



## **SAFE RAIL COMMUNITIES**

We are a non-partisan, community organization advocating for transparency and safeguards with respect to rail safety in our neighbourhoods.

### **Why are we concerned?**

- Since 1992, the Transportation Safety Board has warned that the DOT 111 tank car used to ship hazardous materials is defective and unsafe. <sup>[1]</sup>
- Railways do not carry enough insurance to cover the cost of a catastrophic derailment.
- Crude oil from the Bakken region is known to be more volatile than traditional crude oil. <sup>[2]</sup>
- In 2009, about 500 rail cars carried crude oil within Canada, and the number was around 140,000 in 2014. <sup>[3]</sup> The projection for 2016 is 510,000. <sup>[4]</sup>
- CP and CN Rail are required to provide to first responders only historical data (not real time data) of goods being shipped through our neighbourhoods. No information is provided to residents. <sup>[5]</sup>
- Despite the increase in hazardous shipments by rail, Transport Canada's rail safety budget has been cut by over 20% in the last 5 years. <sup>[6]</sup>

### **What can we do?**

- Sign & share petitions calling on the Government of Canada to improve rail safety.
- Direct questions and concerns to our government representatives.
- Raise awareness on this issue throughout our communities.

### **Learn More and Join the Conversation**

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