

REPORT NAME

CP Rail Crossing Replacement Invoice, Mile 70.90, Leduc Subdivision

RECOMMENDATION

That Leduc County Council approves a 2024 budget allocation of \$177,652.90 to address the cost of the replacement of a crossing on the CP Rail line at Mile 70.90, Leduc Subdivision with funding to be confirmed in a final budget adjustment.

Options (if available):

N/A

IMPLICATIONS

Reason: To pay for the replacement of the crossing on CP Rail line at Mile 70.90, Leduc Subdivision

Authority: (MGA section/bylaw/policy number): Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, s.18

Amount of funding required: \$177,652.90

Funding source: 2024 final budget adjustment

BACKGROUND

Leduc County was contacted by CP Rail in mid-2022 about a rail crossing replacement within Leduc County, located Township Road 483, east of Highway 2A. This is a local, low traffic crossing that required replacement due to safety issues identified by CP Rail. The existing wooden plank crossing was to be replaced with a concrete crossing. Administration exchanged emails with CP Rail to try to determine the appropriate cost share and schedule for this project until Q4 2022, when this matter went silent.

Exhibit 1: Rail crossing location



On December 27, 2023, administration received an invoice in the amount of \$177,652.90 for the replacement of the rail crossing. Administration was able to follow up with CP Rail for additional discussion on this invoice. From this discussion:

1. Leduc County is considered “junior” and this location, therefore the CP Rail has the primary jurisdiction.
2. The new standard for crossing replacements is a concrete crossing. While more expensive than a plank crossing, they also last significantly longer and require much less maintenance.

Understanding this, Leduc County will be obligated to pay the invoice.

To prevent unplanned expenses for replacements going forward, Leduc County will have discussions on a regular basis with CP Rail and CN Rail for any planned crossing replacement, and budgeting accordingly through the County capital project planning framework. This aligns with the process CP Rail is implementing as well.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. None