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Mayor and Members of Municipal Council:

Re: Notice of Motion – Designate Rail Safety Week September 18th – 24th

Given Municipal Council's commitment to taking appropriate steps to enhance safety initiatives in our community, we are asking council to making a commitment to designate September 18th – September 24th, Rail Safety Week. There were 232 railway crossing and trespassing incidents in Canada in 2022, resulting in 66 avoidable fatalities and 43 avoidable serious injuries. The City of London has two major railways that run through the city.

Educating and informing the public about rail safety, such as 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.

Due to our meeting calendar, the next standing committee meeting cycle will be too late to consider this proclamation. As such I am seeking leave to introduce a motion directly to Council. I request your consideration of the following motions:

“That pursuant to section 11.3 of the Council Procedure By-law, leave be given for the introduction of a notice of motion to consider a time sensitive request for the Municipal Council to proclaim September 18 – 24, 2023 as Rail Safety Week.”

Should leave be given, I am seeking support of the following motion:

“That in support of ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in our community, September 18 – 24, 2023 BE PROCLAIMED as Rail Safety Week in the City of London.”

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Hopkins
Councillor, Ward 9