

PORT DANIEL TO GASPÉ CALL FOR TENDERS: Where will the work start?

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NEW CARLISLE – Substantial track work has been carried out since 2019 east of Port Daniel, particularly along the Chandler to Barachois stretch, barring a few spots where coastal erosion has caused damage.

Shortly after Premier François Legault's visit to New Carlisle on November 17, Transports Québec delivered a press release offering insights into the first major call for tenders that will launch an intensive series of works to be carried out between Port Daniel

and Gaspé. Nine structures are mentioned in the document.

In the case of that call for tenders, the primary focus will be on the stretch between Grande Rivière and Haldimand. In Grande-Rivière, the huge trestle passing over the town's river will be upgraded. Additionally, a small wooden bridge and a culvert west of the big bridge, along with another wooden bridge to the east near the municipal boundary of Grande-Rivière and Sainte-Thérèse-de-Gaspé, are slated for upgrades. The two wooden bridges will be re-

placed with concrete culverts.

A culvert will also be replaced in the Cape Cove area, while a medium-sized bridge and the huge curved trestle in Prevel will be upgraded.

In Douglastown, a culvert will be replaced and, in the

Haldimand area, a small wooden bridge will be replaced by a concrete culvert.

It wouldn't be surprising to see that the regrouped call for tenders reach the vicinity of \$100 million dollars, considering the size of the Grand River

and Prevel trestles and the individual costs associated with culvert replacements, especially those built above former wooden bridges made of creosote-treated wood. Contractors have until January 17 to submit their bids.



The Prevel trestle, located about one kilometre inland near Brilant Cove, is part of the first major calls for tenders issued to deal with the upgrading of the line between Port Daniel and Gaspé.