

## Passenger train resumption: A false announcement

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NEW RICHMOND - A false publication circulating on social networks, announcing the possibility of once again being able to use the passenger train service between Quebec and Gaspé, has been denounced by the Société du chemin de fer de la Gaspésie.

It appears that the social media post in question has been removed.

“Forget that, we in the sector are very aware that the train is not moving,” notes the president, Éric Dubé.

The return of the passenger rail service is up to VIA Rail.

“We didn’t think it made sense. We always find it unfortunate when people are scammed by fraudsters,” he says.

“Even fraudsters are inter-

ested in the return of the passenger train to the Gaspésie,” jokes Mr. Dubé, who invites people to go to the official sites to obtain information.

Furthermore, discussions are continuing between the Quebec government and Via Rail for a possible return of the passenger train.

The president of Via Rail, Mario Péroquin, was due to come to the Gaspé Peninsula in March. “There are still discussions to arrange a meeting with Mr. Péroquin in the region, but we do not yet have a date,” indicates Mr. Dubé.

Éric Dubé does not want to comment a partial return of the passenger rail carrier this year. “We use every opportunity for discussion. We continue to work with the Ministry of Transport and we are focused on ensuring that the sites are

delivered as quickly as possible for our first objective which is to be able to pick up goods from Port-Daniel before the end of the year,” hopes the president, noting in passing the significant work underway in the Paspébiac-New Carlisle sector and New Richmond.

The schedule should be respected to reach Port-Daniel-Gascons by the end of the year, as announced by the Quebec government.

“It is not the company that is the project manager. We are following up with the (Transport) ministry and, to date, I have not heard anything that says they will need additional time,” he says.

**Photo:** The false announcement circulated on social media networks. Credit: Facebook.

