

How Much Will It Cost

There are 3 possible approaches to save the Line:

- (1) Purchase the entire Line between Oyen and Lyalta, a distance of 177.80 miles for an estimated price of between \$10,646,000 to \$13,473,700;
- (2) Purchase the Line from Oyen to Munson, a distance of 113.30 miles for \$8,585,884 and lease the line from Munson to Lyalta, a distance of 64.50 miles;
- (3) Purchase the Line from Lyalta to Delia a distance of 87.90 miles from between \$4,395,000 to \$6,661,070 and lease from Delia to Oyen, a distance of 89.90 miles

What Can You Do??

- Attend the upcoming public meetings to be held in your community
- Talk to your friends and neighbors about how life will change if the railway disappears;
- Support the Railway Discontinuance Recovery Committee and assist in the many activities required for the initiative to succeed, such as calling your friends and neighbors to advise them of this situation and obtain their support;
- Buy as many shares in the Badlands Railway that you are able to afford



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**CN Intends to
abandon the Oyen to
Lyalta Railway
Line!!!!**

**Benefits to our
communities if the
Rail Line is
Saved from
Abandonment**



The Badlands
Railway



CN to File for Abandonment

CN has advised that on November 18th, 2009, it will formally file to the Canadian Transportation Agency for authority to abandon the rail line from just west of Oyen to just east of Lyalta (the Line).

What Does This Mean to You and Your Community?

Should CN ultimately abandon the Line:

- there will be little if any future opportunity for the communities along the Line to grow and prosper and *many communities will deteriorate and some may disappear*, as the likelihood of attracting any industry or industrial development to a community not served by a railroad is slim
- many producers (in particular those east of Drumheller) will continue to be required to haul their output to market 25, 50 to 100 miles from their farm gate and the current trucking subsidies paid by grain companies will dry up and disappear
- the County road system will be subject to Super B and other truck traffic for years to come which will eventually destroy the grid road system, unless major road maintenance and upgrades are done on a regular basis, at significant costs to rate payers.

What Can be Done About Saving the Railway

- Palliser Regional Municipal Services Ltd. (Palliser) has been given the task to develop a recovery plan for the proposed rail line discontinuance announced by CN Railway in November 2008. A steering committee has been established that includes representatives from communities located along the rail line.
- RailWest Management Ltd. a short line railway consulting company has determined it is feasible to acquire the assets of the Line before it can be abandoned.
- The Badlands Railway Company (BR) has been incorporated pursuant to the Alberta Business Corporations Act for the purposes of the purchase - lease of the Oyen and Drumheller Subdivisions between Mile 68.40, near Oyen, to mile 109.80, near Lyalta (the "Line") a distance of 177.80 miles.
- Public meetings have been held at Oyen, Hanna, Delia, Morrin, Drumheller, Rosebud and Lyalta to inform the public about the upcoming abandonment and ways to prevent it.
- A business plan has been completed, showing the initial costs and the benefits and operating costs of acquiring the Line.
- Initiatives are underway to raise the capital required to complete the purchase of a portion of the Line and the lease of the balance of the Line from CN.

What's In It For:

Producers:

- Rail Service "on demand"
- Savings between \$600 to \$1,200 for each producer car loaded
- Dramatically shorter hauling distances east of Drumheller

Communities:

- Retention of industrial development opportunities
- Establishment of producer car loading facilities at selected locations
- Retention of community identity and the current way of life

Counties / Special Areas:

- Retention of tax base
- Fewer trucks on the local road system



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