

Resolution 2016

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 in 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(I)(iv), eliminating the application of CROR 14(I)(i), while providing for CROR 14(f).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that whistle cessation be applied to the grade crossing at CN Mile 250.25 – Highway 824 ("Crossing")

BACKGROUND

The residents of Ardrossan and those 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 Crossing.

The Crossing has 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. Additional safety features and devices were installed at the Crossing, including line painting, signs and fencing as was required.

Should Council pass the resolution to create whistle cessation at the Crossing, CN Rail will have 30 days to notify Transport Canada of the whistling cessation resolution for implementation. Once implemented Strathcona County must maintain the fence and safety improvements related to the *Grade Crossing Regulations* and *Grade Crossing Standards* as established by Transport Canada.