

Martin Recognizes Train Coalition, Own Ottawa Lobby and Feds for ACR Funding



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Sault Ste. Marie MP Tony Martin congratulated the Algoma Coalition for Passenger Trains (CAPT) and the federal government after today's \$4.2 million funding announcement caps his own vigorous campaign to help Algoma Central Railway.

"The railway built our country and the railway can be a major player in rebuilding Northern Ontario," said Martin. "This is good news that there is money there for another 15 months. It is good news for our rail passengers, for First Nations communities and ecotourism. We will still need new money for railway infrastructure."

Last spring, Martin hopped aboard Train #1 for CAPT's epic journey that crisscrossed Northern Ontario on its way to Toronto and Ottawa highlighting the importance of passenger rail service and wilderness tours. Martin arranged for Ottawa meetings for CAPT with Transport Canada officials. Martin later wrote and met with Conservative Transport Minister Lawrence Cannon and FedNor Minister Tony Clement urging funding for ACR.

"The coalition has made it clear there is a pressing need for railway infrastructure, a second train and increased service. That is where this money should go."