

VIA Rail still committed to returning to the Coast

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NEW CARLISLE – VIA Rail will be ready to return to the Gaspé Peninsula when the railway is fit for the circulation of passenger trains. On May 29 at the corporation's annual general meeting, the president of the public transporter, Yves Desjardins-Siciliano, repeated that statement following questions from the audience and online viewers. Mr. Desjardins-Siciliano said that the train will be back when the line is safe. He added that the Gaspé Peninsula is one of the most beautiful regions of Canada. He had made the same statement during last year's annual meeting. The service is suspended east of Matapedia since September 2013. VIA Rail's trains have not rolled east of New Carlisle since December 2011. Matapedia is the only stop of VIA Rail in the Gaspé Peninsula, on the Ocean train route. That train links Montreal to Halifax.