

**REPORT NO. 189** of the  
**ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE**  
of its meeting held February 19, 2014

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**Present:**                    **Councillor J. Gignac**  
                                 **Councillor A. Halberstadt**  
                                 **Councillor R. Jones**  
                                 **Councillor H. Payne**  
                                 **Councillor F. Valentinis, Chair**

**Reference:**                    **Report No. 3 of the Rail Issues Committee (VACIS System)**

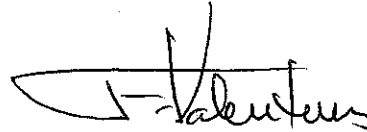
That the following recommendations of the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee **BE APPROVED:**

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Halberstadt,  
**THAT** Report No. 3 of the Rail Issues Committee (Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System) **BE RECEIVED** for information.

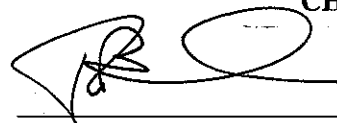
Carried.

Councillor Jones was absent at the time the vote was taken.

Clerk's Note: Report No. 3 of the Rail Issues Committee (VACIS System) is *attached* as background information.

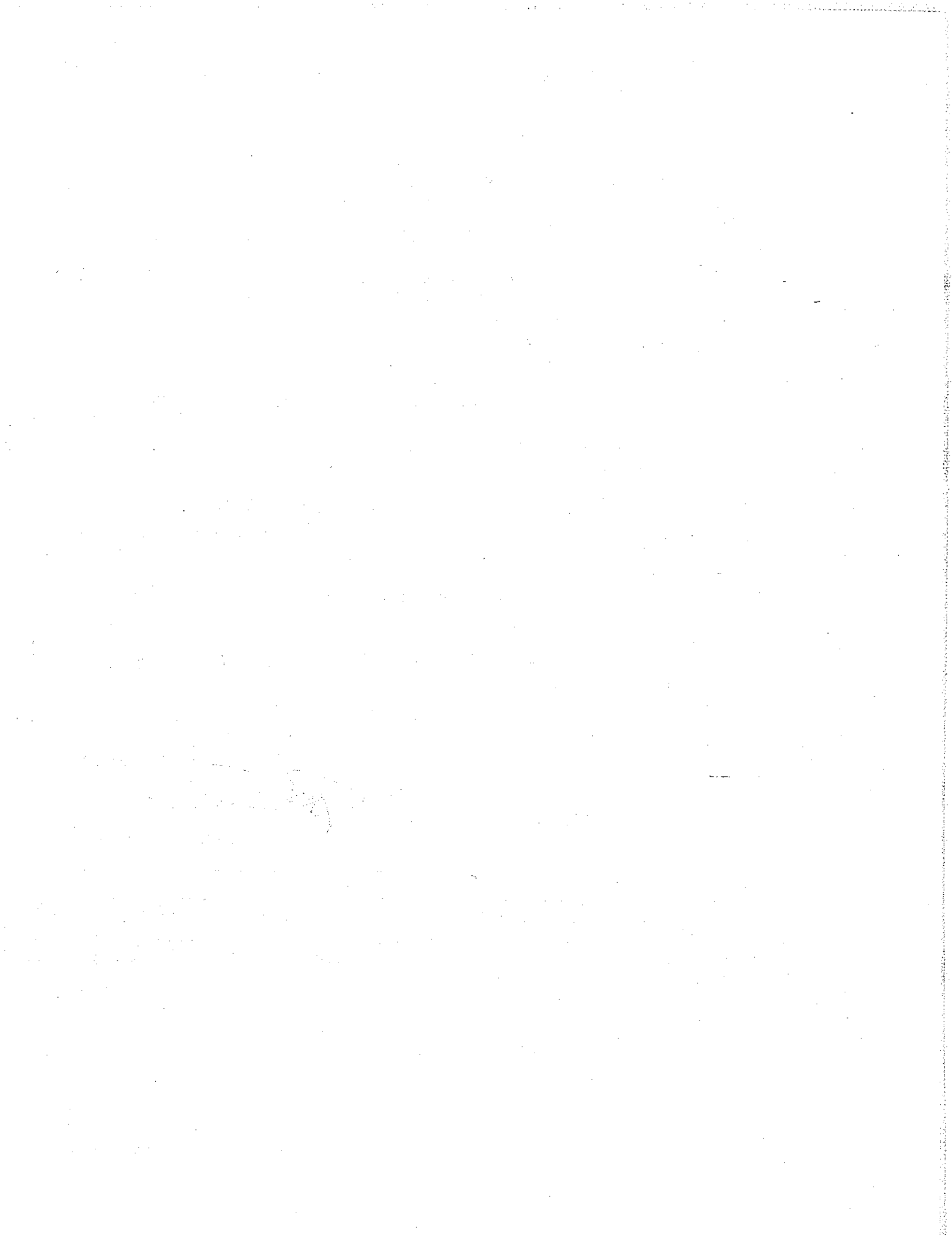


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Windsor, Ontario February 19, 2014

**REPORT NO. 3**  
of the  
**Rail Issues Committee**  
of its meeting held  
December 3, 2013  
at 2:00 o'clock p.m.  
Room 406, 400 City Hall Square East

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**Members Present at the December 3, 2013 meeting:**

Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac, Chairperson  
Councillor Alan Halberstadt  
Councillor Ron Jones  
Councillor Fulvio Valentinis

**Your Committee submits the following recommendation:**

Moved by Councillor Valentinis, seconded by Councillor Halberstadt,  
That Administration **BE DIRECTED** to send a letter to CP Rail to engage them  
in discussions to determine options to mitigate the noise emanating from the Vehicle and  
Cargo Inspection System (VACIS).  
Carried.

**Livelihood #**

**Note:** An e-mail from Chris Woodall dated November 15, 2013 regarding the noise  
issue related to the VACIS System – attached.

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COUNCILLOR JO-ANNE GIGNAC

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COMMITTEE COORDINATOR

<b>NOTIFICATION</b>	
Rail Issues Committee	On File
Chris Woodall	<a href="mailto:chris@tranorindustries.com">chris@tranorindustries.com</a>

**From:** Chris Woodall  
**Sent:** Friday, November 15, 2013 11:28 AM  
**To:** Gignac, Jo-Anne (Councillor)  
**Cc:** Kadour, Karen; Halberstadt, Alan  
**Subject:** Rail Comittee meeting

Hi Jo-Anne,

As the frequency and size of the trains on the CP corridor within the City limits increases, so too does the related noise.

Under the Railway Act, there is little that can be done about this as the Rail was in place long before the residences.

There is, however, one process that was introduced with the Border Infrastructure that is the root cause of most of the noise. A VACIS system was installed to scan the rail cars prior to their going into the US just east of Walker Road. This process causes the trains to slow down and often times to sit and idle or even reverse to re-scan a car. This process is extremely noisy and is similar to a train shunting its cars.

My point is that the VACIS was added after the residences were in place and has caused excess noise. A sound attenuation barrier should have been part of the infrastructure installed when this system went in as part of the Border Infrastructure funding. I know that an Environmental Assessment was done as part of the Border Infrastructure projects but don't believe that the issue for noise within the rail corridor was considered.

I would like the committee to look into this issue as it is becoming a serious problem with adjoining residences.

Regards,

Chris Woodall