercity, Tourist

500 rail industry suppliers.

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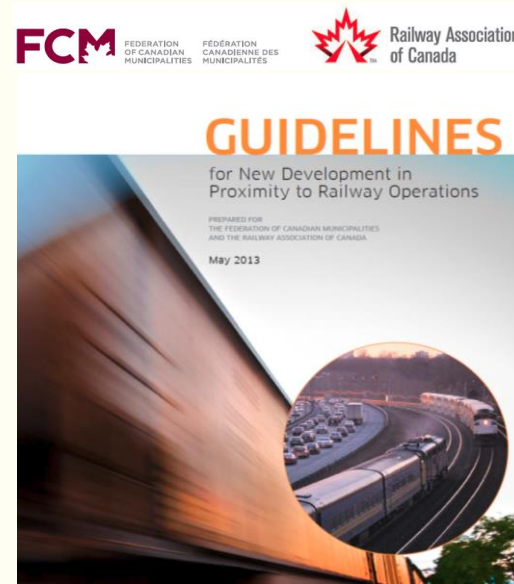
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# Benefits of Rail in Saskatchewan

Infrastructure	Taxes	Employees	Freight	Investment
<b>7,790 kms</b> of privately owned track, plus yards, transload facilities & intermodal hubs.	<b>\$98.5 M</b> paid each year in taxes in Saskatchewan.	<b>2,060+</b> dedicated railroaders committed to excellence.	<b>66.7 B</b> revenue tonne kilometers moved in the province each year.	<b>\$367.6 M</b> private capital invested in Saskatchewan in 2017.

# Municipal partnerships & shared safety



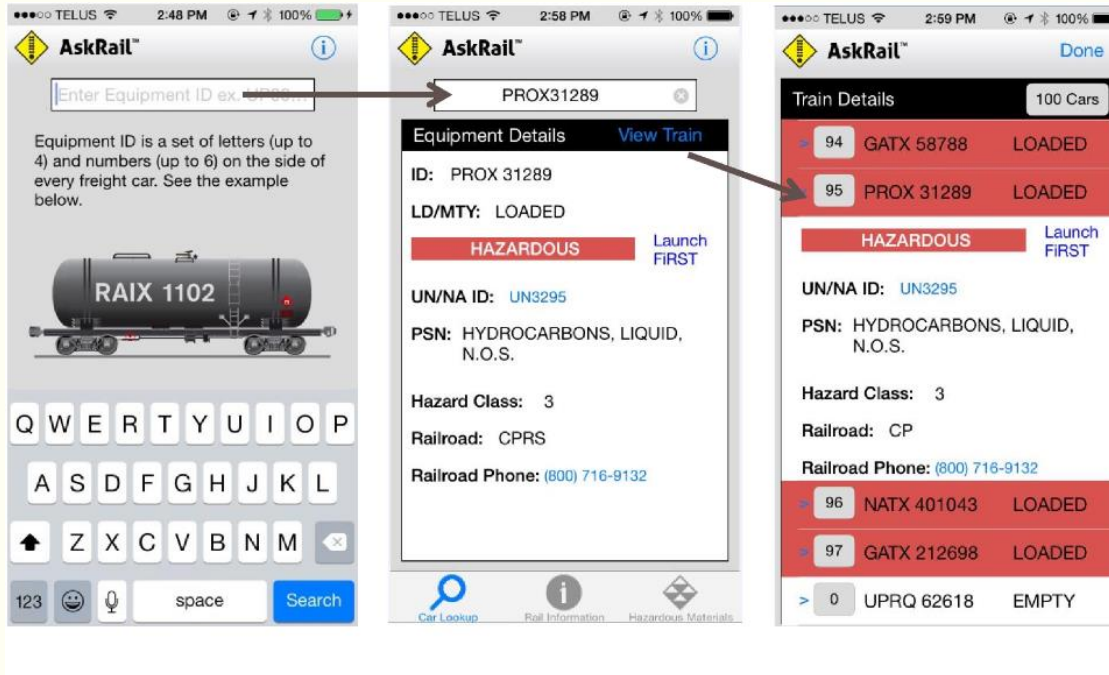


# RAC Dangerous Goods Services

- Extensive training delivered across Canada
- Specialized services safe loading/unloading
- Railway Emergency Response Course at JIBC
- TRANSCAER® with First Responders

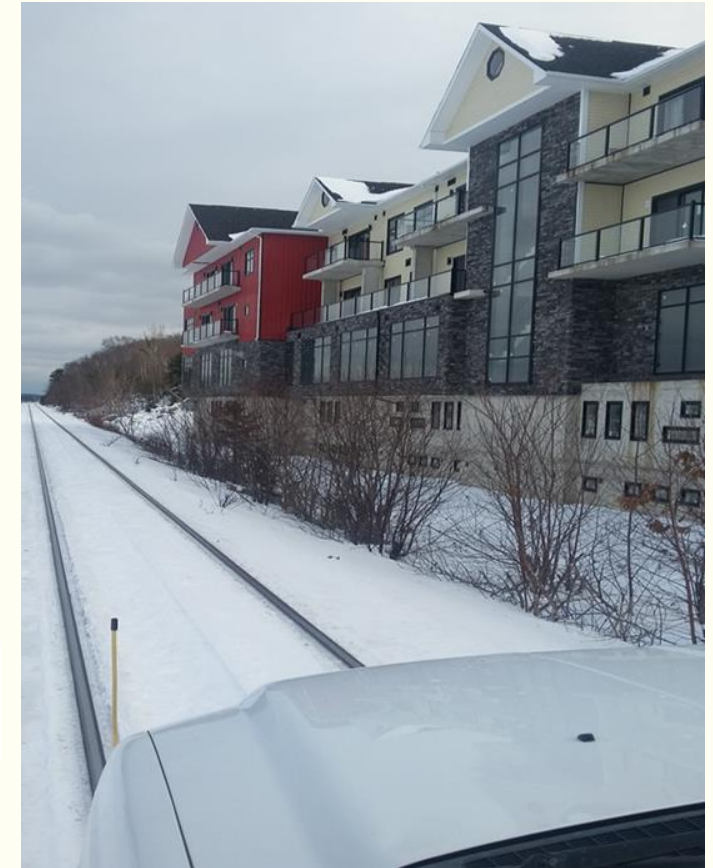


# Other industry initiatives



# Proximity Initiative

- Urban development, population growth, demand for rail services.
- RAC and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities work together to mitigate proximity issues.
- MOU renewed in 2016, Guidelines to be updated.



Bedford, Nova Scotia, 2015  
No setback, crash wall or noise barrier

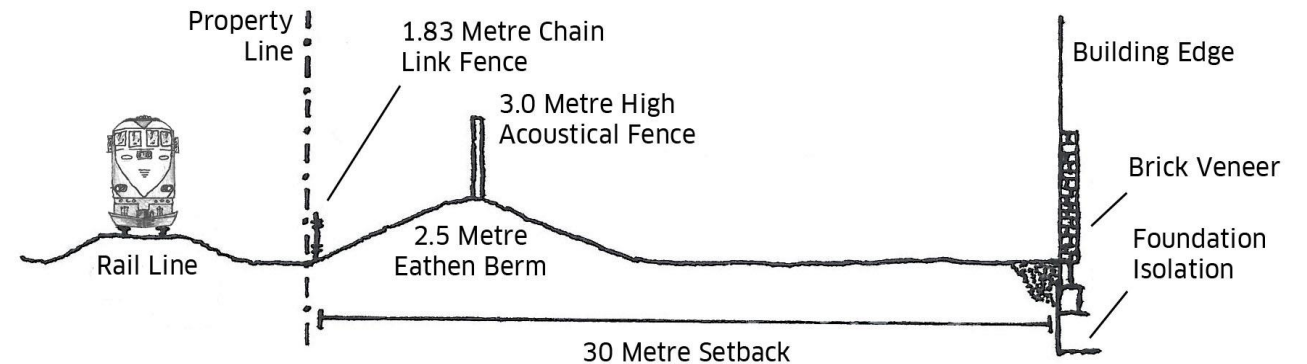


# New standards driven by municipal engagement

PROXIMITY



Brampton, Ontario



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# Trespassing and crossing safety



- More than 2,100 North Americans are killed or seriously injured in railway crossing and trespassing incidents each year.
- A train collides with a vehicle or a person almost every day in Canada.
- These tragic incidents not only impact victims, but their families and friends, railway workers, emergency responders and communities.



# What is Operation Lifesaver?



- OL is a not-for-profit dedicated to preventing deaths and injuries caused by collisions at railway crossings and trespassing on railway property.
- It works in partnership with the rail industry, governments, law enforcement and safety groups.
- Through innovative public-awareness and education campaigns, OL save lives



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# LOOK. LISTEN. LIVE.



- Virtual-reality campaign showing Canadians how quickly and quietly a train can sneak up on them.
- Five campaign videos target different audiences (snowmobilers, ATVers, commuters, drivers, etc.)
- 40+ million impressions to date through social, digital, out-of-home and broadcast ads driving traffic to [www.LookListenLive.ca](http://www.LookListenLive.ca)





# Community Safety Partnership Program



- Partnership with municipalities to install rail-safety decals at crossings, and raise awareness through local media
- Vancouver became first municipality to participate in the program, followed by London, ON.
- OL has contacted 17 municipalities in 2019 to encourage them to participate



# Grade crossings update

- 85 per cent of railway operations-related fatalities and serious injuries occur at grade crossings or due to trespassing.
- RAC members are committed to working with road authorities to ensure compliance with federal Grade Crossings Regulations and standards.
- Goals of new regulation:

Improve safety  
Provide consistent standards  
Clarify roles and responsibilities

Promote collaboration  
Implement results-based regulations

# Grade crossings update

I – Sharing Information	II – Inspections and Upgrades	III - New crossings
<p>Railways and road authorities to share information about public crossings.</p> <p>November 28, 2016</p> <p>Complete</p>	<p>Railways and road authorities to determine crossings that require inspection, and complete upgrades or close crossings.</p> <p>Collaboration between railways and governments underway.</p> <p>November 28, 2021</p> <p>Underway</p>	<p>Must meet new standards immediately.</p>



# RAC's policy position on crossings

- Increase federal funding for grade separations, upgrades and closures;
- Enhance RSIP funding available to commuter agencies, municipalities and provincially regulated railways;
- Introduce a risk-based approach to addressing crossings;
- Transfer the authority to open new crossings from the Canadian Transportation Agency to Transport Canada
- Require comprehensive safety assessments for new crossings to be submitted to road authorities, railways and Transport Canada.