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District of Coldstream  
c/o Keri-Ann Austin, Municipal Clerk  
9901 Kalamalka Road  
Coldstream, British Columbia  
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Dear Madame:

**Re: Regional District of Coldstream Letter dated October 2, 2009**

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 2, 2009 concerning the closure of a section of Canadian Pacific Railway's (CP) line which runs from Armstrong, British Columbia to Sicamous, British Columbia. You have requested that the Canadian Transportation Agency (Agency) assist the District of Coldstream in keeping the above mentioned rail line operational.

Under the provisions of the Canada Transportation Act, a railway company has the right to abandon a rail line but must first advertise the availability of the railway line for sale, lease or other transfer. CP is currently in the process of advertising the line for sale or discontinuance.

In the event there is no interest by anyone to acquire the line for the purpose of continuing railway operations, the railway company must offer to transfer all of its interest in the railway line simultaneously to the federal (where applicable), provincial and municipal governments through whose territory the railway line passes for no more than the net salvage value of the line. If a government cannot agree with the railway company on the net salvage value of the line within ninety days after the government's acceptance of the offer, the Agency may, upon application by either party, determine the net salvage value of the line.

The above is just a brief summary of the transfer and discontinuance provisions; additional information is available on the Agency's website [www.otc-cta.gc.ca](http://www.otc-cta.gc.ca) or by contacting Mr. Stephan Coqueux at 819-997-7702 or by e-mail at [Stephan.Coqueux@otc-cta.gc.ca](mailto:Stephan.Coqueux@otc-cta.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

Joseph Dion

Director

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