



Transport-Québec allots \$3.9 million for creditors and line ownership

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NEW RICHMOND — On March 20, Transport-Québec announced it is allotting \$3.9 million for the creditors of the Gaspésie Railway Society, which was owed \$3.6 million. The amount also allows the Quebec government to become the owner of the

Matapédia to Gaspé rail line. Details regarding the amount of money Quebec's department of Transport will earmark for the maintenance and upgrading of the line remains unknown for now. The provincial budget on March 26 could shed some light on these details.

The Gaspésie Railway

Society will keep ownership of the locomotives and maintenance equipment, as well as some pieces of land and most train stations. The transporter remained the operator of the freight train since it filed for court protection in November, under the supervision of trustee Lemieux Nolet.