

Gaspesians for the future of the train coalition very satisfied with petition and letter results

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NEW RICHMOND: – Over the last few days, the “Gaspesians for the future of the train” coalition reached two important milestones in its effort to bring back the passenger train between Matapédia and Gaspé. The National Assembly petition passed the 5,000 signature mark before its June 2 deadline and Canada’s Prime Minister Justin Trudeau received his 2,000th letter requesting the federal government involvement in the betterment of Gaspesian rail services.

One of the three coalition

spokespersons, Port Daniel’s Anthony Bernard Prince, expresses gratitude towards his main allies, Gilles Lamy and Bernard Babin.

“Our goal was to send 1,000 letters, (to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau) but this was increased to 1500. Altogether, 2,059 letters were sent in to the Prime Minister (as of the beginning of June). I’m very happy with the results. The fact is people took the time to print the letter and address an envelope to send it. It shows that people really want the passenger train back. This letter really got things moving with the federal government. The fed-

eral government is now willing to invest money on the Gaspé railroad,” reacts Mr. Prince.

He also praises the work of Médor Doiron, the Bonaventure citizen behind the National Assembly petition.

“We set an aggressive target of at least 5,000 signatures for this petition, but again we surpassed our goal with 5,174 signatures. This is a beautiful result. We need to send the Quebec government a clear message. The Gaspé coast needs its passenger train service restored. We want the provincial and federal governments to work together and repair the Gaspé railroad,” he



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adds.

While the National Assembly petition is no longer taking signatures, due to the deadline imposed by the rules linked to such steps, people can still

send letters to Justin Trudeau. The links are easy to find online. A facebook page, “Help save the railway on the Gaspé Coast,” is a good way to access the letter.