

REGIM shuttles will return for the Christmas holidays

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CARLETON – From December 16 to January 5, REGIM's shuttle between the VIA Rail station in Campbellton and the region's south shore municipalities located between Nouvelle and the town of Gaspé will be back on the road.

The shuttle will run according to the VIA Rail train schedule and be geared specifically to train passengers. However, non-train passengers will be able to book shuttle seats as well. The full schedule and list of stops is available at www.regim.info. Passengers must book their tickets on the VIA Rail website.

“Even if the number of trains is limited, we believe that it's important to continue to provide the shuttle service so that there's a connection with interregional transportation while waiting for the train to come back to the region,” says Daniel Côté, REGIM president, prefect of the Côte-de-Gaspé MRC and mayor of Gaspé.

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During the summer of 2021, the shuttle service was made possible because of the gradual return of the VIA Rail Halifax-Montreal service from August 11 to September 30, 2021. Thirteen trips occurred during that period, making it possible for 47 passengers to get from point A to point B. Note that only one train was



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The REGIM shuttle will again link the communities of the south part of the Gaspé Peninsula's and the Campbellton train station.

available per week in each direction.

“Again this year, despite a smaller schedule, people continued using the service. There certainly is a public need for these shuttles. We've also seen it in the number of requests and questions we get concerning the service,” Marie-Andrée Pichette, REGIM's executive director, explained.

The Régie intermunicipale de transport Gaspésie – Îles-de-la-Madeleine (RÉGÎM) offers various passenger transport services like public transit for all of the Gaspé Peninsula and the Magdalen Islands, special routes for specific needs and paratransit in the Haute-Gaspésie and Baïe-des-Chaleurs MRCs, which is a service for handicapped people.

The VIA Rail service was suspended the end of September 2013 in the Gaspé Peninsula. Between the first week of August and the end of September 2013, the service was offered by buses because the line was not considered safe by VIA Rail's direction.

In the case of the New Carlisle to Chandler stretch of railroad, VIA Rail's trains have not circulated since mid-December 2011. The service east of New Carlisle was bus service until the suspension of September 2013.

As for REGIM, people can get more information about the transit options, make some reservations through visiting www.regim.info or contacting customer services at 1-877-521-0841, Monday to Friday during business hours.