

Good turnout for the 15th annual Festival Musique du bout du monde

Geneviève Gélinas

GASPÉ: – The 15th *Festival Musique du bout du monde* ended with more tickets sold than last year. As many people, and maybe more, attended the Queen Street activities between August 9 to 12.

The ticket sales reached \$150,000, that is to say \$5,000 more than last year. It means that approximately one hundred more passes or tickets were purchased.

The Thursday evening concert under the big top, with Cuban artist La Dame Blanche and Quebec singer Cœur de pirate, attracted 1,600 attendees. The Friday show led to the busiest evening as 2,200 people gathered to listen to Les 3 Accords and Alaclair Ensemble, a rap band. The maximum capacity of the big top is 2,500 spectators.

“Les 3 Accords attracted people, but also Alaclair, which brought us a younger clientele,” observes Stéphane Brochu, Director General of the festival.

The fact that entire families, with members of different generations, come together for the concerts, is appealing to tourists, Mr. Brochu points out. “There’s a social effect. The tourist is pleased with that human experience.”

Saturday evening, traditionally reserved for music from around the world, attracted 2,000 spectators, who listened to Fwonte, a Montreal artist of Haitian origin and Celso Piña, one of the most important artist of the cumbia scene. That’s a big audience considering that there were 2,200 concert-goers at the international star Tiken Jah Fakoly show last year.

It’s harder to estimate the crowds on Queen Street because the shows and activities are free, however,



The slack line installed at the east end of Queen Street was a big drawing card for the children.

the sale of beer, wine and water has increased, reports Mr. Brochu. He thinks that the crowd was larger than the anticipated 15,000 of previous years or that those who were there attended several activities.

This slight increase was due to several factors, states the director general. “The 15th anniversary had an impact. The concert at sunrise on Mount Royal helped us, and also the fact of inviting notables.”

In June, singer Yann Perreau performed at sunrise in Montreal to promote the festival. In 2017, businessman Alexandre Taillefer drove to Gaspé with an electric car to attend the festival.

“I also think that word of mouth has a positive impact. People trust us because every year, we give them a positive experience,” Mr. Brochu sees a “citizens mobilization” around the festival, stimulated by activities such as the

Rivière-au-Renard shrimp party, which is part of the festival program and develops a feeling of belonging for the festival.

Festival-goers experienced special moments this year. Approximately 700 spectators at the sunrise concert held at Cap-Bon-ami, in Forillon Park, listened to the throat singing and traditional instruments of Alash, a Siberian group. Several participants described that experience as magical.

Another memorable moment happened on Sunday afternoon when there was an electrical blackout during the concert of Italian group Kalascima, which was performing on a Queen Street stage. The six musicians kept smiling and asked the audience to gather closer to them. The show went on in an acoustic version.



The Afrikana Soul Sister show delighted the audience and had the crowd dancing in the street

Photos: G. Gagné

Among the 15,000 visitors to the Festival, 35% are tourists, that is to say people who sleep away from their home for at least one night. More than half (54%) of those tourists have come to Gaspé specifically for the festival.

The Festival has three full-

time employees, who work year-round. The festival benefits from the services of 250 volunteers before, during and after the event. Its yearly budget is \$1.2 million and the 15th festival should net a slight surplus, Mr. Brochu predicts.

15th Annual Terry Fox Walk

Linda MacWhirter

HOPE TOWN: - September 16 will mark Hope Town's 15th annual Terry Fox Walk. Registration will be between 12 and 1 p.m. at the Community Center. Participants will walk on the 132 from Travers's Lane in Shigawake to Hope's Municipal Hall which is a total of 10.7 km. Transportation has been arranged from Hope Town to Shigawake where the walk will begin.

Markers indicating the walking distance from ½ km all the way to the 10.7 km will be visible. On this route there are benches in each of the municipalities for rest stops and taxis will be available to bring participants to the hall at any time during the walk.

Bring a friend and enjoy the company, and support this worthwhile cause. Come and walk a distance you feel comfortable with. After the walk transportation will be available from Hope's Municipal Hall to Hope Town's Community Center for supper.

There isn't any entrance fee or minimum amount to collect. This is not a competition, just fun for everyone. If you are a cancer survivor and would like to join the group at the beginning of the walk, they would be honoured to have you. There is a limited number of Terry Fox Cancer Survivor t-shirts available. Contact Linda MacWhirter to have one reserved. Terry Fox T-shirts are available at \$20 each. For more information or pledge sheets please call Linda MacWhirter at 418-752-2015 or email at linmac302@gmail.com.

29 years for Terry Fox Day

Elaine Sexton

CASCAPEDIA ST-JULES: Terry Fox Foundation is celebrating the 38th annual Terry Fox Day and Cascapedia-St-Jules is celebrating 29 years of participating in the Terry Fox Day. On Sunday, September 16 registration will take place at the Cascapedia Society at 10 a.m. and the walk will begin at 11 a.m. Participants will walk the traditional route to the community center.

There will be live entertainment beginning at 11:30 a.m. Those interested in singing are invited to meet at the community center. There will be hot dogs, corn and homemade soup for sale, along with bar service, door prizes and free desserts.

The very first walk in Cascapedia-St-Jules raised \$1,043 and last year \$2898 including online donations was collected. This year the goal, with the help of those in Gessapegiag and loyal supporters, is \$3000. Anyone who wants to contribute can donate online, at the Terry Fox Foundation with a direct link to the site, Cascapedia-St-Jules. This will ensure that your donation is calculated with Cascapedia-St-Jules. The foundation will issue a tax receipt.

The Terry Fox Foundation organizers are always excited to receive the phone call at the end of the day to see what the grand total is. Organizations are grateful to those who participate: the musicians, bakers, cooks and the volunteers who help in a variety of ways.

In the 28 years that the community has participated, a total of \$89,503 has been raised. All of this is thanks to the generous pledges and support.

Anyone who would like to volunteer can call 418-759-5131, or email meggeoff1@gmail.com.

Tie your laces and join the walk once again this year, rain or shine, as our hero; Terry did, in helping to reach his goal to find a cure. "Even if I don't finish we need others to continue. It's got to keep going without me," said Terry Fox.

If you cannot make it for the walk, please join the group at the hall for a great afternoon. Organizers hope to see as many of you as possible at this wonderful cause.

Consolidation of seniors services

Arianne Aubert Bonn

CHANDLER: - It will soon be the end of "Department 400" at the Chandler Hospital. Health Minister Gaétan Barrette finally authorized the expansion of Villa Pabos enabling the consolidation of all senior residence services in Chandler to Villa Pabos.

The \$30-million project will move the 36 senior beds of the hospital to an extension of the Villa Pabos building, which will also undergo major renovations to offer up-to-date rooms and better working space.

A total of 98 beds will be maintained but greatly improved, says the president and director general of Gaspésie Health and Social Service Integrated Centre Chantal Duguay.

"We will offer units up to the standards, including air conditioning, and tailored to the needs of customers and staff to facilitate their work," she says. The new wing will consist of 77 single rooms with bathrooms, which will improve part of the existing building also by renovating the 21 units that will remain there and refurbishing the other service areas.

A 13-year project

Since 2005, several em-

ployees and administrative boards have worked over the years to see this project come to reality. Minister Gaétan Barrette was greeted by that tenacity. Many other speakers were also on hand for the long-awaited announcement, and the large crowd surprised the minister. "There is only in the regions that there are so many people for our announcements, and it shows how close you are to the projects. (...) You have advocated for this project and you deserve it."

Plans, specifications and tenders can start now. Barrette says that within two and a half to three years, patients should be moved to the new facility.

Timely announcement

The announcement occurs in the week before the start of the electoral campaign. If Minister Gaétan Barrette refuses to recognize that this is a pre-election announcement, he admits however that another government could overturn the decision. As the work is not yet started, the situation cannot be taken for granted, even if the announcement is received with great joy by the community. "To overturn such a decision, it

would be bad government," says Barrette.

Disgruntled staff

A group of about ten protesters from the CSN union was on hand to remind the minister of the workers' reality. The vice-president of the FSSS Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Kent Denis, addressed the matter. The FSSS represents health and social service workers.

"The staff is extremely overloaded at all levels. We have announcements for investments in infrastructure but we want to know when it (the government) will invest to value the employees of the network," said Mr. Denis.

In a press briefing, Minister Gaétan Barrette replied: "I can tell you that the infrastructure has an influence on the quality, the load and the work environment. (...) I tell them that we listened to you, we are in a hiring mode. Did you know that in the CISSS of Gaspésie there are more than 100 positions offered, all categories combined? Did you know that we have a scholarship program to allow professionals to come back to the Gaspésie?"

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Sylvain Roy sidelined due to illness during electoral campaign

Gilles Gagné

ESCU MINAC: – The Member of the National Assembly for the riding of Bonaventure, Sylvain Roy, will be absent from the first half of the coming electoral campaign due to throat cancer. The diagnosis was officially confirmed at the beginning of July.

By then, Mr. Roy had known for a few months that something was wrong with his health but had kept it hidden, even to his family members. He is not pulling out of the campaign though and will count on the occasional presence of two other Parti Québécois Members of the National Assembly in his riding, Pascal Bérubé of Matane and Harold Lebel of Rimouski.

Sylvain Roy needs chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatments for a period of three weeks. Considering that the electoral campaign is supposed to start on August 23, he will likely be back around mid-September, maybe a bit earlier if everything goes well.

“All the executives of Gaspesian and Magdalen Islands ridings were consulted



Photo: G. Gagné

MNA Sylvain Roy is sidelined until the middle of the electoral campaign.

and they unanimously decided to support the incumbent Bonaventure Member of the National Assembly,” mentioned Robert Lapointe, the spokesperson for the Parti Québécois in Bonaventure.

The type of throat cancer suffered by Sylvain Roy is usually characterized by a high rate of remission, some-

times as high as 95%, according to those close to him.

Sylvain Roy turned 54 years-old on August 3. He was first elected in September 2012 after an unsuccessful attempt in December 2011. He was re-elected by a small margin in April 2014. He is the official opposition spokesperson in forestry, wildlife and parks.

Musée acadien honoured by Gaspesian senator Éric Forest

Gilles Gagné

BONAVENTURE – Gaspesian-born senator Éric Forest handed out a Senate medal to the management team of the Musée acadien du Québec in Bonaventure for its hard work and its commitment to the betterment of the community. The short ceremony took place on August 15, the National Day of Acadians. The medal was given as part of the 150th anniversary of the Senate foundation. Mr. Forest, who was born and raised in Bonaventure before settling in Rimouski, emphasized that the “hard work of the museum staff has allowed the Acadian culture to be better known,” before adding that he is of Acadian descent.

The president of the Musée acadien du Québec board, Éloi Lepage, thanked Senator Forest and pointed out that this recognition might help his team in the effort to get the funding for an expansion of the museum that would integrate Bonaventure’s summer theatre in an



Photo: G. Gagné

Museum Board President Éloi Lepage and Director General Louise Cyr each received a certificate and a medal from Senator Éric Forest.

improved building. “I also want to share this recognition from the Senate with the Micmac people, who greeted us (the Acadians in the 1760s, when we were fleeing deportation).” A lady in the audience added, “We wouldn’t be

here without the Micmacs. We wouldn’t have survived.” The medal presentation took place in the room showing Regalia, an exhibition presenting various Regalia clothing from a number of First Nations.

Police report

Marie-Ève Beaupré, 32, from Chandler charged with attempted murder, assault with a weapon and uttering death threats will remain in custody pending proceedings in her case.

On July 29, she allegedly hit and kicked a woman on the beach near the Chandler Marina. She left the area and returned with a baseball bat. During her August 16 court appearance at the Percé courthouse, crown prosecutor Émilie Landry-Therriault read the police report which mentions that the alleged victim was calling the emergency services following this attack, when the accused allegedly beat her with a baseball bat, threatened and attempted to kill her by hitting her on the head. She also allegedly assaulted two other individuals on the beach and uttered death threats against a peace officer.

During her court appearance, the accused confirmed her intentions and declared that she should have fetched a brick to kill the alleged victim, and that she was going to attack her when leaving the courthouse.

Defence attorney Sonia Pinel describes the accused’s past as difficult. She was the victim of parental and marital violence and sexual assault. She does not work and doesn’t live in a supervised context. Diagnosed with an attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder, she reports having experienced some behavior problems due to her medication. The accused admits to having habits of daily consumption of small amounts of cannabis and occasionally other drugs.

On August 16, Quebec Court Judge Denis Paradis denied bail to the accused and remanded her in custody pending proceedings. The accused will return to court on August 28 to inform the court of her intentions in this case.

The cause of the blaze that destroyed the Barachois fire station on the early morning of July 27 remains unknown, according to Grand River Fire Chief Luc Lebreux, who is in charge of the paperwork related to that case. “We are anxious to know the cause but the report of the insurance companies is not yet ready. It looks like an electrical default. The building was burned to the ground. The debris is still there. It is very hard to pinpoint the cause in such circumstances,” says Mr. Lebreux.

He confirms that rebuilding the Barachois fire station could cost as much as \$1 million, maybe a bit more. “In today’s dollars, it goes up fast. Buying a brand new fire truck costs \$400,000 and you can add \$200,000 for the emergency unit. A new building will likely cost \$400,000. There is equipment required in a fire station that is not included here, like clothing, defibrillators, the jaws of life, computers, office equipment and so on,” points out Luc Lebreux.





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Commentary

Gilles Gagné

Did you say acceleration?

After standing still or at most going very slowly for many years, you would think that it's time to accelerate. On August 16 in Port Daniel, the minister responsible for the Gaspé Peninsula, Pierre Moreau, was right when he said that his government is accelerating the measures to upgrade the region's railway.

There is a problem with Mr. Moreau's perception of acceleration. He thinks, or so he says, that his government went from fast to very fast in the railway file. In reality, Philippe Couillard's government has been going incredibly slowly in a file that is resolutely urgent.

A comparison with previous governments is handy here. Under the regimes of Jean Charest and Pauline Marois, \$8.5 million and \$10 million were earmarked yearly for the Matapedia-Gaspé railroad between 2011 and 2013.

If that refurbishment program has been maintained, important work would have been carried out in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 and the line would be, at least, operable to Port Daniel.

Instead of that, the Couillard government invested close to nothing in 2014, a few hundred thousands of dollars, barely enough to prevent the Gaspésie Railway Society from going bankrupt. In 2015, they injected \$4 million for the acquisition of the line, depriving the region of one of its major economic development tools.

That acquisition would have been acceptable if the acceleration of the line's upgrading had proceeded, but almost nothing happened. Only \$2.5 million in two years was invested to keep Gaspésie Railway Society in operation.

Also, in 2015, the government put the line east of Caplan in a dormant state. At this time the construction of the Port Daniel cement plant was accelerating.

It was evident to everyone involved in the cement industry in North America that a major cement plant needs a functional railway, everyone except government officials.

The situation didn't improve much on Transport Quebec's front in 2016, despite the emergence of the windmill blade traffic, the largest source of revenues for the Gaspésie Railway Society. Nobody clued in about the fact that sending five or six vehicles with each blade from Gaspé and the transshipment location in New Richmond didn't make much sense.

In 2017, despite the start of McInnis Cement's commercial production, and despite a May 5 \$100 million announcement by Mr. Couillard for the full refurbishment of the Matapedia-Gaspé line, hardly anything moved on the infrastructure front, except the \$900,000 replacement of the Mile 9 Ristigouche South East bridge.

Despite last year's major announcement by Premier Couillard, hardly any advancements were made for the fifth straight year. Not a single bridge will be replaced or repaired this year, despite needs that have been identified in the numerous studies carried out over the last decade regarding the line.

Minister Moreau, similar to his predecessors responsible for the region, including Jean D'amour and Sébastien Proulx, has started looking for excuses to explain Transport Quebec's inability to repair the line. It is a line located along the water, prone to erosion, and safety must come first. We consequently need more studies, he says.

That crap is for losers. The Paspébiac to Gaspé portion of the line was built between 1902 and 1911 with men, women, shovels, spades, a few steam-propelled excavators and dynamite. The means have improved immensely more than a century later.

If we listen to Pierre Moreau, it sounds as if repairing bridges made of steel and wood is more complicated than nuclear physics. Someone should remind him that we sent a man to the moon 49 years ago.

On August 4, 2008, the Stewart River bridge in Saint-Omer collapsed after being hit by debris coming down the river which was inflated by more than 100 millimetres of rain in 30 hours. The main spans

of the bridge were only held together by the two rails. Without the rails, those sections would have gone down and would have fell into the Baie des Chaleurs. The bridge was rebuilt and reopened in less than 35 days. There was a real willingness to get the line back in service. In 2008, there was still passenger service but the freight traffic was less than 15% of what it is now.

The idleness of Transport Quebec and the politicians stems from their lack of comprehension of the region's priorities or maybe it is just carelessness. In 2014, the civil servants involved probably believed that there was no future for the line and now today, in 2018, it is difficult to change that perception.

Pierre Moreau's situation is different. He cannot admit at the beginning of an electoral campaign that civil servants and politicians failed in the railway file, however, it would be more suitable to admit such miscalculation than to think that Gaspeians are foolish enough to believe the silly excuses that have been thrown at us for years now in the railway file.

Letters to the Editor

I may have missed past articles on this subject but you have raised my interest as I am now aware that this insect is omnipresent when the wash is on the clothesline.

Could you inform me and other readers about the name of it? Someone said it could be called a Green Leaf Weevil or in French, Charançon. I will look forward to reading you again for precision. Many thanks.

Lisette Blais,
Gaspé, Quebec

Correction

In the August 8 edition of The Gaspé Spec on page 5 the quote at the end of Diane Skinner's column was incomplete. Here is the full quote: "The world must live on. We are only one species among billions. The gods don't love us any more than they love spiders or bears or whales or water lilies."

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Transport Steven McWhirter obtains sizable cement hauling contract

Gilles Gagné

NEW RICHMOND: – After a call for tenders, a New Richmond company, Transport Steven MacWhirter, recently won a significant cement hauling contract awarded by the Gaspésie Railway Society. The trucking company will haul the cement from Port Daniel that is needed at the New Richmond and Nouvelle terminals to load rail cars.

Company owner Steven McWhirter's bid edged six other tenders. He is not discussing numbers publicly, but he is confident that the contract will allow his company to grow.

"I have seven drivers now and I will need six or seven more. They are coming. There is a shortage of drivers but I am confident to find them. People are coming," points out Mr. McWhirter.

The eight trucks he owns are sufficient for now to fill the hauling needs of McInnis Cement between Port Daniel, New Richmond and Nouvelle.

"I am no longer hauling wood, only cement. Wood hauling was only needed four days a week. It was not enough, with all the costs like insurance and so on," explains Steven McWhirter.

The Gaspésie Railway Society was forced to open the New Richmond and Nouvelle terminals in order to cope with Transport Quebec's de-



Photo: G. Gagné

The trucks of Transport Steven McWhirter started hauling cement recently.

cision to put the line east of Caplan in a dormant state in 2015, even if the McInnis Cement plant was under construction since May 2014. The railroad passes through the middle of the site.

Transport Quebec acquired the line in March 2015 after the Gaspésie Railway Society experienced financial difficulties. That municipal body remained the line operator and is guaranteed to fill that role for at least five more years.

Since the line between Caplan and Port Daniel has not been repaired since 2015, and given the relatively limited capacity of the Cascapedia-St-Jules railway bridges, the Gaspésie Railway built a transshipment terminal in New Richmond in 2017, and added the Nouvelle one in

June of this year to cope with McInnis Cement's growing needs.

The cement cars receive two-thirds of their load in New Richmond and the load is completed in Nouvelle. It takes three truck trailers to fill a cement car. Close to 40 cement cars are now loaded weekly in New Richmond and Nouvelle, the equivalent

of 120 truck trailers. The trailers are rented by the Gaspésie Railway Society.

Since July 2017, a company from Matane, Transport Normand, was in charge of bringing the cement to New Richmond or Nouvelle. Steven McWhirter is happy to have won the call for tenders.

"It will be good for the

economy down here. It will provide salaries for 12 families of the area. That's better than paying people from Matane. It will support our economy," says the man who has owned his trucking business for 10 years.

The president of the Gaspésie Railway Society, Éric Dubé, expects cement traffic to rise before the end of 2018.

"There is a clause in the contract signed with Steven McWhirter that makes provision for a traffic increase. Matane's Transport Normand is staying around for the transition period," says Mr. Dubé.

The duration of the contract between the Gaspésie Railway Society and Transport Steven McWhirter is three years. The realization of line repairs between Caplan and Port Daniel, as well as the replacement of the Cascapedia-St-Jules bridges, are not expected to reach completion before the end of 2020 or the beginning of 2021.

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Provincial government makes railway announcement

Gilles Gagné

PORT DANIEL: – The minister responsible for the Gaspé Peninsula, Pierre Moreau, mixed a lot of old news and a bit of new information on August 16 when he announced a grant of \$12.5 million over five years for the operations of the Gaspésie Railway Society, a measure included in the March 27 budget, and a sum of \$15.5 million for studies and repairs on the Matapedia-Gaspé line.

The \$15.5 million was old news since it was taken from the \$100 million announced on May 5, 2017 by Quebec Premier, Philippe Couillard, in New Carlisle. However, the new aspect of it is that the amount is the first significant sum taken from that envelope in 16 months.

A few days away from the official launch of the campaign, Minister Moreau refrained from admitting that the announcement contained a heavy electoral element. “The government is moving forward, election or not,” he said.

He indicated that the Matapedia to Gaspé line will benefit from an “acceleration of repairs,” over the coming years, because of the emergence of two companies, McInnis Cement in Port Daniel and Gaspé’s LM Wind Power.

Not impressed by the word acceleration, Cynthia Patterson, of Rural Dignity, who has been defending rail services in the Gaspé Peninsula for 33 years, talked to Minister Moreau after his presentation, underlining that she was “disappointed that there was not more on the passenger train. We have been waiting for years. (...) Don’t leave it to half a sentence!”

She reminded him that the region’s population needs the train because of the distance factor. Aging people cannot drive over long distances and sometimes are not able to drive at all.

Minister Moreau replied that the passage of passenger trains on a line requires a higher degree of maintenance because they go faster. He added that the “the safety of the passengers must come first and foremost,” and that “more studies are required on some parts of the line before we proceed with work. (...) Once those infrastructures will be upgraded or changed, the (passenger train) service will come back.”



Photo: G. Gélinas

Cynthia Patterson has been defending rail services on the Coast for 33 years.

Acknowledging the importance of freight traffic, Cynthia Patterson was also quick to reply that the intense truck traffic is an important safety issue for Gaspésians. “We desperately need those blades off the road.”

She also reminded Mr. Moreau that “the whole context of public transportation in the Gaspé Peninsula is disastrous and disgraceful,” mentioning the cuts in the bus service and the huge air travel fares. “How do you get out of here?”

Minister Moreau stressed that a summit on air travel was organized by his government

in order to reduce those fares. “We understand very well that there is a public transportation issue.”

After the exchange, when interviewed by SPEC, Cynthia Patterson pointed out that the Quebec government has been “big on talk and short on action in the railway file. They could have worked to upgrade the line during the last four years. We have the needs, with the blades, cement and the passenger service but nothing has moved except lips for four years. How many studies do we need? We have seen many studies in the last ten years. They have created a spiral of

cost because of the time factor,” she said.

The Matapedia-Gaspé line was put in a dormant state over 61% of its length, precisely east of Caplan, in 2015 by the government of Philippe Couillard, right after its acquisition for \$4 million by that same government. That amount represents the payables of the Gaspésie Railway Society, an entity controlled by the four MRCs covering the territory comprised between Matapedia and Gaspé. That body has remained the line operator since.

The dormant state of the Caplan to Gaspé line forces Port Daniel’s McInnis Cement and Gaspé’s LM Wind Power to send by truck cement and windmill blades to New Richmond, at a much higher cost. That freight is then transferred to rail cars. Some cement is also trucked to Nouvelle because of the frequency limitation in the weekly number of loaded cars crossing on the two Cascapedia-St-Jules bridges.

Minister Moreau refused to give an indication about the

delays that will be needed to reopen the line, between Caplan and Port-Daniel as well as between Port Daniel and Gaspé.

The mayor of Gaspé, Daniel Côté, still hopes “that the train will be back to Gaspé in 2022.”

Pierre Moreau also made a couple of announcements that had already been made earlier this year by various people. The Caplan to Port Daniel part of the line now bears a “business case,” status, which means that works, like the replacement of 20,000 ties and engineering studies needed to prepare future repairs on some bridges and the replacement of the Cascapedia-St-Jules bridges can proceed.

The Port Daniel to Gaspé stretch of railroad will not benefit from upgrading works. Some experts will assess the work required to fix the rock slide that left the rails hanging over a few metres near the Port Daniel cement plant and the Gascons fault. Another fault near Douglastown has to be assessed.

Living with the waves: a calming way of life

Marshall Billingsley

NEW CARLISLE: Sitting upon an island between two large bodies of water; a large pond in the backyard and the Bay of Chaleur in the front yard, lies the Gallibois family property. On the property, there are two train cabooses that have been converted into houses. Guy Gallibois and his family live in one of the converted cabooses.

When speaking with Guy, it is obvious that this property is his pride and joy. He is proud to have it as a gathering place for his friends and family. As well, kayak storage stands can be seen. A garden lies west of the main house, helping the family indulge in their gardening hobbies. It is truly a beautiful beach front property that is admired by passerbys.

Fueled by a desire to live a minimalist lifestyle on the beach and in order to find more privacy, the Gallibois family made the choice to move in 2010. The family was already spending a lot more time at their cottage on the beach than their actual house. It eventually became a mission for the family to transform the beach cottage into a full time house. Relocating from a larger house in New Carlisle to a much smaller cottage on the beach, there were many things that the Gallibois family had to leave behind. They could not take everything that they wanted to the cottage, as it was much smaller than the previous property, but the family was excited about the recreational activities that living on the beach would provide. "There was zero challenge leaving behind the many things we did, parting



The main Gallibois homestead in which Guy and his family currently reside is east of the camping grounds on Green Street.

Photos: M. Billingsley

ways with many of the material objects was quite easy. Our beach cottage was 70% smaller than our previous home, 70% fewer expenses, and most of all, 70% more freedom to do the things we loved," states Guy.

Guy is a person who typically enjoys leisure activities such as walking, gardening, cycling, kayaking, swimming and just the beach, in general. He shares this same interest with the other members of his family. By living in such close proximity to two large bodies of water, the family can do all sorts of activities in their free time. For example; in the winter, the pond in the backyard freezes over entirely, enabling the family to ice skate on it!

For Guy, the best part about making the move to the beach cottage is an interesting

one. "The best part about living here is that everyday, you'll see something different, be it a specific bird, a passing boat in the water, fellow kayakers or tourists walking on the beach, I'm always surprised to wake up and see something different. It is very enjoyable to me and my family," says Guy. He also expresses that he simply cannot sleep in living down here, because to do so, would mean missing something that he might've enjoyed seeing. It helps him to get up early and enjoy each of his days to the fullest.

When asked about rising water levels and climate change, Guy did express some

concern. He says that the family does have to worry about rising tide levels and climate change, as everyone should. He does not express a whole lot of stress about it though, as it is a force that he cannot control. Their biggest challenges are erosion and flooding, but it has not been too bad. One major flood has happened in the years since the family made the move but other than that, they have been fine. In fact, in the last two years, they have gained more beach than they had before. This gain has lessened the worry felt about rising tide levels.

By making the original move in 2010, the family has been able to live a lifestyle

that provides them with lots of happiness and joy. It gives them the chance to enjoy nature to the fullest and not take anything for granted in their daily lives. "Live here, or in a place similar to this, for a year or so and it'll change everything about you. Life is precious and living on the beach gives you the best opportunity to see that. It will set you free," says Guy.

Guy and his family express little regret about making the move. This is because living on the beach property enables the family to live the active lifestyle that they truly aspire. They can walk freely on the beach, do aquatic activities, have friends and family over whenever and not have to worry about noise levels due to having few or no neighbours around them. They would not move or change locations for the world, for the property is their world.

As a whole, there are many beautiful households on the Coast. "Upon my many travels around the Coast, I have seen hundreds of places similar to my family's in beauty and enjoyment. Our household is one of the many houses that stand out on the beautiful Coast," says Guy.

Many Gaspesians have truly unique homesteads that are a great achievement, and the Gallibois property is just one of many in the wonderful Gaspesie. If you or someone you know is also living in a one-of-a-kind home and are interested in being featured in SPEC, contact us at specs@globetrotter.net or at 418-752-5400.



Guy Gallibois standing alongside the large pond in his backyard.

Tide Predictions

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| Friday, August 24 01:38 - 1.76m 08:29 - 0.39m 14:02 - 1.19m 19:37 - 0.44m | Friday, August 24 01:59 - 2.04m 08:48 - 0.47m 14:32 - 1.50m 20:08 - 0.57m | Friday, August 24 01:40 - 1.26m 08:24 - 0.43m 14:14 - 0.88m 19:25 - 0.49m | Friday, August 24 01:34 - 1.53m 08:25 - 0.57m 14:12 - 1.03m 19:13 - 0.63m |
| Saturday, August 25 02:23 - 1.80m 09:08 - 0.36m 14:42 - 1.27m 20:23 - 0.38m | Saturday, August 25 02:40 - 2.11m 09:19 - 0.44m 15:08 - 1.60m 20:46 - 0.51m | Saturday, August 25 02:23 - 1.29m 09:03 - 0.41m 14:48 - 0.92m 20:09 - 0.45m | Saturday, August 25 02:09 - 1.55m 08:54 - 0.55m 14:38 - 1.08m 19:55 - 0.59m |
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Reflections

by

Diane Skinner Flowers



Like a diamond in the sky

Blame it on the ancient Greeks because they started all this horoscope stuff by dividing the sky into twelve groups they termed constellations. Astrology is the belief that in the viewing of the stars and planets we can predict events in our own lives. View the 'heavens,' combine that with your birthdate, and voilà! ...you get insight into your character and possibly your future.

So with all of this in mind let's have some fun with horoscopes, Gaspesian style.

Aries (March 23 - April 22) Your determined and ambitious nature will make you effective as a gannet feeding on capelin this week. Whether at the beach or in the woods your love of activity will make you as tired as a farmer making hay on a hot summer's day. Sitting outside by a driftwood bonfire, you can relax under the stars.

Taurus (April 23 - May 22) Your immense patience is often mistaken for bull-headedness. At times your life is as tangled as seaweed on a Gaspesian shore. Remember you have the strength of a caribou and the focus of an eagle hunting a rabbit. Persevere and you will feel as fresh as a newly sprouted fiddlehead in spring.

Gemini (May 23 - June 22) This week you could find yourself as changeable as the waters of the bay or gulf. Just proceed as slowly as a jellyfish pulsating through the water. But those around you should not for a minute think that you are weak – you are as strong as a black bear defending her cubs in a blueberry patch.

Cancer (June 23 - July 22) Like the deer that roam our peninsula you are quiet, preferring to listen and watch, rather than initiate, but others should not mistake your quietness as weakness. You are as strong as the Appalachian Mountains that are the backbone of our peninsula.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) Leo, you rule this week like the dominant buck in a herd. You might be feeling as old as the fossils of Miguasha but just wait! Stay focussed like a lynx on a snowshoe rabbit and you will triumph.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) What a super week for you, Virgo! You will observe things as keenly as a red fox, but be patient because not everything will happen on time – just like the arrival of a Via Rail train. Okay, so that might never happen but stay hopeful! You will prove to be a great friend this week – as true as a United Empire Loyalist.

Libra (September 23 - October 22) Keep balance in your life this week, Libra. You love the beauty that surrounds you. So, enjoy the lupines, daisies and magnificent sunsets of this Gaspesian summer. Take a walk on the beach, collect agates, shells and of course sea glass.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 22) You know that you can be as strong as Percé Rock when the occasion demands it, Scorpio. This week may be as challenging as finding a codfish in our waters, but you are not the kind to give up and you will survive just like our Gaspesian ancestors did in the winter of 1817.

Sagittarius (November 23 - December 22) You lead the way this week for others like a lighthouse signalling to boats in the fog, but you might feel as old as a recipe for gooseberry jam. Never mind because things will change as sure as the east wind blows in every afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Capricorn (December 23 - January 22) You might feel as cranky as a goat this week but just like a two-man kayak you will need the help of someone else to get you through these rough waters. Some days may feel as long as Route 132. So, treat yourself to some locally grown Gaspesian cuisine.

Aquarius (January 23 - February 22) Aquarius, get out and enjoy the waters of the peninsula – rivers, streams, ponds, lakes, bay or gulf. When you relax near water remember that as sure as the tides ebb and flow this could all change.

Pisces (February 23 - March 22) Like the herring of the bay and gulf, stick with your friends and family this week. Beware! Things could get as sticky as molasses in January. Remember! True friends are as rare and beautiful as gaspeite.

But dear reader be mindful that

"It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves."

-William Shakespeare

RAILWAY:

Reactions to recent announcement

Gilles Gagné

Gaëtan Lelièvre, independent Member of National Assembly for the riding of Gaspé: "I am worried. I can't understand the absence of deadlines and the slowness in the realization of (line) repairs. I salute the courage of Mr. Moreau to come and announce something bearing so little development. It is extremely disappointing to see that such an important file is an orphan, politically. It shows this government's lack of political will about the railway stake in the Gaspé Peninsula. It is deplorable that Transport Minister André Fortin never came to the Gaspé

for the most important file regarding the south side of the region. I am also worried about the silence over the return of the train to Gaspé. Again, it is odd to see this government announcing \$6.3 billion for the REM train network in Montreal, a project that will be delivered in three years, and being unable to set dates on the \$100 million repairs of a line built more than 100 years ago."

Éric Dubé, president of the Gaspé Railway Society: "The sum of \$12.5 million will fill a need. We have reached a satisfactory agreement with the Department of Transport for the use of that money over five years. We are also glad that the

cabinet accepted to put the Caplan-Port Daniel line in a business status. As for the Port Daniel to Gaspé stretch, some mandates have been given (to consulting firms). There are ten structures that have to be analyzed, mainly three rock slides or faults. They are major stakes and they have to be assessed before that part of the line is put in a business case mode."

Maryse Tremblay, spokesperson for McInnis Cement: "By and large, it is good news. There is a will to move forward. The task reverting to us is to work with the follow-up committee and make sure that we get a deadline for service resumption to Port Daniel."

Guy Gallant is officially an independent candidate

Gilles Gagné

NEW RICHMOND: – The prefect of the Avignon MRC, Guy Gallant, is now officially an independent candidate in the riding of Bonaventure for the coming election scheduled for October 1.

Mr. Gallant, who is also the mayor of Saint-Alexis and president of the table of prefects for the Gaspé Peninsula and Magdalen Islands, gathered the 100 signatures to confirm his candidacy in a fairly short period, and he didn't need to go far. "I collected all of them in the Plateaux area," he points out. Mr. Gallant acknowledges that there is no big organization behind him. His campaign director is Andrée Verreault, his wife. They have three adult children and two of them are already back in the region after their studies.

Guy Gallant is a cattle producer. He used to run a dairy farm but he sold his quota in 2016 because he was too busy with his other responsibilities. During the first months of this year, he tried to get the nod for the Liberal Party of Quebec and holds no grudge for not making it to the end. "The party wanted François Whitton as a candidate. (...) I gathered during the qualification process that what they wanted and what I was thinking would never connect (...) There are party positions and I want another way of doing politics. Decisions are made for Quebec City and Montreal," he criticizes.



Photo: G. Gagné

Guy Gallant, independent candidate for the Avignon MRC.



Ville de Gaspé

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GIVEN at Gaspé, August 22, 2018.

Isabelle Vézina,
Director of legal services and town clerk

Announcements...

In Memory



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Ben, five years ago you took your last breath and found peace in heaven. Five years ago our lives were forever changed. As time passes we may forget the sound of your voice, but we will never forget your laugh, your smile or the love we feel for you. You forever changed our lives for the better simply by being a part of them and though we are left with only memories, those memories are forever imbedded in our hearts and souls.

Thank you for watching over us over the years. We have felt you with us when we needed you most. There have been times when we pass by your picture or have a memory come to us out of the blue that has had us smile or laugh aloud, knowing you are right there with us. Sending love to heaven (where we are sure you are. Sometimes causing hell haha).

We miss you and love you. Your family and friends xx

To Jesus through Mary Prayer to the Blessed Virgin (never known to fail)

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God. Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me that you are my Mother, O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you, from the bottom of my heart, to succour me in my necessity (make request). There are none who can withstand your power. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this prayer in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days and publish, and it will be granted to you.

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Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days, on the eighth day your prayer will be answered.

Thank you

The Wall family would like to extend a thank-you to all for the support, condolences, flowers, visits and requiem masses following the death of husband and father, Lionel Wall.

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COAST ROUND-UP

WAKEHAM:

Garage Sale

A multi-family garage sale will be held on **August 25** from 8 a.m. to noon at 564 Montee Wakeham. Lots of bargains, coins, paper money, baseball cards, knick-knacks and more.

YORK:

York River Seniors

September 3: In collaboration with Berceau du Canada we will be holding our annual corn boil with musical entertainment. Corn boil beginning at noon with music beginning at 1 p.m. Voluntary contributions can be made with profits going to the Gaspé Cancer Foundation.

SANDY BEACH

Terry Fox Run

Terry Fox Run for Cancer research-donation drive will be held on **September 16** at 1 p.m. on bicycle path, wharf road in Sandy Beach. T-shirts will be available. Refreshments, participation forms, stickers, pledge sheets for donations and donations will be appreciated. Run, jog, walk or bike for this worthy cause. For more information call Nellis Rehel 418-368-5901 or Clarence Lemieux 418-645-2846.

BARACHOIS:

Barachois Rec. Centre

We invite you to join our walking club, "Making Strides," on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings beginning at 9 a.m., leaving from the Barachois Recreation Centre, followed by tea/coffee social.

August 31: The Barachois Recreation Centre will be holding 18+ money bingos at 7 p.m. Bilingual. Over \$600 in cash prizes.

BARACHOIS:

Local Market

The next Barachois local market will be held on **August 25**, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Barachois Rec. Centre. Tables are \$10. To reserve a table, please contact Sandy Coombs by **August 23** at 418-645-2874.

BARACHOIS:

Legion Branch 261

Every Monday: The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 261, will be having a bingo at 7 p.m. at the Legion.

CORNER OF THE BEACH:

Cultural Museum

August 24: Artist of "The Barachois," Natalie Chicoine, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

August 25: French lessons with Linda Donahue and Marie-Eve Trudel-Vibert from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

PORT DANIEL:

St. James

Anglican Church

October 6: Harvest Supper
November 10: Casserole Supper and Auction.

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Three Star

Golden Age Club

August 25: Military Whist at 8 p.m. \$5 per person.

SHIGAWAKE:

Community Center

September 8: St. Paul's ACW Harvest Supper beginning at 4:30 p.m. Adults \$15 and children 10 and under \$6, Take-outs available. Everyone welcome.

September 17: Hunting gift bingo beginning at 7 p.m. \$10 per series or 3 for \$20. All prizes hunting themed.

HOPE TOWN:

Hope Baptist

Church Service

Hope Baptist Church welcomes you. Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. and Corporate Worship at 11 a.m. on Sundays. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Young Peoples for grades 7-11

at 7 p.m. on Fridays. 305 Route 132 West, Hope Town, 418-752-5838.

HOPE TOWN:

St. Andrew's

United Church

Memorial Hymn Sing **Sunday, August 26**, at 2 p.m., followed by a light lunch at the Hope Town Community Center.

HOPE TOWN:

Community Center

September 8: Military Whist. Beginning at 8 p.m.

PASPEBIAC

Knitters Needed

La maille de l'amitié, a group of knitters who are eager to help men, women and children who are receiving chemotherapy at Maria hospital by providing knitted hats, is looking for knitters. If needed, patterns and samples are available at the library in Paspébiac, which is also where you should drop off your knitted items. You can also include a short note of encouragement, identified by your name only. For more information contact Claudette Whittom (418) 752-3633 or Doris Chedore (418) 752-5190.

NEW CARLISLE:

Royal Canadian Legion

August 28: Wise and wonderful game nights for seniors 55 years and older. Everyone welcome. Free. Light lunch served.

NEW CARLISLE:

LLB Walkathon 2018

September 30: Registration at 12:30 p.m. and leaving the New Carlisle Optimist Chalet at 1 p.m. Participants can walk at their own pace and go as far as they want. Hot dogs, desserts and beverages will be served after the walk. To donate or participate in the walk, you can pick up a pledge form at the CASA office. For more information please call 418-752-5995.

NEW CARLISLE:

Heritage New Carlisle

We are now taking reservations for Julia's Tea Corner which will be held every **Wednesday** until **August 29** from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Scones, David's tea or coffee. Cost \$8 per person.
August 25: Martin Pelletier,

virtuoso pianist from New Carlisle, will perform at the St. Andrew's Church. \$15 for non members, \$12 for members.

NEW CARLISLE:

St. Andrew's

Anglican Church

October 20: Annual harvest supper. More details to follow.

NEW CARLISLE:

Bible Chapel Services

Sunday: Breaking of Bread for Believers - 9:30 a.m.; Sunday night service - 7 p.m.; Wednesday: Bible study and prayer - 7 p.m. "You Must Be Born Again."

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CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

Royal Canadian Legion

Br. 172

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 172, meets monthly every third **Saturday** at the Legion located at 55 Gallagher St. Please be advised that the Legion will remain open during the summer on **Saturday** and **Sunday**. Doors open at 1 p.m. Bring your friends and family for conversation and celebrations. For further information please contact sharon-david@gmail.com.

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

Exhibit

The Cascapedia River Museum invites you to attend the exhibit by Rhéal McIntyre entitled *Rivers of the Gaspé*. \$3 for members, \$5 for non members. This exhibit will be displayed until **September 2**.

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

50+ Club

Every Thursday: Dame de Pique at 1 p.m. \$5 per person.
August 24: Jam Session for all musicians and spectators. Doors open at 7 p.m. Music begins at 7:30 p.m. Free admission. Canteen service on site.

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Book Room

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CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

Garage Sale

September 1: Beginning at 9 a.m. Rain or shine, at 166 Route 299, Cascapedia-St-Jules.

GESGAPEGIAG:

N.A. Meetings

N.A. Meetings held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Mawimi Treatment Centre, located at 85 School Street in Gesgapegiag. Everyone welcome! For more information call 418-759-3522. N.A. is a non-profit fellowship of men and women for whom drugs have become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. This is a program of complete abstinence from all drugs. There is only one requirement for membership- the desire to stop using.

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Sunday, August 26

2 p.m. New Carlisle

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Sunday, August 26

New Carlisle

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Hope Town

9 a.m. Morning Prayer

Shigawake

9 a.m. Morning Prayer

Port Daniel

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

ALL SAINTS BY THE SEA

Sunday, August 26

11 a.m. St Peter's Malbay

PARISH OF GASPÉ

Sunday, August 26

Penninsula

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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| 5. Never say "Remember." Instead Reminisce. | 10. Never Force. Instead Reinforce. |

HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, something has been on your mind for awhile, so write down your thoughts and try to act on them. This will take the mystery out of the situation.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, asking for assistance is not a sign of weakness. In fact, it is a true test of strength because it means getting help before situations turn worse. Accept help graciously.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Express your creativity every chance you get, Gemini. Sooner or later one of your ideas will appeal to another person, and this could just be the catalyst you need.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, sometimes the first step to starting something big is just believing you can do it. Then all you have to do is put all of the other factors in play.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Stay focused on the journey and you will certainly get to the destination in record time, Leo. You have a passionate desire to see things finished through to the end.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, this week presents a perfect opportunity to focus on a project you have been meaning to revisit. It's good to relax, but free time this week may be better spent working.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you're inclined to focus on others, but it may be time to carve out some time to care for yourself. If you burn out, every-

one will pay the price.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

It's hard to run away from love and romance this week, Scorpio. Prioritize an existing relationship or devote more time to a budding one.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

It is time to decompress between adventures, Sagittarius. Try sticking closer to home this week and take a breather. There will be plenty of exploration down the road.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, accept constructive criticism, which is a part of many successful endeavors. Take away important lessons and apply them now and in the future.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Sometimes the best way to improve your bank account isn't by racking up long hours, but by moving into a career you love,

Aquarius. Now is a great time to explore your options.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

You often put other people's needs before your own, Pisces. Others appreciate this and may attempt to express their gratitude in the coming days.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 19

John Deacon, Musician (67)

AUGUST 20

Meghan Ory, Actress (36)

AUGUST 21

John Brotherton, Actor (38)

AUGUST 22

Dua Lipa, Singer (22)

AUGUST 23

Shelley Long, Actress (69)

AUGUST 24

Rupert Grint, Actor (30)

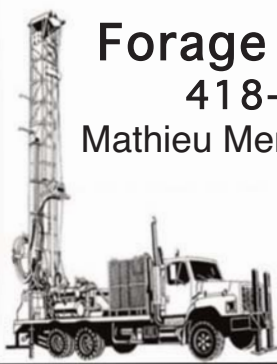
AUGUST 25

Tim Burton, Director (60)



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