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Dear Mr. Eby, MLA,

Thank you for your letter to our CEO, E. Hunter Harrison. I appreciate you taking the time to voice your concerns on behalf of your constituents. Please allow me to share some thoughts about CP's Marpole spur along the Arbutus Corridor on behalf of our shareholders and employees.

The Arbutus Corridor has remained an operating rail line even though it has not been used for formal freight service since 2001. CP is not able to develop this land and we have no plans to do so. Our right of way – land owned by CP – is considered a valuable asset for our company and we are obliged to maximize its use on behalf of our shareholders. The best and only way we can do this is by operating trains. We do not require permission from the City of Vancouver to do so.

We are a reasonable landowner who – for some time now – has allowed the presence of trespassers on our land without retribution. I know this is a harsh description of those who have put such care into beautifying our land with their unauthorized gardens, but what would you call those who park their vehicles or build storage structures or leave abandoned items on our land without permission?

So it may seem with haste we have put forth a deadline to clean up our right of way, but I assure you we have given much thought to the timing of our actions. Though our July 31 deadline might halt the maturation of some gardens, this scheduling is necessary to take advantage of the season; the continuation of our track maintenance would be hindered in cooler weather and our hope is to have sufficient time to get our crews into the area while the weather cooperates. I'm sure you would agree it would not be nearly as easy for those who need to move impediments to do so in the winter as in the summer months.

Our intention on August 1 is not to begin immediate demolition of community gardens; we have a plan on how to continue track improvement in this area and will handle the removal of encroachments as our work progresses. Should encroachments still exist on the land as we begin our work, we must remove them. The safety of our employees is our number one priority and non-negotiable.

We will continue to communicate with local residents to keep them informed of the work being done on the Arbutus Corridor.

As you may be aware, over the past few months CP has had a number of constructive conversations with local community groups including:

- Shaughnessy Property Owners Association – May 21
- Arbutus Ridge Kerrisdale Shaughnessy Community Association – May 22
- Arbutus Ridge Community Association – June 4

During these conversations, although a number of people raised concerns with railway operations in the corridor, many recognized CP's need to use this asset.

We have also been in contact with schools along the corridor to spread the message of rail safety, particularly the importance of students using designated railway crossings when walking to and from school. We will continue to communicate with school staff as our work progresses.

CP remains open to dialogue with residents in the area; however, we are unable to waver on our commitment to our shareholders in optimizing this valuable asset. CP has always expressed our willingness to enter into productive discussions with the City to reach an agreement that would represent a fair value for our shareholders.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact me directly at 778 772-9636 or [mike\\_lovecchio@cpr.ca](mailto:mike_lovecchio@cpr.ca).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mike LoVecchio', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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