

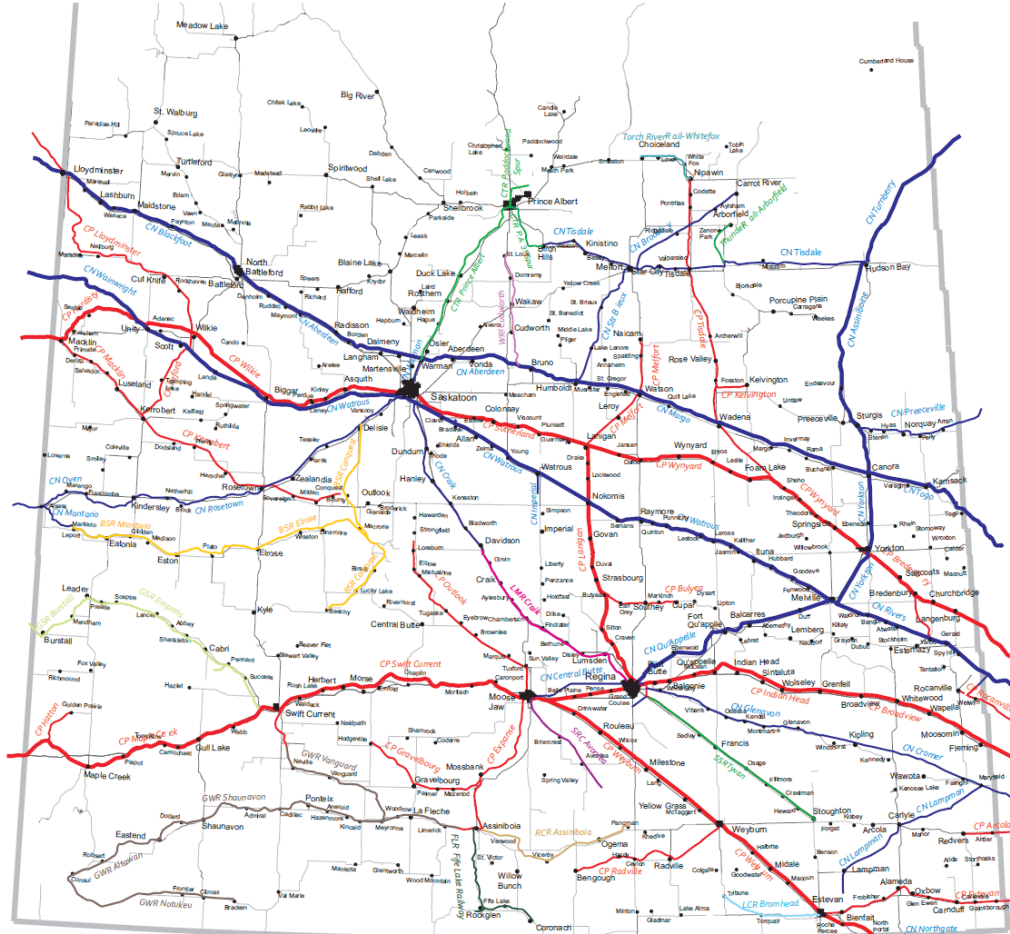


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Saskatchewan Railway Profile

- Railways in Saskatchewan:
 - 3580 km of CN & CP Mainline
 - 2760 km of CN & CP Branchlines & Spurs
 - 2005 km of Common Carrier Shortline Railways
- Total Saskatchewan Railway network of 8345 km
- Currently 13 short lines in Saskatchewan (soon to be 14)
- Approximately 50 industrial railway shippers under provincial jurisdiction





- █ CN Main Lines
- █ CN Branch Lines
- █ CP Main Lines
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Southern Rails Cooperative	71 km	█
Carlton Trail Railway	184 km	█
Red Coat Road and Rail	115 km	█
Great Western Railway	496 km	█
Thunder Rail	31 km	█
Wheatland Rail	74 km	█
Fife Lake Railway	97 km	█
Torch River Rail	45 km	█
Great Sandhills Railway	201 km	█
Last Mountain Railway	136 km	█
Stewart Southern Railway	132 km	█
Long Creek Railroad	66 km	█
Big Sky Rail Corp.	356 km	█
Total Shortlines	2004 km	



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Rail Services

Mandate:

- Administer *The Railway Act*
 - Provide advice on the application of the Act;
 - Ensure compliance with Authorization and Approval Processes;
 - Advise Highway Traffic Board on issuance of Operating Authority Certificates, cost apportionment disputes and level of services issues.
- Safety
 - Carry out responsibilities and duties of Provincial Railway Inspector;
 - Establish rail safety policy for the ministry;
 - Evaluate and audit railway operations and safety plans;
 - Collect and evaluate railway accident/incident reports.
- Shortline Development
 - Provide advisory services to stakeholders considering shortline creation
 - Manage financial assistance programs offered by the Ministry



Rail Services

Railway Operations under Provincial Jurisdiction:

- **Common Carrier (shortline railways)**
 - Operated for the purpose of transporting goods, and/or commodities for a toll or fee;
 - Subject to common carrier obligations under *The Railway Act*.
- **Industrial**
 - Owned and operated for primarily private use to load railcars with goods or commodities manufactured, processed, or handled by the industry.
 - Located within the confines of an industrial site.
- **Amusement/Heritage/Passenger**
 - Owned and operated by an amusement, museum, or heritage park for the sole purpose of providing train rides for the public;
 - Passenger rail is an operation for the sole purpose of carrying passengers either on common carrier track or on railway solely intended for passenger service.



Provincial Guidelines and Standards

Why does Saskatchewan only have guidelines and no regulations?

- Regulations are cumbersome and difficult to create and change
- Regulations must be strictly enforced and don't leave much room for flexibility
- Transport Canada and federal railway industry has developed comprehensive set of railway standards, rules and regulations.
- We believe we already have sufficient authority and ability to enforce the applicable rules and standards without writing them into regulation.



The Railway Act (of Saskatchewan)

Railway construction or expansion requirements

- All classes of railways must:
 - Obtain authorizations to construct and open new or altered railway track
 - Obtain authorizations to construct or alter crossings (road or utility)
- Railway is required to submit construction drawings stamped and certified by a professional engineer
- Any new or expanded railway infrastructure must be designed and constructed in accordance with applicable federal standards, AREMA standards, CSA standards etc.
- Industrial railways are required to submit an industrial railway registration form to provide a basic level of information about their rail related activities.



The Railway Act (of Saskatchewan)

Operating Authority Certificate

- OACs are issued by the provincial Highway Traffic Board
- The Act allows the board to determine if a railway owner and/or operator have adequate insurance
- In the past, the HTB has not required industrial railways to obtain an OAC.
- **New Requirement:**
- **As of January 1, 2016, all industrial railways will be required to apply for and obtain an OAC from the HTB.**
- **Industrial railways will be notified in writing of this change in the coming months.**



The Railway Act (of Saskatchewan)

Safety Management Plans

- The Act authorizes the Minister (or delegated authority) to order a railway to submit a Safety Management Plan
- Submission of a SMP is only mandatory if an order is issued to a railway.
- In the past, we have only asked new industrial railways to provide an SMP.
- Currently in the process of harmonizing our SMP guideline and required components with the new federal SMS regulations.
- **New Requirement:**
 - **Will eventually require all industrial railways to submit an SMP.**
 - **No specific deadline for all railways to submit a new SMP.**
 - **Will phase in this requirement by issuing orders to submit new SMPs over the next year or two.**



The Railway Act (of Saskatchewan)

Further changes and updates

- Over the next few months, we will be updating our existing provincial railway standards and guidelines.
- Will also consider creating new guides specifically intended to address industrial railway operations.
- Intention is to provide additional information and clarity on provincial requirements and our expectations.
- Will use federal rules, regulations and standards along with AB and BC regulations and guides to improve our guidelines



Thank You

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