

**From:** Stephen Covey  
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**To:** Gary McNamara  
**Cc:** Margaret Misek-Evans  
**Subject:** Rail Safety Week 2021 | Proclamation request

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Dear Mayor McNamara:

Every year, more than 2,100 North Americans are killed or seriously injured because of unsafe behaviour around tracks and trains. Most of these incidents and deaths are preventable. By looking out for each other and working together, we can help keep our communities safe and prevent fatalities and injuries on or near railway property.

As a responsible railroad that links communities to markets around the world, CN continues to play its essential role in the economy. We also continue to take all necessary steps to protect our employees, communities, customers, vendors and partners, in response to the continued and unprecedented challenges associated with the pandemic. As we safely serve our customers and keep the economy moving, we remain committed in our efforts to educate the public on rail safety.

Rail Safety Week will be held in Canada, the United States, and Mexico from September 20 - 26, 2021. Once again this year, our in-person activities may be restricted, yet efforts to get the rail safety message out will be stronger than ever. Rail safety never takes a break and, as proud neighbours, we continue to work with *Operation Lifesaver*, our communities and local authorities, CN Police Service officers and all CN employees to help prevent accidents and injuries at rail crossings, and ensure everyone's safety on and around railroad infrastructure year-round.

### **Rail Safety is a shared responsibility**

No one wants such tragedies to occur in their community. Your council can be a powerful ally in this effort to prevent these incidents and save lives by adopting the attached draft proclamation. Please send a copy of your proclamation by mail or by e-mail to [Marie-Pier.Triganne@cn.ca](mailto:Marie-Pier.Triganne@cn.ca) and let us know about your plans to promote rail safety in your community.

If you have any questions or concerns about rail safety in your community, please contact our Public Inquiry Line at 1-888-888-5909. For additional information about Rail Safety Week 2021, please consult [cn.ca/railsafety](https://cn.ca/railsafety) or [operationlifesaver.ca](https://operationlifesaver.ca).

Sincerely,

Stephen Covey  
Chief of Police and Chief Security Officer

(Draft Resolution)

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RAIL SAFETY WEEK**

**Whereas *Rail Safety Week*** is to be held across Canada from September 20 to 26, 2021;

**Whereas** it is in the public's interest to raise citizens' awareness of the dangers of ignoring safety warnings at level crossings and trespassing on rail property to reduce avoidable deaths, injuries and damage caused by incidents involving trains and citizens;

**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;

**Whereas** CN has 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 20 to 26, 2021.