

Resolution 2018

Strathcona County Train Whistle Cessation

WHEREAS Transport Canada's *Procedure for Train Whistling at Public Grade Crossings* prescribes the procedures for adopting train whistle cessation at a grade rail crossing, and

WHEREAS the crossing meets the whistling cessation requirements of section 23.1 of the *Railway Safety Act*, Section 104 of the *Grade Crossings Regulations* and Appendix D of the *Grade Crossing Standards*, and

WHEREAS CN Rail agrees to issue its special instructions, as per CROR 14(l)(iv), eliminating the application of CROR 14(l)(i), while providing for CROR 14(f).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that whistle cessation be applied to the grade crossings at;

CN Mile 255.97 – Range Road 231

BACKGROUND

The residents living along the CN Rail Wainwright subdivision line have expressed concerns over the increasing number of trains traveling along the corridor and the lowered quality of life, as a result of the train whistles sounding at all hours of the day and night. The residents have put forward a request to apply train whistle cessation at the Crossing. As per the Train Whistle Cessation Policy and the *Transport Canada Railway Safety Act*, Strathcona County is proposing to pass a resolution to have whistle cessation implemented on the railway Crossings. The Crossings have been inspected and conforms to the requirements of the *Railway Safety Act* and *Grade Crossing Regulations* and *Grade Crossing Standards* of Transport Canada for whistle cessation. The recommended safety improvements as part of whistle cessation requirements including adjustment in gate descent time, installation of line painting, and warning signs are completed. Should Council pass the resolution to create whistle cessation at the Crossings, CN Rail will have 30 days to notify Transport Canada of the whistling cessation resolution for implementation. Once implemented Strathcona County must maintain safety improvements related to the *Grade Crossing Regulations* and *Grade Crossing Standards* as established by Transport Canada.