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**“ACR cuts in service irk NOTO”**

Northern Ontario's tourist industry is getting slashed even further.

More cuts to Algoma Central Railway's passenger train service have been announced that will see a decrease in train service this summer to remote communities in the north and tourist operator facilities.

The cuts are the second in less than three years and will drastically impact communities and First Nations communities that are dependent upon the service, said MP Tony Martin.

It will also greatly impact tourist operators along the route, who depend on regular train service to move visitors to and from their destinations.

Martin was to hold a press conference today at the ACR station along with Al Errington, president of the Northern Ontario Tourist Outfitters Association about the effects the cuts will mean to tourist operators and residents of remote areas that rely on the passenger train service.

Canada's tourism sector is already dealing with the fallout of the planned GST rebate cancellation and heightened border security measures.

Minister of Transport Lawrence Cannon recently announced \$2.1 million in funding to replace one of the two ACR passenger train cars.

Martin said that two new cars are needed to maintain the existing schedule, as well as another cash injection to offset CN's costs to operate their old equipment.