

More than 1,438 letters have now been sent to Trudeau

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PORT DANIEL: • Help Save the railway on the Gaspé Coast, the movement trying to bring back VIA Rail's passenger train on the Gaspé Coast, has now convinced more than 1,438 people to send a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, in order to get him involved in the steps leading to service resumption.

The last count is dated February 8, which is seven weeks after the letter was put on the internet. It means that more than 200 people are mailing the letter each week. "We need all the support possible to advance the return of the passenger train. We continually receive messages from people who emphasize how important the train is for them," says Port Daniel's Anthony Bernard Prince, one of the three main people involved in the movement.

Here are some of the messages that came in over the last week, says Mr. Prince. On February 2, Hope Town's Jessie Watt wrote, "All my children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren live over 1000 km from here, and with a return of the train they would come to visit me on their vacations."

Dorothy Sauson, from London, Ontario, wrote on February 2. "I have always travelled by train to the Gaspé to visit my sister in Shigawake and my sister-in-law in Hope Town and many other friends and relatives in the area. We need the train service in the Gaspé."