

Support for rail repairs along section three

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CHANDLER – The MRCs of Rocher-Percé and Côte-de-Gaspé as well as the towns of Chandler and Gaspé reiterate their support for the vast repair project of the railway line between Matapedia and Gaspé.

This support reconfirms once again the desire to obtain a renovated track as quickly as possible on the eastern end of the peninsula, especially following statements during the winter holidays when a elected representative from Chandler, questioned the rehabilitation of rail on the Banc de Pabos and Liberal Minis-

ter Diane Lebouthillier offered a “good luck” wondering about the possibility of restoring this railway section.

“We must not cut any transportation in the Gaspé Peninsula. We are a remote region – we don’t like the term – but that’s it all the same. We lost the train. We almost lost the bus at one point. I think that all public transport in the Gaspé should be encouraged. We can believe or not believe in the project, but we must support it,” says the mayor of Chandler, Gilles Daraîche.

“At the Town of Gaspé we have unanimously reaffirmed that the railway is possibly the most ecological, respon-

sible and sustainable means of transportation for our part of the country,” says the mayor, Daniel Côté, using the example of the wind turbine blades which caused problems for users of the road network because the train could not transport them between Gaspé and New Richmond because some bridges are closed.

“We want rehabilitation to Gaspé. The government’s game plan holds up. They have put in millions of dollars so far and will continue to put in millions of dollars. The policy direction is clear. We have to reaffirm somewhere that we want the investments to continue to

Gaspé,” explains the mayor.

The Côte-de-Gaspé MRC adopted a similar resolution on March 8. Rocher-Percé had done so in February. “It was to remind the level of government that this was an important issue for the region. We also have environmental concerns. The railway will support us in the fight against greenhouse gases. We wanted to reiterate our desire once again for the railway to get to Gaspé as quickly as possible in harmony with the Quebec government,” explained Rocher-Percé prefect, Samuel Parisé, on February 16.