



# PROCLAMATION

## **Rail Safety Week September 15 - 21, 2025**

**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 service, media and others to raise rail safety awareness; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Andrew Hallikas of the Town of Fort Frances, do hereby proclaim that the week of September 15 – 21, 2025 as Rail Safety Week in the Town of Fort Frances.



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Andrew Hallikas, Mayor