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UPDATE with PHOTOS: CN train derails near Vibank

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Photos from the scene of the CN derailment near Vibank.

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REGINA - The RCMP and employees of Canadian National Railway were called to the scene of a train derailment near Vibank this weekend.

According to information from CN, the derailment occurred at about 8:20 p.m. on Friday. It happened on what's considered a "secondary" railway line just east of Vibank along Highway 48.

"Two locomotives and one empty hopper car derailed," CN spokesman Louis-Antoine Paquin said late Saturday afternoon

There were no injuries or spills that resulted, according to CN and the RCMP.

Montmartre RCMP was notified at about 7:50 a.m. the following morning so officers could help with traffic control. Police were busy Saturday rerouting traffic to allow heavy equipment operators to work on attempting to get the cars back

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on the track. While Paquin said CN staff were hopeful they could get the track reopened Saturday, RCMP expected the highway to remain closed until early Sunday morning. Traffic in the meantime was being rerouted through grid roads to Highway 35.

CN is investigating the cause of the accident. "I'm being told that you guys received a lot of snow yesterday," Paquin said. "I can't tell you if it is the reason, but it's one of the conditions under consideration."

Because the railway line is secondary, Paquin didn¹t anticipate a large impact on other rail operations.

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