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MEDIA RELEASE

Sault Ste. Marie: Today Tony Martin calls all municipalities and organizations concerned about and supportive of the passenger train service between Sault Ste. Marie and Hearst to call and send letters to C.N. and the Federal Government. This week a notice was sent out by C.N. announcing a reduction in service to one train per week over the summer, down from two last year.

“This reduction will be devastating to the tourism industry and other train users along this corridor” says Martin. “We cannot allow this reduction to happen at a time when communities, passengers and the tourism industry are working to enhance services and opportunities.”

This move flies in the face of all that is written and said by government about improving passenger rail service in the interest of growing the tourism industry in the North and protecting the environment” says Martin. “We stopped this attempt at abandonment in the early 1990’s. We can do it again”.

Martin urges people to write the Prime Minister Harper and the Minister of Transport urging them to maintain and improve train service. Their addresses are: Prime Minister Stephen Harper, 80 Wellington St., Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A1 and The Honourable Lawrence Canon, Minister of Transport, Room 566, Confederation Building, House of Commons, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6 about this issue.

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