

Resolution Spring 2020

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 245.02	Range Road 214
CN Mile 245.63	Township Road 524
CN Mile 246.26	Highway 830

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. Residents have requested train whistle cessation at the crossings.

As per Train Whistle Cessation Policy SER-013-004 and the *Transport Canada Railway Safety Act*, Strathcona County is proposing to pass a resolution to have whistle cessation implemented on the aforementioned railway crossings.

The crossings have been inspected and conform 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 complete. Should Council pass the resolution to create whistle cessation at the aforementioned grade crossings, CN Rail will have 30 days to notify Transport Canada of the whistle cessation resolution for implementation. Once implemented Strathcona County and CN Rail are required to maintain safety improvements related to the *Grade Crossing Regulations* and *Grade Crossing Standards* as established by Transport Canada.