

Rail Safety Week

September 23 to 29, 2024

Proclamation

September 10, 2024

WHEREAS, Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 23 to 29, 2024; 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, 229 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2023, resulting in 66 avoidable fatalities and 39 avoidable serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness about rail safety, including the dangers of highway-grade crossings and the importance of obeying traffic laws near railways, will help reduce avoidable train-related fatalities and injuries; 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 and Operation Lifesaver have requested that 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 23 to 29 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