

# TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

August 26, 2024

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**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada through Transport Canada's Grade Crossings Regulations SOR/2014-275, as amended, specifically Section 75 regarding private grade crossings requires that existing grade crossings that is a private grade crossing must meet additional requirements outlined in the regulation beginning on November 28, 2024; and

**WHEREAS** due to these amendments to the Grade Crossings Regulations will require significant safety enhancements for specific private railway crossings, including those located on private properties within the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal; and

**WHEREAS** CN Rail is actively seeking an exemption for the private grade crossings for relief from the requirements of these regulations; and

**WHEREAS** if Transport Canada does not support the exemption request, the private property owners with private grade crossings will be mandated to complete the upgrades, including the installation of an automated warning system with gates; and

**WHEREAS** CN Rail estimates that the necessary upgrades may cost each private railway crossing owner upwards of between \$600,000 to \$2 million depending on the cost of installation of each automatic gate system and additional annual maintenance costs of \$9,685 for the required equipment pursuant to the Canadian Transportation Agency's Guide to Railway Charges for Crossing Maintenance and Construction.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal urges Transport Canada to reconsider the amendments to the Grade Crossing Regulations SOR/2014-275 due to the financial

**Carried**    **Defeated**    **Unanimous**

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challenges these required upgrades to each private railway crossing will have on private property owners across Canada.

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal supports CN Rail's continued requests to Transport Canada to obtain exemptions for private railway crossing upgrades.

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be circulated and brought to the attention of Michael Barrett, Member of Parliament, Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes; Steve Clark, Member of Provincial Parliament, Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes; The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Pablo Rodriguez, Minister of Transport of Canada; ROMA and AMO.

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