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**Rail Safety Week In Yorkton -- September 23-29**

Rail Safety Week in Yorkton was kicked off today at a joint news conference of Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways and the City of Yorkton.

“Rail Safety is an important concern in the City, with both national railways having heavily travelled routes through the City,” said Mayor Bob Maloney. “We want to bring attention to the fact that having the railways has always been an important economic advantage to the city, but that safety around rail lines should never be taken for granted,” he said.

Cst. Hank Neumiller, CN Police officer for the Yorkton area said “We take rail safety seriously and are constantly working to improve the safety of the communities we are part of in Saskatchewan and across the Country.”

CP Police Cst. Matthew Loscombe said “The safety of Canadians and our employees is uppermost in our mind in every community we serve. We do our best to ensure that safety is our number one priority, and Rail Safety Week is one way to bring attention to this important issue.”

The announcement was made at a news conference at the Yorkton Skate Park Monday, and a new fence to be constructed between the CN Tracks and the Skate Park was also announced. The fencing will be funded jointly by the City, CN and the Yorkton Business Improvement District (YBID). Final negotiations on building the fence are underway with construction expected to be next Spring.

“We are very pleased to be fencing off the tracks adjacent to the skate park to improve safety for young people using the park,” said the Mayor. “Partnering with CN, whose tracks run adjacent to the park, and with YBIB, underscores the importance of community cooperation in projects like this,” he said.

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