



Coalition for Algoma Passenger Trains (CAPT)

Rationale for reinstating the Algoma Central passenger rail service from Sault Ste. Marie to Hearst, which would become the Mask-wa Oo-ta-ban (Cree for Bear Train) under the leadership of the Missanabie Cree First Nation (MCFN):

- Would be the first passenger train service in Ontario with First Nations involvement
- Would provide economic development & tourism opportunities for the Missanabie Cree & others
- Reflects Reconciliation with First Nations
- Would provide employment opportunities for Indigenous people & others
- Would increase tourism revenue from snowmobilers, anglers, ice & rock climbers ,and tourists interested in eco-tourism and heritage tourism
- Is critical for tourists to access tourist resorts/camps along the rail line which have lost revenue without a passenger train
- Can offer special train events, such as the Group of Seven, the Searchmont North Pole Express, Indigenous events & additional seasonal or holiday trains for residents & tourists
- Is an important transportation service for families
- Has a significant economic impact in the region and is essential for the survival of businesses along the rail corridor
- Would provide access to areas that are otherwise inaccessible and access to services (including residences, mail, fresh food)
- Would provide year-round access for wilderness adventure, Searchmont ski resort, etc.
- Would offer safe, reliable & accessible travel for people with disabilities & seniors
- Would be a way for students without vehicles to travel to & from colleges & universities
- Passenger rail transportation results in fewer greenhouse gas emissions than those emitted from cars and trucks.