

**VANCOUVER TERRITORY RUNNING TRADES  
WORK PLACE HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**November 25th, 2009**

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GUESTS: NIL

CHAIRPERSON: Danny Letain  
RECORDING SECRETARY: Craig Neill  
CALL TO ORDER: 09:00

**Job Briefing:** Performed

**Errors and Omissions:**  
Kim Hamilton was last month's chair

**EDUCATION and AWARENESS:**  
NIL

**Peer Observations**

**Number of Observations:** 2 days with 10 observations; Total to date - 90  
**Number of At Risk:** Total to date - 32

**REVIEW SAFETY RULE OF THE MONTH**

Safety Rules and Safe work practices-T-24  
Riding equipment / Recommended practices

**CUSTOMER INSPECTIONS:**

**CSA-031-09** November 10 Reichold (Keith Nordin, Pat Stewart)  
**CSA-032-09** November 10 Shell (Keith Nordin, Pat Stewart)  
**CSA-033-09** November 10 Petro Canada (Keith Nordin, Pat Stewart)  
**CSA-034-09** November 10 Ioco (Keith Nordin, Pat Stewart)  
**CSA-034-09** November 10 General Chemical (Keith Nordin, Pat Stewart)  
**CSA-035-09** November 10 Chevron (Keith Nordin, Pat Stewart)

**WORKPLACE INSPECTIONS**

WPI-025-09 November 16 L27/L28 Crossover, Williston (Fred Herbold, Pat Stewart)  
 WPI-024-09 November 16 N18, N19, N20, N1 (Fred Herbold, Pat Stewart)

**SAFETY CONDITION REPORTS**

**OUTSTANDING SCR (S)**

**SCRs elevated to items: 006, item 2009-03-06**

SCR's Outstanding elevated to the minutes 01 / 038 6-Jul-09 Grain spilled & dead  
 grass – a fire hazard  
 SCR's Outstanding over 30 days 04  
 SCR's Received since last meeting 12

SCRS RECEIVED IN 2008/110 2009/70  
 SCRS OUTSTANDING FOR YEAR: 12

{SCR's outstanding to be confirmed by unionized H&S.}

**JOINT CN/CP MEETING:**

Next meeting scheduled for April 2010.

**REVIEW OF SAFETY PERFORMANCE REPORT:**

**FRA Injury Frequency Year – To – Date as of November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

Frequencies gives rate of injuries per 200,000 hours worked,  
 FRA injuries are injuries that require medical treatment.

FRA Injury YTD Frequency %	
Vancouver Terminal	3.92
Commuter Rail	0
Cascade/Roberts Bank	1.49
Thompson	.75

**VSA Total** **2.08**

*Frequency Target - 1.49*

**2009 COQUITLAM / ROBERTS BANK / ROAD**

	PI NON FRA'S	PI FRA	NON FRA TA	FRA TAs	CRV'S
Jan	2	0	1	0	0
Feb	2	0	2	0	0
Mar	0	0	1	0	0
April	0	0	1	0	0
May	0	0	5	0	0

June	1	0	5	0	0
July	1	1	1	1	0
August	0	0	1	0	0
September	0	0	2	0	0
October	1	0	3	0	0
<b>November</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
December					
<b>YTD</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**2009 VANCOUVER TERMINAL INCLUDING COMMUTER RAIL**

	PI NON FRA'S	PI FRA	NON FRA TA	FRA TAs	CRV'S
Jan	2	1	10	0	0
Feb	3	0	5	0	2
Mar	1	1	3	0	0
April	0	2	3	0	0
May	2	0	2	1	0
June	1	2	5	0	0
July	0	1	3	1	0
August	4	0	6	0	0
September	0	0	6	0	0
October	3	0	7	0	0
<b>November</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
December					
<b>YTD</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

**YARD TRAIN ACCIDENTS/ INCIDENTS:**

Incidents – 2  
 CRV - 0  
 SCRIV - 0

**11/03** Yard crew servicing D3, lined D17 switch against movement and ran through switch.

**Field Ops human error cause.**

**11/04** DTTX659772 shifted in track AT04. **Field Ops human error cause.**

**YARD INJURIES:**

Lost Time Injuries (LTI) - 0  
 Minor Injury Reports (MIR) - 0  
 Medical Treatment Injuries (MTI) – 0

**ROAD TRAIN ACCIDENTS / INCIDENTS:**

Incidents - 8  
 CRV - 0  
 SCRIV - 0

**10/29** Westshore index arm damaged 2 rail cars at Roberts Bank. **3<sup>rd</sup> Party Cause.**

**11/06** Freight crew traveling west through track CT07 did not line the switch for their route and ran through the switch. **Field Ops human error.**

**11/06** Westshore index arm damaged 2 rail cars at Roberts Bank. **3<sup>rd</sup> Party Cause.**

**11/10** Burning traction motor on CP8712, 817-089 at mile 17.0 on the Page Subdivision. **MS Cause.**

**11/17** 803-150 contacted rock at Mile 110.0 on the CN Ashcroft Subdivision. Minor damage to

- the locomotive. **Environmental.**
- 11/16** Freight crew passed couplers between tail end remote locomotive and the tail end car. Damage to the locomotive. **Field Ops human error.**
- 11/16** CP8771 contacted tree at Mile 86.5 Cascade Subdivision causing minor damage to the locomotive. **Environmental.**
- 11/19** 819-103 contacted vehicle at Crush Crescent at Mile 18.81 Page Subdivision. **3<sup>rd</sup> Party Cause.**

**ROAD INJURIES:**

**Lost Time Injuries (LTI) - 0**

**Minor Injury Reports (MIR) - 2**

**Medical Treatment Injuries (MTI) - 0**

- 10/28 MIR** Conductor on road switcher felt pain in left calf after detraining off stationary locomotive
- 11/10 MIR** Conductor inhaled smoke while attempting to extinguish a fire to the traction motor on the CP8712.

**Injury Reviews Reports:**

Nil.

**INVESTIGATION OF SAFETY RELATED OCCURRENCES PROTOCOL: NIL**

**CANADA LABOR CODE PART II:**

NIL

**PREVIOUS BUSINESS:**

**2008 04 03**

**Halcon N. Bend taxi;** D. Letain / C. Neill

Item condensed see previous minutes

**November 2009**

**A response from the Service Area Manager was submitted and is available to view. The unionized portion of the H&S committee will formally resubmit their concerns to the Policy committee.**

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**2008-08-05**

**Better advertisement of Safety Issues** D. Letain / K Hamilton

Placing safety related items on DOBs and placing pre-departures checklists and job aids on the RIT. It was recently noted CN was doing this on their TGB

Item condensed see previous minutes

**October 2009**

With the implementation of AIR "automated inventory reporting" there is an opportunity to implement safety items into the tablets.

To work with AIR instructor to implement.  
Completion date to be at the end of November.

**November 2009**

**The AIR instruction has begun, Mgr and union will work with Greg Pritchitte to have safety message on the AIR tablet.**

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**2009-02-02**

**Hi Vis Back packs** D Letain / C Neill

Re-introduce the original idea to design a hi vis back pack for the employees.  
Will check with AGO to see if anything is available.

**Item condensed see previous minutes**

**November 2009**

**Back pack received, shown to RTE's and sent to Kevin Sholes for possible distribution and subsidy consideration.**

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**2009-03-06**

**Parking of trucks and debris foul of Tilbury tracks {SCR 006-09}**

Action: F Herbold / K Hamilton

**Item condensed see previous minutes.**

**October 2009**

Excessive vegetation still not attended to, F Herbold to investigate as a hazard still exists.

**November 2009**

**Some improvements have been made but overall the safety concerns that were made in April were not properly addressed mostly due to the fact that they will be closing operations at year end.**

**Inspection to be performed.**

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**2009-08-04**

**Identified track hazard conditions on C-15 to C-22 inclusive.**

K Hamilton/F Herbold

**Sept 2009 Update** – Site inspection - Area was cleaned up by engineering, areas around switches need attention.

**October 2009**

The switches in the entrain and detrain areas have not been fully completed, to be re-inspected by end of month.

**November 2009**

**Inspection made and ballast needs to be dumped around switches and working area.**

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**2009-09-02**

**5mph speed restriction on yard crossovers** B Thiede / K Hamilton

**Sept 2009** - B/C divider speed restriction update. Train accident investigation team have completed their review and as a result a switch point protector has been installed to reduce wear on C-Divider switch when traveling west. A point guard is on order and will be installed when received. The switch point was recently painted to examine wear on switch. The speed restriction will be reviewed in the next few weeks to determine if it can be lifted.

**October 2009**

Work has commenced and completion will be done when point guard arrives.

**November 2009**

**Work is ongoing.**

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**2009-10-01** C Neill / B Thiede

**Yards using rd swt frequency 2**

**November 2009**

**No change yard crews still assigned transfer 2 channel when using rd swt engines for yard service assignments**

**VIF is being retrofitted to use the Digital Trunking System this should reduce the rd. swt. 2 use.**

**Any crews spotting Viterra {Cascadia} are required to use transfer 2 frequency.**

**Yard crews in Vancouver Terminal have the use of analog radios and should be using yard frequency 4 AAR 59 59.**

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**2009-10-02** C Neill / F Herbold

**Failure of locks on ergo switches.**

**November 2009**

**This applies to the Carmen locks and the ITC locks at VIF.**

**B Thiede to forward to MS**

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**2009-10-03** K Hamilton / F Herbold

**Evacuation procedure on F-6 {Advanced Chemicals}**

**November 2009**

**Management has spoken with the POCO fire department and are reviewing the procedures with the designated EMS, and customer. Linda Lawrence to confirm compliance at next meeting.**

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**2009-10-04** K Hamilton / D Letain

**H1N1 prevention on all engines**

**Disinfectant wipes have been supplied in the booking in room and should be used as required. A supply will be maintained by the employer.**

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**2009-10-05 K Hamilton / B Thiede**  
**Relocate SBU rack at C-19 to C-9 for easier identification of quantity available.**

**Rack has been relocated.**  
**COMPLETE**

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**2009-10-06 J Hnatiuk / D Letain**  
**Locomotive seats that have been refitted and marked with “red dot” are being reported as failing {CP 8776}**  
**November 2009**

**Some seats have been missed in the recall of these seats with failures are still being found, CP9816 has been one of the most recent failures.**  
**CP 8776 has been repaired.**

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**2009-10-07 J Duggan / D Letain**  
**Large boulder identified as possible hazard at M 7.2**

**ATMS inspected and found that the boulder poses no hazard.**  
**COMPLETE**

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**2009-10-08 J Hnatiuk / B Thiede**  
**Proof of air brake test compliance and the use of the crew to crew form on road switchers if a #1a brake test has been applied.**

**B Thiede will issue a informational bulletin that a written confirmation is required by crew members while on duty, this will be supplied by either tower staff or a #1A by the crew or a transfer movement brake test.**

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

**2009-11-01**  
**Backing trains up at Martinson, Yale sub** J Duggan / D Letain

**Bulletin to be issued on Martinson job aid, presentation being performed at RQ.**

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**2009-11-02**  
**Water Quality at North Bend** J Hnatiuk / D Letain

**Sign posted at bunkhouse advising poor water conditions, reconfirm through city.**

**2009-11-03**

**Blue Flags being dropped by unauthorized employee.** P Stewart/ B Thiede

In extenuating circumstances is there a provision that will allow a class of service different from the one that displayed a blue flag to remove it?

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**2009-11-04**

**Crews being instructed to take a train that has an obstructed view from the operating cab at Boston Bar.** J Hnatiuk / D Letain

Investigation is occurring and a request has been made for the tapes of the conversation.

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**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**Danny Letain**

Driving presentation in motor vehicles in winter conditions  
Passing through crossings in winter conditions with rolling stock  
Jim Middletons job aids are completed for the Yale, Cascade, and Roberts Bank subs and are accessible on the web site.

<http://www.middletonmaps.com/Vancouver/>

Usercode: track  
Password:maps

Committee will do self audit prior to the end of this year.

**Kim Hamilton**

Drainage off Coast Meridian overpass, concerns of drainage and rain falling from overpass.  
Rd swt. power defective and will not consistently start causing the crew to freeze in the engine due to no heaters working  
Questions as to whether the instruction of the use of the digital radios is effective..

**Craig Neill**

Rd. swt engines spilling oil and diesel on ground. Causing environmental concerns.  
Some JEM radios on yard engines are not able to use analog frequencies and are b/o.  
Locomotive engineers that are subject to use the JEM radio system are to be instructed in there use by managers.

**Linda Lawrence**

Transport Canada met with local managers re: Part II of digital radios and extended length trains.

Managers will ensure training will take place on the use of digital radios.  
Risk assessment of extended train length in winter conditions, is to ensuring heat is operational in the remotes of extended train lengths this is to provide sanctuary for employees in extreme winter conditions.

Explanation of the process of going to the policy committee.

Training for H&S committee members in the early part of next year, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

### **Pat Stewart**

New recalls have port passes that do not work in Centerm.

### **Jason Hnatiuk**

Snow tires on taxis to north bend or anywhere snow is prevalent are required.

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## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS** C Neill, Pat Stewart/ B Thiede, B Galloway

Sub Committee met with Ken Merk SC, no new effective software has arrived from Kenwood Japan, JEM radios are limited and more will be ordered as required. Transmit delay has been regulated to a 0.5 second delay for consistency.

Some portable radios are getting water in the pickup mic part of there radio and making voice transmissions near impossible, mic needs to be cleared for use.

Mic rain protectors will be ordered for testing.

### **FATIGUE COUNTER MEASURES SUB COMMITTEE:** J Hnatiuk / D Letain

TCS issues being followed up on by managers

### **WESTCOAST EXPRESS SUB COMMITTEE** C Neill / Mel Schille

Warren Dixon identified defect of rail at M 95 and was repaired.

### **VIF SUB COMMITTEE:** C Neill

Meeting held in October as per previous minutes, no meeting or inspection in November.

### **Coast Meridian Overpass Safety Sub Committee:** C Neill /B Zeglinski

Coast Meridian Overpass October Update;

Safety: There were no accidents in October. We had two incidents where slurry got through the sealing and pre deck while paving the bridge deck with concrete. One located at X42 roadway and the other between X34 and X41 very small amounts. The contractor has come back with a further method to ensure no concrete of any type falls through the deck in the future for the remaining 10 pours over CPR property. After meeting with

the contractor we will implement the same protocol for the deck panel installation during the remaining pours over the rail yard where we have the bridge spotters protect the area under the deck pours by means of bulletin and calling the spotter for permission to pass underneath.

The deck panel installation will continue until the end of November , followed by paving of the bridge deck until the end of December. Starting in November as well you will notice the under bridge lighting is being installed as is the drainage piping. There is only one more deck pour that is required from CPR property the balance of pours will be done from the north end or south end of the bridge deck off of CPR property.

During the month of November the rest of scaffolding at piers, one, two , three and ,four will be removed and the grounds will be cleaned up, a inspection will take place by CPR prior to allowing the contractor to sign off on the sites. Pier five will be in December.

Any of you that would like to see the bridge deck for a walk about please feel free to call and we will make it happen. I will be on vacation for one week starting in November 23rd but other than that will be around.

Zig's office number 604-944-5709 just leave a note if I am not there.

Thanks  
Zig

**YARD MAINTENANCE SUB-COMMITTEE:** P Stewart / F Herbold

The numbered identification of semi-automatic switches  
Cross over designation being investigated.  
Grain vacuum truck was on property working in the x-yard.

**PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST SUB-COMMITTEE –** J Duggan / B Thiede

Item left for implementation by managers.  
To be progressed prior to next meeting.

**YARD ENGINE SUB-COMMITTEE** C Neill / F Herbold

Consist 1442-1623 is assigned for W/E service only until the headlight control switch has been made active on the 1442.  
No further update.

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**SAFETY FRAMEWORK ACTIVITY UPDATES**

Updated

**Health and safety Schedule 10 tracking document**

Updated

**Planned Activities WP&CS for December 2009**

NIL

**Work place inspections:**

VIF

North Bend

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**ADJOURNED: 14:29**

**RUNNING TRADES WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

  
**Danny Letain**  
Co-chair

  
**Kim Hamilton**  
Co-chair

Next regular meeting for the H&S Committee will be held Wednesday **December 17<sup>th</sup> 2009** at 0900 on the 2nd floor, boardroom of the Coquitlam Yard Office.