



PROCLAMATION

Rail Safety Week September 15-25, 2026

WHEREAS, *Rail Safety Week* is to be held across Canada from September 15 to 21, 2026; and

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

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 caused 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; and

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.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Andrew Hallikas, by the virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Fort Frances, do hereby proclaim our support for Rail Safety Week 2026.



Andrew Hallikas, Mayor