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Subject: World Hepatitis Day 2023 Proclamation Request

From: Usick, Karen <Karen.Usick@niagarahealth.on.ca>

Sent: June 12, 2023 11:48 AM

To: wayne.redekop@niagararegion.ca; marvin.junkin@niagararegion.ca; Brian.Grant@niagararegion.ca; frank.campion@niagararegion.ca; bill.steele@niagararegion.ca; Jdiodati@niagarafall.ca; sandra.easton@niagararegion.ca; jeff.jordan@niagararegion.ca; terry.ugulini@niagararegion.ca; Mathew.Siscoe@niagararegion.ca; Gary.Zalepa@niagararegion.ca; Cheryl.Ganann@niagararegion.ca; jim.bradley@niagararegion.ca; jdiodati@niagarafalls.ca; mayor@stcatharines.ca; Terry.Ugulini@thorold.ca; billsteel@portcolborne.ca; wredekop@forterie.ca; frank.campion@welland.ca; mjunkin@pelham.ca; Brian Grant <BGrant@wainfleet.ca>; mayor@welland.ca; gary.zelepa@notl.ca; jjordan@grimsby.ca; cganann@westlincoln.ca; seaston@lincoln.ca

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Subject: World Hepatitis Day 2023 Proclamation Request

Greetings everyone!

Hope you are marvelous Monday so far! ☺

On behalf of the Hepatitis C Care Clinic Team, I would like to express our gratitude for your support in declaring Thursday May 11, 2023 Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day (Can Hep Day) throughout Niagara. The Team with the Niagara Health System-Hepatitis C Care Clinic is continuing our 2023 hepatitis and liver health awareness campaign to encourage individuals to seek testing at one of our community awareness events, or at one of our many clinic locations throughout Niagara. Our community awareness event at St Andrews Church in Niagara Falls, which raised awareness of Can Hep Day, was a huge success. We are busily preparing for our next community awareness event in St. Catharines at Montebello Park on Friday July 28th. We have hosted our community events annually since 2014 (except for 2020 and 2021) to recognize World Hepatitis Day... and to join our global partners around the world on this very important awareness day. While hosting our annual events, our program and community partners who join us, bring a street-based health, and social services fair to the community. Our residents here in Niagara need our support now more than ever. This is why the Hepatitis C Care Clinic Team and the many programs of our community partners feel it is

important to meet individuals where they are at . . . and to bring our care and services to them.

Please join us on July 28th to learn more about the Hepatitis C Care Clinic's program and services. In addition, you will also learn how easy it is to get tested for hepatitis C, hepatitis C treatments options, hepatitis and liver health. Our community partners would love to share with you about their program's care and services. 😊 Are you wondering how you can help? Please join together with our awareness campaign to recognize World Hepatitis Day on July 28th. Can we count on your support to declare July 28th World Hepatitis Day in your municipality of Niagara? If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me! 😊 Please find enclosed our promotional flyer for the event. The flyer will provide you with all of the details for the event! 😊

Thank you so very much for your ongoing support to bring awareness to the 12 municipalities of Niagara!

Hope you have a lovely day and a wonderful week! 😊

Take care and stay safe!

Karen

Karen Usick – Reg. N

Hepatitis C Care Clinic | Community Coordinator

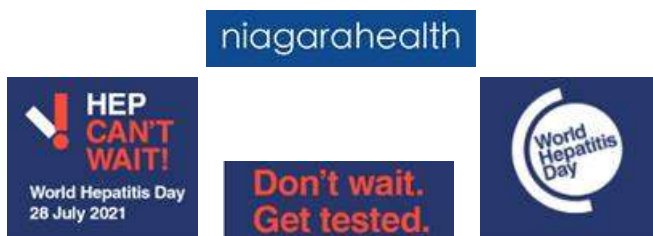
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HCCC Website Address - www.niagarahealth.on.ca/site/hepatitis-c-care

NHS Addiction Services - www.niagarahealth.on.ca/services/addiction-recovery



#HepCantWait | #WorldHepatitisDay | #NoHep

WORLD HEPATITIS DAY

July 28th, 2023

WHEREAS, approximately 204,000 Canadians are living with hepatitis C and over 250,000 people are living with hepatitis B;

WHEREAS, people living with hepatitis B and C have an increased risk of developing cirrhosis, liver failure and related illnesses;

WHEREAS, Ontario has over 110,000 people living with hepatitis B or C, both of which are slow and progressive diseases; and

WHEREAS, there are vaccines available for Hepatitis A and B; effective Hepatitis C treatment therapies can cure over 95% of cases; and

WHEREAS, World Hepatitis Day provides an opportunity to reach out to millions of Canadians and encourage hepatitis testing, provide treatment and care for those affected while paving the way towards elimination of hepatitis as a public health concern in Canada by 2030;

THEREFORE, I, Brian Grant, Mayor of Wainfleet, do hereby proclaim **July 28th, 2023 World Hepatitis Day in Wainfleet.**

JOURNÉE MONDIALE CONTRE L'HÉPATITE

Le 28 juillet 2023

ATTENDU QUE, au Canada, quelque 204 000 personnes vivent avec l'hépatite C et environ 250 000 avec l'hépatite B;

ATTENDU QUE le risque de cirrhose, d'insuffisance hépatique et de maladies connexes est plus élevé chez les personnes qui vivent avec l'hépatite B ou C;

ATTENDU QUE l'Ontario compte plus de 110 000 personnes vivant avec l'hépatite B ou C, deux maladies lentes et progressives; et

ATTENDU QU'il existe des vaccins pour protéger contre l'hépatite A et B ainsi que des traitements efficaces pouvant guérir plus de 95 % des personnes atteintes d'hépatite C; et

ATTENDU QUE la Journée mondiale contre l'hépatite est une occasion de joindre des millions de Canadiennes et de Canadiens, d'encourager le dépistage de l'hépatite et de fournir traitements et soins aux personnes touchées tout en ouvrant la voie vers l'élimination de l'hépatite en tant que problème de santé publique au Canada d'ici 2030;

PAR CONSÉQUENT, je, Brian Grant, maire de Wainfleet, proclame par la présente le **28 juillet 2023 Journée mondiale contre l'hépatite** à Wainfleet.

**Brian Grant
Mayor / Maire**



June 26, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

RE: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Pleased be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held June 19, 2023 in support of the resolutions from Northumberland County and the Municipality of Mississippi Mills regarding reducing municipal insurance costs:

Moved by Councillor Rothwell **Seconded by** Councillor Johnston

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports the resolutions from Northumberland County and the Municipality of Mississippi Mills regarding *Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs*;

AND THAT: Staff be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford – Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy – Minister of Finance, the Honourable Steve Clark – Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Matthew Rae – Perth-Wellington MPP, the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO), and to all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Attached please find a copy of the resolutions from Northumberland County and the Municipality of Mississippi Mills.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at lcline@northperth.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsay Cline".

Lindsay Cline,
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
Municipality of North Perth

cc.

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Perth-Wellington MPP Matthew Rea
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

Finance & Audit Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: May 2, 2023

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2023-05-02- 323

Moved by: B. Ostrander

Seconded by: M. Martin

Council Meeting Date: May 17, 2023

"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered Correspondence from City of Owen Sound, Town of Plympton-Wyoming, and Town of Cobourg regarding 'Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and to all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried


Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated

Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred

Committee Chair's Signature



The Corporation of the
Municipality of Mississippi Mills

Council Meeting

Resolution Number 161-23

Title: Item C - Town of Plympton-Wyoming Resolution re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Moved by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Councillor Souter

THAT Council supports the Town of Plympton-Wyoming's resolution re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

CARRIED

I, Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk for the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution enacted by Council.

Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk

From: FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM <fonom.info@gmail.com>
Sent: July 19, 2023 11:24 AM
Subject: FONOM's Housing Resolution - Seeking Support

Good morning

PLEASE SHARE THIS EMAIL WITH YOUR COUNCIL

A need for affordable housing and support for people at risk of homelessness impacts every community across Ontario. Many Councils have supported previous housing Resolutions, seeking help to address the challenges seen in our communities. For several years, FONOM has heard Minister Steve Clark comment about Ontario needing a better deal from the Federal Government. Below is a part of Minister Clark's speech at the 2022 AMO Conference.

"Ontario is currently being underfunded by approximately \$490 million for housing and homelessness over the term of the National Housing Strategy based on the province's level of Core Housing Need, which is the highest in the country." Also, stated, "We need our municipal partners to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with us and urge the federal government to pay its fair share, so we can continue working together to deliver support and resources to vulnerable populations."

FONOM is non-partisan, but the Board believes supporting more funding to address Ontario's Housing challenges should be supported! Therefore, the Board has written and Supported the attached Resolution, and they firmly ask for your consideration and support at your Councils. The Resolution is lengthy, but it speaks to the data, the current funding, and what should be changed to help Ontario achieve better.

Thanks you

Danny Whalen

President of FONOM

PS: Attached in the second document are the email addresses mentioned in the last paragraph of the Resolution. Also, a Word Version of the Resolution will be available upon request.

WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial Governments need to support their most vulnerable households, the ones who are or are at risk of becoming homeless. Overall, housing and services for low-income, vulnerable, or marginalized people should be a primary consideration moving forward so we help those who need it the most.

WHEREAS the _____Community _____ understands every community across Ontario is impacted by a need for affordable housing and support for people at risk of homelessness. Municipal governments are working in collaboration with all orders of government to invest in permanent solutions to the housing and homelessness crisis in Ontario.

WHEREAS the _____Community _____ understands that the Federal **National Housing Strategy** allocation formula to provinces and territories for jointly funded housing initiatives, roughly follows their share of the national population. This approach leaves Ontario underfunded because, as per the 2021 Census figures, the number of Ontario households in **Community Housing Network** as a share of the national total is 44.1 percent, which is well above the provincial share of the national population at 38.5 percent. This is also by far the highest share of national **Community Housing Network** relative to every other province and territories.

WHEREAS receiving a by-population allocation from the federal government hampers Ontario's ability to reach more of those households in need that require assistance with housing.

WHEREAS the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock.

WHEREAS a similar situation occurs with federal homelessness funding to Ontario through **Reaching Home**, where the share allocated to Ontario is also below the provincial share of **Community Housing Network** nationally.

WHEREAS there is an inequitable distribution of **Reaching Home** funding in Ontario as only 25 of 47 Service Managers have designated communities receiving funding under the program, despite the prevalence of need across the entire Province.

WHEREAS _____Community _____ understand the federal government takes the position that its role is to provide capital funding while Provinces and Territories are to fund operating expenses, but this approach does not create an equitable sharing of the burden of funding long-term operating costs, which continue for the life of a project.

WHEREAS taken altogether, the underfunding to Ontario for housing and homelessness relative to its share of national **Canadian Housing Network** amounts to approximately \$480 million over the term of the Federal **National Housing Strategy**.

WHEREAS the federal government previously provided leadership in ensuring the long-term financial and physical viability of the social housing stock under the **Social Housing Agreement** for several decades through federal social housing operating agreements that provided funding for both mortgages and operating costs.

WHEREAS without some flexibility on the part of the federal government, Ontario and its municipalities will be poorly positioned to take advantage of this funding, and this will turn into a significant missed opportunity, leading to a further deterioration in the long-term physical and financial sustainability of the community housing stock.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, _____Community _____ also supports the provincial ask for federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED would appreciate the federal effort to repurpose this funding quickly from the main **National Housing Co-Investment Fund** program line, Service Managers across the province have indicated their challenges with meeting the terms of the federal proposal, particularly as they relate to cost matching and meeting the requirements for greenhouse gas emissions, energy efficiency and accessibility.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that _____Community _____ would like need-driven indicators incorporated into the funding allocation formulas for all federal programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that FONOM appreciates the federal government's commitment to end chronic homelessness and wishes this to be inclusive across all areas of our province by expanding Reaching Home funding to all Service Managers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FONOM also supports the provincial position in relation to the provinces and territories **Repair Fund** under the **National Housing Co-Investment Fund**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FONOM supports the Province of Ontario position on the application-based \$4 billion federal **Housing Accelerator Fund**. We wish to emphasize the importance of providing municipalities with maximum support in preparing applications to the HAF, understanding that some rural and northern municipalities may face capacity challenges in applying to this program on the anticipated tight timelines.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, _____Community _____ wish to request that **Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation** consider actions taken by municipalities under the province's **Housing Supply Action Plans** into account when assessing municipal applications, recognizing that these initiatives have the potential to significantly increase the supply of housing in our communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, _____Community _____ believes the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, _____ Community _____ believe the federal government should heed the precedent of the **Social Housing Agreement** and recommit itself to funding operating costs that often stretch out over decades for the lifetime of a housing project. As an example, the **Rapid Housing Initiative's** 20-year affordability requirement and lack of federal operating dollars will very likely result in housing providers asking Service Managers and the provincial government to fund operating expenses to ensure the long-term affordability of units given housing providers' limited revenue-raising capacity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED This lack of ongoing federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, _____ Community _____ urges the Federal Government provide additional funding for Ontario so that we can deal with our shortages of safe and affordable housing and at the same time build safer and healthier communities for all our residents.

FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED THAT a Copy of the Resolution be forward to the individuals listed below for consideration and support, Prime Minister Trudeau, Minister Ahmed Hussen, _____ Your Federal Member _____, Premier Ford, Minister Clark, __your _____ Member of Provincial Legislation, Leaders of the Federal and Provincial Opposition Parties, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.



Received July 19, 2023
C-2023-279

The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

July 7, 2023

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto ON, M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

BY EMAIL

Re: Support Letter: Local Emergency Response System and Gaps in Healthcare regarding Code Red and Code Black Frequency

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

At its meeting held on June 26, 2023, Council in the Town of Amherstburg passed the following:

Resolution # 20230626-015

That Administration BE DIRECTED to send a letter of support re: Town of Essex - Local Emergency Response System and Gaps in Healthcare regarding Code Red and Code Black Frequency.

Enclosed is a copy of the correspondence from the Town of Essex for convenience and reference purposes.

Regards,

Sarah Sabihuddin
Deputy Clerk, Town of Amherstburg
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Anthony Leardi, MPP anthony.leardi@pc.ola.org

Lisa Gretzky, MPP lgretzky-co@ndp.on.ca

Chris Lewis – MP, Essex, Ontario Chris.Lewis@parl.gc.ca

Andrew Dowie, MPP andrew.dowie@pc.ola.org

Marit Stiles, MPP Mstiles-op@ndp.on.ca

Chris Lewis, MP chris.lewis@parl.gc.ca

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Honourable Doug Ford

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June 19, 2023

BY EMAIL

RE: Local Emergency Response System and Gaps in Healthcare regarding Code Red
and Code Black Frequency

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Further to Town of Essex resolution number **R23-05-203** passed on May 15, 2023, we enclose a letter from Town of Essex Mayor Sherry Bondy for your review and consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "j. malandrucolo".

Joseph Malandrucolo

Director, Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk
jmalandrucolo@essex.ca

encl.

c.c. Mary Birch, County of Essex
mbirch@countyofessex.ca

Anthony Leardi, MPP
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

The Town of Essex Council hereby appeals to the province of Ontario to acknowledge the challenges faced by our local emergency response system and take decisive action to resolve the gaps in our healthcare. While we recognize that our situation is not unique, we believe that it is essential to draw attention to our persistent Code Red and Code Black conditions, which are primarily caused by an insufficient number of hospital beds, medical personnel, and resources.

Windsor and Essex County residents ought to have confidence that when they dial 911 it will elicit a prompt ambulance response for emergency situations. Local healthcare providers are engaging various initiatives such as a paramedic offload program, offload to the waiting room for assessment and triage of less severe medical matters, diversion to another hospital for low acuity cases, and the Essex-Windsor EMS paramedic patient navigator to monitor and manage dispatch. Nevertheless, these initiatives alone have been unable to curb the escalation of Code Red and Code Black frequency, signifying few or no ambulances available for emergencies.

In the year 2021, Windsor-Essex experienced a cumulative of 3253 minutes in Code Red and 791 minutes in Code Black. In 2022, the period subjected to Code Red increased significantly to 8086 minutes, whereas Code Black saw 2257 minutes. In March 2023, just three months into the year, the community has clocked 864 Code Red minutes already plus another 2257 Code Black minutes.

We implore the authorities to apply an immediate and comprehensive review of our hospital offload delays and staffing crisis in our front line. Ambulance offload processes and hospital volumes are merely two contributing factors, if nothing tangible is done, local families risk experiencing catastrophic consequences. Our former Warden, McNamara, declared an emergency on ambulance unavailability in October 2022 linked to hospital admission delays; to date, this emergency situation still holds with no decrease in Code Reds and Code Blacks.

We require a holistic solution to address our hospital deficiencies and healthcare shortcomings on an underlying basis. In addition, the Town of Essex Council request that the province of Ontario conduct a review of projected population growth and aging in Windsor – Essex and increase health care capacity to match our present and future needs.



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Therefore, the Town of Essex Council requests that the province of Ontario recognize the dangerous strain facing our local emergency response infrastructure and urgently work to address these gaps in our healthcare system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherry Bondy".

Sherry Bondy

Mayor

Town of Essex



Received July 19, 2023
C-2023-280

Municipality of Huron Shores
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Iron Bridge, ON P0R 1H0
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July 19, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON L7A 1A7

Re: Res. #23-16-25 – Code of Conduct

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the Municipality of Huron Shores at its Regular Meeting held Wednesday, July 12th, 2023, received and supported correspondence from the County of Oxford dated June 14, 2023, requesting the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct.

Attached please find a copy of the County of Oxford correspondence dated June 14, 2023.

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Natashia Roberts
CAO/Clerk
natashia@huronshores.ca

NR/KN

Attach

c.c. Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Michael Mantha, MPP; Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and all Ontario Municipalities.

Municipal Council of the County of Oxford
Council Meeting - Oxford County

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Moved By: Bernia Wheaton

Seconded By: Phil Schaefer

Whereas, all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

Whereas, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

Whereas, several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

Whereas, these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

Whereas, municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

Whereas, municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the County of Oxford supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;

Also be it resolved that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.

And further that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP; Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and all Ontario Municipalities.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Chloe Senior

Subject: Rail Safety Week 2023 | Proclamation request

From: Stephen Covey <stephen.covey@cn.ca>
Sent: July 20, 2023 1:50 PM
To: William Kolasa <WKolasa@wainfleet.ca>
Subject: Rail Safety Week 2023 | Proclamation request



cn.ca

Dear MR Kolasa;

Every year, more than 2,100 North Americans are killed or seriously injured because of unsafe behaviour around tracks and trains. By adopting the attached draft proclamation, you can help raise awareness for rail safety in your community.

Working safely is, by far, the most important thing we do each day at CN. Every employee deserves to go home safely. Every community needs to know they will not be put in harm's way. At CN, we aspire to zero – zero fatalities, zero serious injuries, zero harm. We need your help. We firmly believe that all crossing and trespassing related incidents are preventable. By working together, we can help save lives.

Rail Safety Week will be held in Canada and the United States from September 18-24, 2023. This is an opportunity for us all to educate the public on rail safety. As a leader in your community, your council plays a key role in improving public awareness about the dangers around tracks and trains.

Rail safety is a shared responsibility. We are asking you to engage with your communities about rail safety and to sign the enclosed proclamation highlighting your community's commitment to rail safety. We would like to publicly recognize your commitment. For us to do that, we ask that you please return the signed proclamation by e-mail to Marie-Pier.Triganne@cn.ca.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Daniel Salvatore, your local CN Public Affairs representative, at Daniel.Salvatore@cn.ca

For more information:

- Questions or concerns about rail safety in your community, contact our Public Inquiry Line at [1-888-888-5909](tel:1-888-888-5909)
- For additional information about Rail Safety Week 2023 visit cn.ca/railsafety or operationlifesaver.ca
- Let us know how you promote rail safety in your community by visiting www.cn.ca/RSW2023

Janet Drysdale

Senior Vice-President and Chief

Stephen Covey

Chief of Police and Chief Security



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RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF 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 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 18 to 24, 2023.



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