



PROCLAMATION

RAIL SAFETY WEEK

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

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

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 cause by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

Whereas Operation Lifesaver Canada 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 Operation Lifesaver Canada has requested City 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 Gale Katchur, do hereby proclaim September 18 to 24, 2023, as "Rail Safety Week" in the City of Fort Saskatchewan.

Mayor Gale Katchur

September 19, 2023