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Coalition sets new goal of 1,500 letters

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PORT DANIEL – The Gaspésians working together for the future of the train along the coast have now convinced at least 1,462 people to send a letter to the prime minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, to convince him and his cabinet that the federal government must make the necessary steps towards the return of VIA Rail's passenger train between Matapédia and Gaspé.

Those steps could be discussions with the administration of VIA Rail regarding the use of Budd automotive cars

to resume the service, which would be a preliminary way to get the train back, as Budd rolling material is a lot lighter than a standard locomotive.

The leaders of Gaspésians working together for the future of the train, Gilles Lamy, Bernard Babin and Anthony Bernard Prince, are also checking with federal authorities to see if they could finance a study pertaining to the bearing capacity of some Gaspé line bridges. Anthony Bernard Prince says that a new goal of 1,500 letters for Justin Trudeau has now been set by his group.