

Getting VIA on track

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Also, there's the increased cost of having 2,700 people added to the unemployment list and add to this the loss in revenue many communities will feel due to the decrease in the number of people visiting their area.

Then there are the intangibles - the costs that come along with no longer having a rail passenger service. Increased costs for alternative modes of transportation, the lack of choice.

Once again the government has broken an election promise. Mulroney campaigned and boasted his government had opened routes which the Liberals before them had cut.

Now, in a move that must be making Sir John A. Macdonald turning in his grave, Mulroney has made the largest cuts to rail passenger service in Canada's history.

Although the government is elected to represent and respond to the needs and wants of the people, the Conservatives are ignoring Canadians.

Anger and resentment are growing with the government's latest move and show no signs of subsiding.

You can add your voice to this rising tide by writing your local politicians, MP and any government representative in the transportation industry. Names and addresses of those who could play a role in reversing the VIA Rail cutbacks follow.

It may be too late to see rail service reestablished in this area. But then again, it may not be. If you don't make your voice heard, you'll never know. Complaining to neighbors may help alleviate some of your anger, but it won't do anything towards getting rail service in this area back on the tracks.

To reach a Members of Parliament by mail write to :
MP's name
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0A6

No stamp is necessary when the House is in session.

Here are some MPs to write to:

Reg Belair - MP, Cochrane-Superior

Patrick Nowlan - MP, Chairman of House of Commons
Standing Committee on Transport

Denis Pronovost - MP, Vice-Chair of House of
Commons Standing Committee on Transport

Iain Angus - MP, Thunder Bay-Atikokan -
Transportation Critic

Benoit Bouchard - MP, Minister of Transport

Brian Mulroney - MP, Prime Minister

One Senator to write to and the address is:
Finlay MacDonald, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A4
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Other people you may want to write to (stamp is
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CLOSING DATE: October 20, 1989

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