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Re: Strategy for Disposal of Creosote Preserved Railroad Ties

I am writing to you on behalf the Calling Lakes District Planning Commission (CLDPC) which is a regional planning group represented by the following Saskatchewan Rural Municipalities, Districts, Towns and Resort Villages:

1. RM of North Qu'Appelle No. 187
2. Resort Village of Fort San
3. Resort Village of B-Say-Tah
4. Village of Lebret
5. Resort Village of the District of Katepwa
6. Town of Fort Qu'Appelle

Retired CP Rail & CN Rail railroad ties have been purchased and used in our region for many years, primarily for landscaping, retaining walls, etc.

Over the last 15 years, concerns regarding the toxicity of the Creosote preservative that they contain has resulted in many of these ties being removed and disposed of, primarily by transporting them to landfill sites.

The North Valley Waste Management Authority (NVWMA) is the Regional Landfill that services the Calling Lakes District. NVWMA accepts railroad ties for recycling at a cost of \$55 per tie. They then pay close to \$70 per tie to have the ties transported to a recycling / disposal facility in Davidson, SK.

The cost is prohibitive for most and is resulting in retired ties either being left in place with no regard for their toxicity or being disposed of illegally in roadway ditches or other areas out of site.

Would CP Rail and CN Rail be amenable to working with our region to devise a plan with cost sharing to provide our residents with a means to dispose of retired railroad ties in an affordable, safe and environmentally acceptable manner?

Please do not hesitate to contact the CLPC at 306.332.6449, or email to the above address. We look forward to your response. Thank you.

Regards,



Richelle Haanstra  
Secretary/Treasurer  
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CC North Valley Waste Management Authority (NVWMA)

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