



A Shared Responsibility

Transport Canada's New Grade Crossing Regulations and Standards

- **CN's obligations**
- **Communities' obligations**

CN is working with road authorities and communities to meet Transport Canada's new crossing Regulations and Standards, and advance our shared responsibility.

Goals of the new Grade Crossing Regulations

- Provide consistent grade crossing safety standards for both new and existing crossings in Canada
- Clearly define roles and responsibilities of railway companies and road authorities
- Promote collaboration between communities and railway companies
- Ensure the sharing of key safety information

Grade Crossing Standards

The Grade Crossing Standards are mandatory engineering standards for crossing surfaces, road geometry, sightlines, warning systems and other elements that improve safety at crossings.

Any new crossings and existing crossings undergoing upgrades or modifications must meet Transport Canada's new Regulations immediately. All crossings that currently do not meet the engineering standards must meet the Regulations and Standards by 2021.

Transport Canada's new regulations require information sharing about crossings by November 27, 2016

CN's obligations

CN is providing road authorities information about existing public grade crossings:

- Location of the grade crossing
- Number of tracks that cross the grade crossing
- The average daily railway movements
- The railway design speed (maximum train speed)
- Type of warning system in place at the crossing
- If a stop sign is installed on the same post as the railway crossing sign
- If whistling is required when trains approach the crossing

Communities' obligations

Road authorities have been asked to provide CN with public grade crossings information:

- Location of the grade crossing
- Number of traffic lanes that cross the crossing surface
- Average annual daily road traffic
- Road design speed at the crossing
- Roadway design specifications for road approaches, (Tables 10-2, 10-3 and 10-4 of the Grade Crossing Standards)



Communities' obligations *continued*

- Width of each traffic lane and shoulder on the road approach
- Design vehicle
- Stopping sight distance
- Average gradient of the road approach
- Crossing angle (Article 6.5 of Grade Crossing Standards)
- Applicable departure time (Article 10.3 of Grade Crossing Standards)
- Advanced activation time of the Prepare to Stop Sign (Article 18.2 of Grade Crossing Standards)
- Interconnection of Traffic Signals with Railway Warning Systems Time (Article 19.3(a) of Grade Crossing Standards)
- Whether the crossing includes a sidewalk, path or trail, and if so, whether the sidewalk, path or trail has been designated for persons using assistive devices

ROAD AUTHORITIES: HOW WE ARE SHARING INFORMATION WITH YOU

CN Engineering officers have been working to identify all the public road crossings and will share with you an electronic list of CN crossings in your community. Those lists will include the information CN is required to share with you and will also include a description of the information Transport Canada has asked you to share with us.

CN is also asking road authority representatives to fill in the required information in the electronic list provided and submit it to CN.

WHAT HAPPENS THEN?

Once the crossing information is exchanged, CN and road authorities can make an evaluation to determine if the crossings are in compliance with the Grade Crossing Regulations.

Any required upgrades to existing crossings must be completed by November 27, 2021.

HAVEN'T RECEIVED YOUR CROSSING INFORMATION OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact CN Public Inquiry Line
(888) 888-5909
Contact@cn.ca

CN Police Emergency Line
1-800-465-9239

FOR MORE INFORMATION FROM TRANSPORT CANADA

Visit: www.tc.gc.ca/eng/railsafety/menu.htm





AMO Policy Update - AMO Releases Seniors Policy Paper

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AMO Releases Seniors Policy Paper

AMO is pleased to circulate to the membership, relevant provincial ministries, and the Premier's Office today a policy discussion paper on seniors' issues entitled, "Strengthening Age-Friendly Communities and Seniors' Services for 21st Century Ontario: A New Conversation about the Municipal Role".

The aim of the paper is to start a renewed policy dialogue between AMO, its members, and the Province on how to best serve seniors in Ontario's diverse communities. It was developed by AMO's Task Force on Age-Friendly Communities and Long-Term Care and approved by the AMO Board in August. The Task Force was chaired by AMO Board member Paul Grenier, Councillor, for Niagara Region.

The impetus for the paper is the recognition that the municipal sector in Ontario is at the forefront of developing age-friendly communities and providing vital services to seniors. This includes long-term care, affordable housing, public health services and community support services, as well as general planning for age-friendly communities. This vital work is supported by the partnership of the Ontario government through legislation, policies, and funding programs.

The successful delivery of seniors' services comes with both challenges and opportunities. Municipal governments are committed to providing high quality services to their residents while being mindful of safety and affordability. While some services are required through legislation, many municipal governments have filled gaps when provincial allocations are insufficient, introducing additional services, and developing innovative ways of working beyond what is required. However, providing the same quality of service on the same budget will not be possible given growing demand and service requirements. A broader conversation is needed about current capacity and level of demand.

The ability to fund and deliver the range of programs and services needed varies

significantly across the province. Municipal governments are best positioned to provide services to residents, but they should have the flexibility to choose the services they offer to seniors, including whether to operate long-term care homes. Whichever services municipal governments choose; a conversation must be had about adequate resources to maintain a service standard.

Building on two previous AMO papers, this paper attempts to expand the discussion on the municipal role in facilitating age-friendly communities and providing services to seniors. It outlines key issues for municipal governments, including developing plans, providing community services including transportation and housing, providing long-term care, and ensuring services are culturally-appropriate and relevant in northern and rural communities

Opportunities for improvement are highlighted, and recommendations are made, calling on the Province to:

- continue to play a supportive role to facilitate age-friendly community development under its Action Plan for Seniors;
- work with municipal governments to enhance community services and housing including transportation options, the Elderly Persons Centres program, and seniors' housing;
- amend the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*, to provide municipal governments the choice to operate a long-term care home which would allow them the flexibility to provide the most appropriate care to suit their local residents' needs;
- work with municipal governments to address issues in long-term care delivery including simplifying regulatory frameworks, reducing wait times, developing a human resources strategy, addressing challenging behaviours, undertaking systems capacity planning, supporting the redevelopment of long-term care homes, facilitating innovative models, developing community hubs, reviewing the funding model, and pursuing additional funding sources;
- address regionally-specific issues in rural and northern Ontario; and,
- support the municipal sector to deliver culturally-appropriate services to seniors.

AMO will use the paper as the basis for advocacy on seniors' issues and to advance the policy discussion with the Province on how best to support Ontario's seniors. The paper is found on the AMO website: [Strengthening Age-Friendly Communities and Seniors' Services for 21st Century Ontario](#).

AMO is holding a webinar on senior's issues on Tuesday, October 18th from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining this webinar, please e-mail Irene Ostrowski at IOstrowski@amo.on.ca.

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CONFIRMATION OF HEARING ROOM ARRANGEMENTS

CASE NUMBER: PL160567
FILE NUMBER: PL160567

PROPERTY LOCATION: 117 Regent St
CASE TITLE: Hawes, rezoning to facilitate severance

FIRST DAY OF HEARING: WEDNESDAY 04-JAN-2017 11:00 AM
TOTAL HEARING LENGTH: 3 Day(s)

HEARING LOCATION: Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre
Simpson Room
14 Anderson Lane
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Retiring Room: Board Room

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Thank you for your assistance.

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