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VIA Rail wants to return to the Coast

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The GASPÉ - VIA Rail reiterates once again its intention to re- turn to the Gaspé Peninsula once the railway is repaired.

At its annual general meeting on May 28 in Montreal, the public corporation reassured the stakeholders who questioned the carrier about its future intentions on the Matapedia - Gaspé route. Moreover, the first question from the public, directed at the administrators of the passenger rail service was “when will the VIA Rail train return to Gaspé?”

VIA Rail's transport and security chief, Marc Beaulieu, recalled that the service has been interrupted since 2013 due to the condition of the line, which is described as unsafe for passenger trains, however, he added that Quebec intends to renovate the rail network.

“We fully intend to return to servicing the region as long as the tracks are safe and the route will go to Gaspé,” added Mr. Beaulieu in his response.

The President of the Gaspésie Railway Company, Éric Dubé, has always indicated his hope of the return of VIA Rail trains once the line has been rehabilitated.