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Damage done to the Amiral train

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Amiral: vandals paint the side of the train

Nelson Sergerie

GASPÉ - The Amiral tourist train was vandalized on the night of August 17/18. Graffiti was painted on one of the cars parked at the station in Gaspé.

The damage was found Monday morning and a complaint was filed with the Sûreté du Québec who confirms having opened an investigation.

“We will work together because we have to find these vandals. It is inadmissible to vandalize public property. Honestly, I have never accepted it and I do not accept it anymore. We will collaborate with the police investigation,” said the mayor of Gaspé and director of the Société du chemin de fer de la Gaspésie, Daniel Côté.

Surveillance cameras are on site and, if necessary, the images will be transmitted to the police.

“There are always little fools who will go and destroy public property. Smile! You are being filmed,” says Mr. Côté, who does not want to interfere more in the investigation.

In June, the Société du chemin de fer de la Gaspésie commissioned a study to determine the best way to protect the Amiral train, which has been stationary at the Gaspé station since 2015 due to the prohibition of movement decreed by the Quebec Ministry of Transport. To keep it in Gaspé or to dismantle it and relocate it to New Richmond are in the scenarios being looked into.

The report is expected to be tabled in the SCFG Board of Directors in September.