

# City of Pickering

## NOTICE OF MOTION

DATE: April 16, 2007

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR O'CONNELL

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR MCLEAN

### CN TRAIN

WHEREAS the recent derailment of the cargo train on the Canadian National Railway (CN) line in the City of Pickering has brought forth the realization that the speeds and restrictions of such trains traveling in our City must be updated to reflect the changes of our community; and

WHEREAS the City of Pickering is no longer a rural area with little to no residential dwellings, in fact over the last number of years our population has increased significantly; and

WHEREAS there are a number of homes directly adjacent to the CN tracks which run throughout the City, whose owners claim to have been experiencing a number of problems including damage to their homes from the vibrations of the trains speeding through; and

WHEREAS reducing the speeds of CN trains in the City of Pickering to reflect our urban composition will reduce the vibrations along the tracks thus reducing potential for damage to residences and buildings adjacent to CN tracks; and

WHEREAS the City of Pickering views the safety of our residents to be of the utmost importance, therefore reducing the speed of trains travelling through our City will help to reduce vibration impacts and prevent future derailments and the potential for tragedy; and

NOW THEREFORE The City of Pickering resolves to CN to recognize the City of Pickering as an "Urban" location thus determining a more appropriate speed of which their trains will maintain while travelling through our urban neighbourhoods. Additionally, the City of Pickering requests to CN to update their travel schedules to take into account our residential urban locations and thus eliminate the use of whistles; and

FURTHER, that the Canadian Pacific Railway be sent a copy of this resolution for their information at this time.