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Dear Colleagues,

On Sunday April 21st around 10:49 p.m. a CPKC train ablaze was brought into the City of London. London Firefighters acted swiftly to put the fire out, resulting in minimal damage and no injuries. Our appreciation goes out to first responders that continue to work to keep us safe. Following the train fire a debrief was done with CPKC staff, City staff and London Fire. These conversations are important to ensure key learnings are captured and information is shared.

CPKC shared in a statement with the media: "Fire officials have praised the train crew's actions and the effectiveness of the information shared between the crew and emergency officials, all of which contributed to the fire being effectively responded to while protecting public safety." While we certainly appreciate the coordination that had occurred. We believe it would be helpful for Council to receive a report on the key learnings from this event.

The motion would read:

That staff be DIRECTED TO report back to CPSC, with key learning from the Sunday April 21st CPKC fire, including any updates to the Emergency Management notification protocol to address how the Members of Council and the public should be notified when a significant event takes place within the City.

That staff be DIRECTED To explore cost recovery (cost of trucks, staff time and fire suppression foam cost) from the fire on Sunday April 21st, as CPKC has indicated that their staff made a decision to bring the train into London to access our Fire suppression services.

As the debrief has occurred, it is our hope that this report can be turned around for the next committee cycle.

Sincerely,

Councillor Corrine Rahman

Councillor David Ferriera