

# IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS BOTHERED BY RAILWAY NOISE

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(DD/MM/YYYY)

**Time :** \_\_\_\_\_  
(AM/PM)

**Nature of the noise/vibration :**

- Loud and powerful noises
- Vibrations
- Passing trains
- Idling locomotives
- Whistles, bells, horns
- Switching/shunting cars
- Wheel/rail interface
- Engine noises
- Others (please specify) : \_\_\_\_\_

**Impacts :**

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## Background

### Fall 2006

Thierry St-Cyr proposed amendments to strengthen the Canada Transportation Act. His legislative proposals required railway companies to "cause as little noise as possible" and take into account "the potential impact on persons residing in properties adjacent to the railway."

### December 2006

After hearing the testimony from railway companies AND citizen groups, MPs of the House of Commons Transport Committee reached a unanimous compromise. The text is not as forceful as intended by Mr. St-Cyr's amendments, but represents significant gains, especially regarding vibrations.

### Spring 2007

The Senate studied Bill C-11. After hearing testimony from railway companies only, and without consulting the public, the Liberal and Conservative senators unanimously rejected the MPs' unanimously proposed improvements.

### June 14, 2007

The Liberal and Conservative senators bowed under pressure from the railway companies and accepted the Senate's decision.

### June 22, 2007

The Canada Transportation Act received Royal Assent. Although the Act was considerably weakened, it at least provided a mechanism to control railway noise.

### October 2008

The Canadian Transportation Agency published its "Guidelines for the Resolution of Complaints over Railway Noise and Vibration under the Canada Transportation Act."

## A word from the MP

Increasing numbers of residents are bothered by the noise of trains passing through our neighbourhoods. It is time for change and for CN to act like a good corporate citizen.

Under the new Canada Transportation Act, people can file complaints with the Canadian Transportation Agency regarding railway noise and vibration.

In order to take advantage of these new legislative provisions, a citizens' committee was formed last January. Its members have help from the Sud-Ouest borough and my office staff but they also need you!

That is why I am sending you a form to fill out. Simply indicate all the occurrences of noise/vibration caused by railway operations and return it to me. This information will be very useful in supporting the complaint to be sent to the Canadian Transportation Agency.

The more forms returned, the stronger the complaint . . . and the more CN will have to change its practices.

Together, we can get things done!



**Thierry St-Cyr, MP**

Jeanne-Le Ber

Bloc Québécois Citizenship and Immigration Critic

## Public meeting

Date : **May 19, 2009**

Heure : **7 p.m.**

Place : **Charles-Lemoyne School Auditorium  
2001, rue Mullins**

The meeting will provide residents with an opportunity to rally to make CN change its practices. We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information : [www.trainsandus.org](http://www.trainsandus.org) [www.thierrystcyr.org](http://www.thierrystcyr.org)

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**Thierry St-Cyr, MP**

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# Filling out the form...

- Date of occurrence :** indicate when the noise/vibration occurred
- Time :** be as precise as possible when indicating the time (e.g., 7:15 a.m., 10:30 p.m., etc.) — otherwise, indicate the time of day, such as evening, early morning, etc.
- Nature of the noise/vibration :** check the boxes that correspond to the source(s) of the noise/vibration.
- Impacts :** check the box(es) that describe how the noise/vibration affect your daily life (inability to talk outside, keeping windows closed at all times, etc.)
- Frequency :** indicate whether the noise/vibration occurred only once or repeatedly (every night, every Saturday, etc.)

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# To return the form...

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## Your contact information

Last name : \_\_\_\_\_ Given name : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address : \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email : \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_

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The form can also be completed online at

[www.trainsandus.org](http://www.trainsandus.org)

Additional copies are available on request

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