Thursday, June 9, 2022

The Honourable Omar Alghabra, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Transport
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Alghabra,

Re: Support for CN`s Plan to Build Spur Line to BHP Jansen Potash Mine

On behalf of the City of Humboldt and City Council, I am writing to you in support of CN's plan to build a new 47 km spur line to service the BHP Jansen Potash Mine in Saskatchewan.

The City of Humboldt has had a long-standing relationship with CN and BHP that has been very positive, productive, and beneficial. The City of Humboldt, BHP and CN have fostered a strong relationship with frequent communication. This has been an important factor that has enabled the City to have confidence and trust as we have worked together to prepare for growth in population and support our local business economy.

BHP and CN have led various early activities related to the proposed Jansen CN Rail Spur including public open houses and landowner discussions to collect feedback on the proposed route to ensure it meets the necessary safety requirements, acknowledges stakeholder objectives, and achieves the least environmental impact.

We support CN`s spur line because we believe it would further support our local industries and assist in economic development within our region, by:

- Creating jobs and diversification of exports for local farmers, agri-businesses, and manufacturers.
- Creating a reliable and efficient means to move goods to market.
- Improving Canada's transportation infrastructure.
- Making our transportation network more resilient to weather and climate disruption.

The City of Humboldt is confident and strongly supports CN's plans of building a spur line to service BHP Jansen Potash Mine for all the reasons stated above. I encourage all review levels to support CN's important transportation project.

Thank you for your consideration.
Yours truly,

Michael Behiel
Mayor, City of Humboldt

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