

Three more bridges ready between New Richmond and Port Daniel

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SHIGAWAKE – The upgrading of three additional railway bridges was recently completed between New Richmond and Port Daniel. The largest of the three bridges is the Shigawake trestle, a contract awarded to Sainte-Flavie's Groupe SEMA, Structures ferroviaires. The value of the contract was \$8,975,100. The Saint-Siméon River and the Hope Town River bridges were also completed recently. These three bridges are now ready for train circulation. Meanwhile, the main railroad construction site remains in New Carlisle and Paspebiac, where the line is being moved about 40 to 50 feet away from the cliff overlooking the Bay of Chaleur. This contract, carried out by Pomerleau, is worth nearly \$40 million. Another significant construction project is located in the Black Cape sector of New Richmond where LFG Construction is relocating the track northward by over 300 metres for \$8,466,173. In theory, with several contracts still to be completed between New Richmond and Port Daniel, before the line is reopened, line owner Transports Québec expects the resumption of line traffic by the end of the current year. *(With information provided by Anthony Bernard Prince.)*



Shigawake trestle.