



City of Spruce Grove Proclamation Rail Safety Week

September 21 - 27, 2026

WHEREAS, Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 21 to 27, 2026;

WHEREAS, 252 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2025; resulting in 69 avoidable fatalities and 60 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 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; 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;

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Jeff Acker, Mayor of the City of Spruce Grove, do hereby proclaim September 21 - 27, 2026 as "Rail Safety Week".