

Transports Québec launches call for tenders to repair rail line east of Port Daniel

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PORT DANIEL-GASCONS – Quebec’s Department of Transport launched a call for tenders on August 17 in order to find a contractor who will move to the north, a section of railway located just east of the Port Daniel cement plant, and west of the Anse-à-la-Barbe bridge in Gascons. So far, since making the decision to repair the Matapédia to Gaspé line along its whole course in May 2017, Transports Québec has only undertaken what could be considered minor work east of Port Daniel. Various contractors have added ballast, straightened up the rails and cleared some sand in areas affected by storms. The portion of line targeted by the August 17 call for tenders is located along a line of cliffs that was damaged by rock slides from 2014 and on.



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The last train that passed there was the Amiral tourist train in the summer of 2014. Transports Québec suggests that the bids that will come in for that area should be in the \$10 million and \$15 million range. Companies interested in that contract must submit bids on September 16 at the latest.