

Rail Safety Week

September 18 to 24, 2023

Proclamation

September 12, 2023

WHEREAS, Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 18 to 24, 2023; and

WHEREAS, railways play a vital role in our community; they are an economic driver providing an essential mode of transportation for goods and services; and

WHEREAS, Sturgeon County recognizes rail safety is a matter of great concern, and it is essential to promote awareness and education to prevent accidents and protect lives; and

WHEREAS, 232 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2022, resulting in 66 avoidable fatalities and 43 avoidable serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, educating and informing the public about rail safety, including reminders about the dangers associated with highway-grade rail crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists look and listen while near railways, and obeying all traffic laws, will help reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries caused by incidents involving trains; and

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

WHEREAS, CN has requested County Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives, and prevent injuries in communities, including in Sturgeon County;

Therefore, I, Alanna Hnatiw, Mayor of Sturgeon County, do hereby proclaim the week of September 18 to 24 as Rail Safety Week in Sturgeon County.

To recognize this week, I urge everyone to reflect on the importance of staying safe around railway crossings, adhering to signals, and being cautious around railway tracks. By working together and spreading awareness, we can prevent accidents, save lives, and make our community a safer place for all.



Alanna Hnatiw
Mayor, Sturgeon County