## VIA Rail Cancels Trains Due to Derailment in Northern Ontario

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## VIA Rail train service between Toronto and Winnipeg suspended until further notice

**TORONTO -** The impact of the CN Rail train derailment in Northern Ontario continues. Workers and passenger rail have both been impacted.

CN workers across the region who are not part of the recovery efforts are in effect idled.

VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) is continuing suspension of its service between Toronto and Winnipeg due to unfavorable operating conditions for passenger trains. The service was interrupted due to a CN freight train derailed in Northern Ontario on March 7th.

Trains # 1 and # 2 will continue to operate between Vancouver (departures on Tuesdays and Fridays) and Winnipeg(departures on Mondays and Thursdays).

VIA Rail continues to work closely with CN in order to assess the operational impacts of new train procedures implemented on Tuesday afternoon, following the resumption of their freight train services. These procedures do not allow VIA Rail to maintain the integrity of its schedule and would result in significantly longer trip times.

Affected customers have been informed of the train cancellation by email and by phone. VIA Rail will not be providing alternate transportation to affected passengers.

• Those who wish to cancel their reservations will receive a full refund.

Those desiring to exchange their ticket for a new departure date (at the same fare) may do so. VIA Rail regrets the inconvenience this situation may cause. For more information, please call 1 888 VIA-RAIL (1 888 842-7245) or 1 800 268-9503 (hearing impaired), or visit VIA Rail's website at viarail.ca.