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VIA Rail sent car to Rail GD for repairs

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NEW RICHMOND: - On February 12 Rail GD, the New Richmond railcar repair shop, received one of VIA Rail's Budd RDC units. The rail diesel car (RDC) will be in New Richmond for about a month for repairs. "It was involved in a slight accident and requires minor repairs," says Joey Cyr, director general of Rail GD. Unit 6208 arrived in Matapedia towed by VIA Rail's train 14, which links Montreal and Halifax, and then was brought to the New Richmond shop by the Gaspésie Railway Society. VIA Rail uses this type of self-propelled passenger car in two regions, Northern Ontario and on Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

After New Richmond, Unit 6208 will likely be sent to British Columbia, where VIA Rail's Courtenay-Victoria service is supposed to resume this coming spring, after a four year hiatus caused by the state of the line.