

VIA RAIL CANADA 25TH ANNIVERSARY

MUNICIPAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS 2002-2004 marks the 25th anniversary of VIA Rail Canada as Canada's national passenger rail service; and

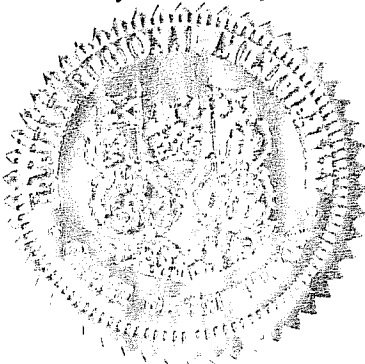
WHEREAS communities across Canada, rich in passenger rail history, are recognizing VIA as a vital part of Canada's national transportation system, linking 450 communities from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Great Lakes to Hudson Bay; and

WHEREAS passenger rail contributes to alleviating the 21st century challenges of traffic congestion and pollution; and

WHEREAS VIA transported over 74,000 people to and from Halifax in 2002, connecting families and business travellers and making a positive contribution to revenues, tourism and the economy of our city and region;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Peter J. Kelly, Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality, do hereby proclaim January 13, 2004, as a day for extending congratulations to VIA Rail Canada on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 13th day of January, 2004.



Peter J. Kelly
Mayor