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Dear Chair Wagner,

**Rail Safety Week will take place across Canada from September 15 to 21, 2025.**

For more than 20 years, CN has partnered with Operation Lifesaver Canada (OL) to raise public awareness about the dangers of crossing and trespassing on railway property. In recent years, we have seen disturbing spikes in deaths and serious injuries related to both. Inattention and distraction at crossings, risky behaviours on and around trains, the rise of homeless encampments along rail corridors, and mental health crises are all factors driving the recent, negative reversal in trendlines.

**As valued neighbours and partners in promoting community safety, CN and OL together would like to ask your council to join us in raising awareness about the critical issue of rail safety by adopting the enclosed [proclamation](#).**

Your leadership plays a vital role in educating the public about the risks associated with inattention at railway crossings and trespassing on train tracks and other rail infrastructure. Rail Safety is a shared responsibility, everyone has a role to play. By signing the proclamation and encouraging public engagement, your municipality will help foster a culture of safety and prevention and we would be honoured to publicly acknowledge your commitment to this cause.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tyler Banick, your local CN Public Affairs representative, at [tyler.banick@cn.ca](mailto:tyler.banick@cn.ca).

For more information:

- Questions or concerns about rail safety in your community, contact our Public Inquiry Line at 1-888-888-5909
- For additional information about Rail Safety Week 2025 visit [cn.ca/RailSafety](https://cn.ca/RailSafety) or [operationlifesaver.ca](https://operationlifesaver.ca)
- Let us know how you promote rail safety in your community by posting on [cn.ca/RSW2025](https://cn.ca/RSW2025)
- For any questions about this proclamation, please email [RSW@cn.ca](mailto:RSW@cn.ca)
- Visit [cn.ca/RSW-toolkit](https://cn.ca/RSW-toolkit) to access the Rail Safety Week toolkit which includes resources to help you further promote rail safety education in your community

Thank you in advance for your support.



**Janet Drysdale**

CN Senior Vice-President and  
Chief Stakeholder Relations Officer



**Shawn Will**

CN Chief of Police and  
Chief Security Officer



**Chris Day**

Operation Lifesaver  
Interim National Director



**RESOLUTION**  
**IN SUPPORT OF RAIL SAFETY WEEK**

**WHEREAS *Rail Safety Week*** is to be held across Canada from September 15 to 21, 2025;

**WHEREAS**, 261 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2024; resulting in 68 avoidable fatalities and 58 avoidable serious injuries;

**WHEREAS**, educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public that railway rights-of-way are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws) will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries cause by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

**WHEREAS** Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, indigenous communities, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

**WHEREAS** CN and Operation Lifesaver have requested City Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;

It is proposed by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_

seconded by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_

It is hereby **RESOLVED** to support national ***Rail Safety Week*** to be held from September 15 to 21, 2025.