



\$12 million project about to be completed in Port Daniel.

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Port Daniel rail-loading project enters final stretch

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PORT DANIEL – A \$12 million project will be completed before the end of June at the Saint Mary's Cement plant in Port Daniel, allowing the company to ship cement by rail using a brand-new silo. So far, the company has regularly used railcars to ship part of its production, notably to the Maritimes and Maine. Until now, this was done using a temporary loading system located just west of the plant. Additional cement railcars were also loaded in New Richmond from a silo built in 2017.

That facility allowed the company to continue shipping cement while the railway between New Richmond and Port Daniel remained out of service until it was repaired in December 2025.

According to Saint Mary's Cement, "if all goes according to plan, railcar loading operations are expected to begin in July 2026." However, trials could take place before the end of June.

The company received the required permit for the installation and operation of the rail loading station on June 30, 2025.