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POLICY STATEMENT:

This policy provides a set of criteria when local municipalities request York Region support for a local municipal anti-whistling by-law at railway crossings of Regional roads.

APPLICATION:

The criteria provide a consistent approach to deal with requests from area municipalities for the implementation of anti-whistling within York Region.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to provide a set of criteria for area municipalities to follow when requesting support of an anti-whistling by-law at locations on Regional roads.

DESCRIPTION:

This policy contains criteria for implementing anti-whistling on Regional roads that intersect railway lines.

The Region will be responsible for the cost of flashers and gates for the Regional road crossing and the cost of pedestrian gates, if required.

Criteria

1. Local municipalities must make a formal request to the Region for support of an anti-whistling by-law for each individual location where a railway crosses a Regional road at-grade.
2. An anti-whistling by-law could be considered if the following are completed at the cost of the local municipality:
 - a. A safety audit is completed by a specialized safety consultant.
 - b. The safety audit is approved by Transport Canada.
 - c. An education program is developed for the affected area.

3. The whistling prohibition be implemented during night-time hours typically between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. The Region will entertain anti-whistling by-laws from the local municipalities with different hours of restrictions as they come forward.
4. The Region will be responsible for risk and liability at train crossings on Regional roads.
5. If there are pedestrians in the area of the crossing, pedestrian gates will be installed with costs borne by the Region.

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