

Submitted to the Canadian Transportation Agency (Form submission)

Subject: Consultation on the Application for Authorization of the Lac-Mégantic Rail Bypass Project

Name: Jenny Caccamo

Date: 2026-06-24

My comments address matters contained in the UDA report, CMQR's June 12, 2026 response, and the measures CMQR proposes to implement. CMQR's response introduces several statements about the roles of "the Applicant," "the operating railway company," and "the proponent." These statements directly affect the interpretation, implementation, and enforceability of the mitigation measures discussed in the UDA report. For that reason, they fall squarely within the scope of this consultation.

1. CMQR's response introduces contradictory statements about who is responsible for implementing the mitigation measures

In its response, CMQR states:

"The entity is Canadian Pacific Railway Company, as the operating railway company and on behalf of CMQR."

CMQR also refers to itself as "the Applicant," while simultaneously stating that Transport Canada is the proponent responsible for major mitigation plans (GPWWMP, WMP, FCMP). These contradictions matter because the UDA report assigns obligations to "the Applicant," and CMQR's response assigns others to Transport Canada. Without clarity on which entity is responsible for which measures, the Agency cannot rely on CMQR's proposed responses to the UDA report.

2. The Agency's own consultation notice confirms the same structure

The consultation notice states that the application was submitted by CPRC "as the operating railway company and on behalf of CMQR." This mirrors the ambiguity in CMQR's response and reinforces the need for clarity before the Agency can evaluate the

proposed mitigation measures.

3. These contradictions affect the enforceability of the measures CMQR proposes

The UDA report identifies potential impacts on groundwater, wetlands, potable wells, and surrounding ecosystems. CMQR's response proposes measures such as:

extending potable well monitoring from 2 to 5 years;

providing emergency water reserves;

adding forest-monitoring components;

relying on adaptive management for wetlands and groundwater.

However, CMQR's response assigns responsibility for these measures to different entities:

Transport Canada for GPWWMP, WMP, FCMP;

CMQR for construction-related protections;

CPRC/CPKC as the operating railway company.

The Agency cannot meaningfully assess whether CMQR's proposed measures adequately address the risks identified in the UDA report unless it is clear which legal entity is responsible for implementing each measure.

4. The UDA report itself emphasizes the need for clear accountability

The UDA report highlights uncertainties regarding groundwater drawdown, wetland hydrology, and long-term effects. It recommends additional measures to reduce risk. CMQR's response rejects several recommendations (e.g., numerical modelling, extended monitoring) based on the roles it assigns to Transport Canada and itself. If the roles are unclear, the basis for accepting or rejecting UDA's recommendations is also unclear.

5. Requested action

Before relying on CMQR's proposed measures, the Agency should require CMQR to clarify:

Which entity is responsible for implementing each mitigation measure referenced in the UDA report.

Which entity is responsible for long-term monitoring and adaptive management.

Which entity bears responsibility for potable well protection and emergency response.

Which entity is accountable for wetlands, surface water, and forest monitoring commitments.

Whether the responsibilities assigned in CMQR's response align with the obligations described in the UDA report.

These clarifications are necessary to evaluate whether CMQR's proposed measures adequately address the risks identified by UDA.

Conclusion

Because CMQR's response assigns responsibilities to multiple entities, and because these assignments directly affect the feasibility and enforceability of the mitigation measures discussed in the UDA report, the Agency should require clarification before issuing its determination.

Attachement No1



RE: Publication no 14 – juin 2026 / Issue No. 14 - June 2026

From Info <Info@otc-cta.gc.ca>
Date Mon 2026-06-22 1:21 PM
To Jenny caccamo <jen_caccamo@hotmail.com>
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Good afternoon Jenny Caccamo:

Thank you for contacting the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA).

Some of the questions you had asked previously were discussed in the most recent [consultation](#) undertaken.

For the remaining questions, we would be grateful if you could address them to the railway company, as the Agency is responsible to render a decision with regards to the section 98 process currently underway, but is not responsible for the railway's corporate governance.

Best regards,

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Hi, from your [website](#):

"The purpose of the consultation session with Agency members is to provide an opportunity for local community citizens and organizations to express their views on the proposed route for the bypass. **It is not the members' role to respond to questions or concerns raised during the consultation. Transport Canada and the railway operator will respond to comments and questions from the public in the days following the in-person consultation.**"

Given that my comment, which included questions specific to the application received no response or answers,

Can you provide insight into the decision to respond to some comments, and not others?

Thanks,
Jenny.

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Mrs. Caccamo,

Transport Canada would like to thank you for your communication regarding your comment sent to the Canadian Transportation Agency (the Agency) during its consultation.

Given that your question falls within the Agency's purview, we encourage you to contact the Agency directly at the following email address: info@otc-cta.gc.ca.

Regards,

Transport Canada

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Good afternoon,

RE:

"Recent developments

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Un mot de Transports Canada

Vous pouvez consulter les commentaires et les réponses de la consultation de l'Office :

<https://otc-cta.gc.ca/fra/consultation/consultation-sur-la-voie-de-contournement-lac-megantic>

Activités récentes

Fin de la consultation publique de l'office des Transports du Canada

Du 12 novembre 2025 au 30 janvier 2026, l'Office des transports du Canada (l'Office) a tenu une consultation sur la demande d'autorisation du projet de la voie de contournement ferroviaire de Lac-Mégantic (le projet) afin de recueillir les commentaires du public. L'opérateur

ferroviaire, en tant que demandeur, avec l'appui de Transports Canada, a répondu aux commentaires reçus au cours de la consultation. Vous pouvez consulter les commentaires et les réponses sur le site Web de l'Office : <https://otc-cta.gc.ca/fra/consultation/consultation-sur-la-voie-de-contournement-lac-megantic>. L'Office prépare actuellement sa décision.

Jalons importants

Plan de surveillance des puits d'eau potable et des eaux souterraines

Au cours de la dernière année, Transports Canada a tenu plusieurs discussions avec les municipalités concernant l'entente de contribution pour la mise en œuvre du *Plan de surveillance des puits d'eau potable et des eaux souterraines* (le Plan). À la suite d'échanges avec la municipalité de Frontenac et la Ville de Lac-Mégantic, Transports Canada assumera la responsabilité du Plan au moyen d'un contrat concurrentiel attribué à la suite d'un appel d'offres. Transports Canada demeure déterminé à garantir à chaque citoyen l'accès à une quantité suffisante d'eau potable de la même qualité qu'avant les travaux, pour sa consommation et ses activités quotidiennes, pendant et après les travaux, jusqu'à la stabilisation du niveau des eaux souterraines. Transports Canada continuera de collaborer avec les municipalités tout au long de la mise en œuvre du Plan.

Avis de travaux ferroviaires et date de construction visée pour le projet

En mai, un *Avis de travaux ferroviaires* (l'Avis) a été envoyé aux propriétaires fonciers dont les terrains sont contigus à la future voie ferrée, aux municipalités de Frontenac, de Lac-Mégantic et de Nantes, ainsi qu'au ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable du Québec. Cet Avis est requis en vertu du *Règlement sur l'avis de travaux ferroviaires* disponible ici : <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/fra/reglements/DORS-91-103/>. Il ne s'agissait pas d'une consultation publique, cependant, Transports Canada a tenu des rencontres individuelles avec les destinataires ayant reçu l'Avis. Il s'agit d'un processus réglementaire distinct de celui mené par l'Office dans le cadre de la demande d'autorisation du projet.

Le début des travaux de construction est actuellement prévu au plus tôt à l'automne 2026. Ce calendrier est provisoire et pourrait être

modifié en fonction de la décision de l'Office, et d'autres exigences réglementaires. La construction ne pourra débuter qu'après l'obtention de toutes les autorisations réglementaires requises.

Visites sur le terrain



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Dans le cadre du *Plan de suivi des milieux humides*, Transports Canada, accompagné de l'ingénieur de la Couronne, a effectué des visites de terrain les 10 et 11 février 2026. Lors de ces visites, des données ont été collectées à partir des pointes filtrantes installées lors d'une précédente visite.

Plusieurs autres visites de terrain se sont déroulées au printemps, notamment pour le suivi des eaux de surface et le suivi des milieux humides à proximité de la future emprise ferroviaire. Des études sur le potentiel de compensation de l'habitat du poisson ont été réalisées dans certains cours d'eau. Un survol de l'emprise avec un drone a aussi permis d'observer la végétation. Des communications ont été envoyées en avance aux résidents et résidentes touchés par ces visites. Pour toutes questions, veuillez communiquer avec l'équipe de projet à l'adresse suivante : TC.InfoLacMegantic.TC@tc.gc.ca.

Information

Pour plus d'information, veuillez consulter le site Web dédié au projet : <https://tc.canada.ca/fr/transport-ferroviaire/voie-contournement-ferroviaire-lac-megantic>.

Pour tout commentaire, vous pouvez communiquer à l'adresse TC.InfoLacMegantic.TC@tc.gc.ca.

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Date de modification :



A word from Transport Canada

You can see the comments and responses from the Agency's consultation:

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Key milestones

Groundwater and potable water well monitoring plan

Over the past year, Transport Canada has held several discussions with municipalities regarding the contribution agreement for the implementation of the *Groundwater and Potable Water Well Monitoring Plan* (the Plan). After engagement with the Municipality of Frontenac and the City of Lac-Mégantic, Transport Canada will assume responsibility for the Plan through a competitive contract awarded

following a call for tenders. Transport Canada remains committed to ensuring that every resident has access to a sufficient quantity of drinking water of the same quality as before the work, for consumption and daily activities, during and after the work, until groundwater levels have stabilized. Transport Canada will continue to collaborate with the municipalities throughout the implementation of the Plan.

Notice of railway works and target construction date for the project

In May, a *Notice of Railway Works* (the Notice) was sent to landowners whose properties are adjacent to the future railway line, to the municipalities of Frontenac, Lac-Mégantic and Nantes, as well as to the ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable du Québec. This notice is required under the *Notice of Railway Works Regulations* available here: <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-91-103/>. This was not a public consultation; however, Transport Canada has held one-on-one meetings with recipients receiving the Notice. It was a regulatory process that is separate from the one conducted by the Agency on the application for authorization of the Project.

Construction is currently scheduled to begin no earlier than fall 2026. This timeline is tentative and may be subject to change depending on the Agency's decision and other regulatory requirements. Construction will not begin until all necessary regulatory approvals have been obtained.

Field visits



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As part of the *Wetlands Monitoring Plan*, Transport Canada, accompanied by the Crown engineer, conducted field visits on

February 10 and 11, 2026. During the visits, data was collected from the well points installed on a previous visit.

Several other site visits took place in the spring, notably to monitor surface water and wetland adjacent to the future railway right-of-way. Studies on the compensation potential of fish habitats have been conducted in certain watercourses. A drone overflight of the right-of-way also provided an opportunity to observe the vegetation. Notifications were sent in advance to residents affected by these visits. If you have any questions, please contact the project team at the following address: TC.InfoLacMegantic.TC@tc.gc.ca.

Information

For more information on the work in progress, we encourage you to visit the website dedicated to the project: <https://tc.canada.ca/en/rail-transportation/lac-megantic-rail-bypass>.

If you have any comments or questions, contact us at TC.InfoLacMegantic.TC@tc.gc.ca.