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CN's Only Link Between N.S. & The Rest of Canada

Reopens After Severe Flooding

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USPA NEWS - The main CN rail line south of Truro, N.S., that washed out during last week's devastating flooding has been repaired, allowing the resumption of CN freight and VIA passenger service. The damaged section of track severed the only rail link between Nova Scotia and the rest of Canada.

Lane Farguson, the spokesperson for the Halifax Port Authority, in a media statement said that more than 60 per cent of cargo coming through Halifax moves by rail. He went on to say, "There's probably some good learnings from all this and a recognition of the importance of keeping those transportation lines in good condition and up and running. I understand it was a fairly involved repair, and that they put a lot of resources into get things up and running again as quickly as they could." Farguson acknowledged that there is some backlog, but steps are being taken to clear it up quickly and efficiently as posible.

VIA Rail Canada released the following statement on their website concerning the full service resumption.

"Train 14 departing on July 28th, 2023 is expected to resume its regular route and serve all stations from Montreal to Halifax. Please note that due to freight train congestion caused by multiple floods in the region as reported by the infrastructure owner, which have generated operational complications beyond VIA Rail's control, Train 14 is expected to incur a significant delay upon arriving in Halifax, which will likely not permit any connections with other local transportation.

Please also note that we expect trains 14 and 15 to resume their regular routes and serve all stations between Montreal and Halifax for departures as of Sunday, July 30th, 2023 onwards."

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