



# Speaking Notes

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Ms. Appleby,  
Mr. Babin  
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Good morning!

First of all, I would like to thank all of you for this momentous occasion you have given me to share a few words. Our shareholder, the Government of Canada, is proud to support Canadian companies and, in my role as President at VIA Rail, I take great pleasure in entrusting a Gaspé Peninsula company to carry out a repair contract valued at \$600,000.

Within the framework of this contract, Gaspésie Diesel will proceed with refitting the structure of the coach cars, namely the Skyline dome car. Repairs will also be done on the ventilation, electrical and water supply systems.

I have the utmost confidence in the expertise and ability of the Gaspésie Diesel team! I know that they will be up to the tasks in store for them and that, in just a few months, they will return to us two “brand new” cars.

We know for a fact that we are in very good hands!

You know, for me – and for VIA Rail as well – the Gaspé Peninsula is a region like no other, a place for unforgettable getaways, or a dream location to take advantage of the unprecedented nature and famous hospitality of Gaspé residents!

It is through announcements such as the one made today that VIA Rail reaffirms its desire to serve the Gaspé Peninsula residents. Since the onset of the year, the Gaspésie VIA Rail working group has been collaborating to develop initiatives that will both allow us to meet the needs of Gaspé customers, as well as to bring VIA customers to your doorstep to discover your beautiful, unique region!

Through teamwork and solid partnerships, we have the means to create successful alliances!

Thank you for inviting me to New Richmond today! I would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you and have a great day!!