

## Resolution 2019

### 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 243.74	Range Road 213
CN Mile 242.06	Range Road 211A
CN Mile 240.06	Range Road 210 (Cooking Lake Road)
CN Mile 238.71	Range Road 205
CP Mile 168.38	34 Street

#### 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.

City of Edmonton received similar noise complaints from their residents originating from a CP railway crossing located on 34 Street within Strathcona County's jurisdiction. The City requested Strathcona County support and collaborate on the implementation of whistle cessation at this railway crossing. The City has completed the required safety assessment and implemented all necessary requirements to achieve whistle cessation. The City of Edmonton and Strathcona County maintained a multi-year coordination and implementation to successfully achieve complete this project.

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 and CP Rail will have 30 days to notify Transport Canada of the whistle cessation resolution for implementation. Once implemented Strathcona County is required to maintain safety improvements related to the *Grade Crossing Regulations* and *Grade Crossing Standards* as established by Transport Canada.