



FACT SHEET

A first in Canadian history: aboriginal ownership of railway line

IOC AND FIRST NATIONS GROUP CONCLUDE AN HISTORIC AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF PASSENGER RAIL SERVICES IN QUEBEC AND NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Parties to acquisition

- Selling party: Iron Ore Company of Canada (IOC), Mr. Terrence Bowles president and CEO.
- Purchasing party: Tshiuetin Rail Transportation Inc., Mr. Elie-Jacques Jourdain, president.

Transfer

- Tshiuetin Rail Transportation Inc. has acquired the northern section of the rail line of IOC's QNS&L Railway, namely the Menihék Subdivision, which runs between Emeril Junction, Newfoundland and Labrador and Schefferville, Quebec.
- Tshiuetin Rail Transportation Inc will operate this portion for passenger and freight rail services.
- Tshiuetin will also take over the operation of passenger rail service from Sept-Îles, Quebec to Schefferville through Emeril Junction.
- IOC maintains proprietorship over the southern section of its QNS&L rail line which runs between Sept-Îles and Labrador City.

Cost of acquisition

- IOC has sold the northern portion of the QNS&L Railway and transferred the operations of the passenger rail services in northern Quebec/Newfoundland & Labrador to Tshiuetin Rail Transportation Inc. for the sum of \$1 CAD, "as is, where is".

QNS&L rail line history

- IOC's QNS&L Railway was inaugurated in February 1954. Participants in the QNS&L's inaugural ceremonies included Quebec Premier Maurice Duplessis.
- The first tonne of IOC iron ore was transported across its newly inaugurated QNS&L railway in 1954.
- In the year following the QNS&L's inauguration, IOC had become the country's largest iron ore producer, and remains so a half-century later.
- IOC's QNS&L Railway completed the shipment of its one-billionth tonne of iron ore product on December 16, 2004. This landmark shipment departed from IOC's mine in Labrador City, Newfoundland and Labrador, en route for its port facilities located in Sept-Îles, Quebec.

The Québec North Shore and Labrador Railway Company Inc. (QNS&L)

- Owner: Iron Ore Company of Canada (IOC).
- Major Shareholder of IOC: Rio Tinto Ltd.
- QNS&L rail line: From Labrador City, Newfoundland & Labrador to Sept-Îles, Quebec, through Emeril Junction, Newfoundland & Labrador.
- Main type of Operation: Freight.
- The QNS&L railway principally serves the hauling needs of IOC, a 365 day per year, 24 hour a day operation that moves up to 21 million tonnes of iron ore each year. It also transports Wabush Mine products from Wabush to Sept-Îles.
- Daily material movement is nearly 60,000 tonnes.
- Material is shipped from Labrador City to Sept-Îles in less than a day.
- Each train usually carries from 168 to 240 cars hauling up to 20,000 tonnes of ore.
- Shipments hauled by IOC to Sept-Îles are sent to IOC clients around the globe, in countries such as the United States, Germany, Japan and Australia.

- Iron ore is one of Canada's most important mineral products in terms of both tonnage and value. Canada is the world's ninth largest iron ore producer and ranks fifth for exports.

Tshiuetin Rail Transportation Inc.

- Type of Operation: Passenger, Freight
- Passenger service: Sept-Îles to Schefferville.
- Rail line: Schefferville to Emeril Junction.
- The three shareholder Nations of Tshiuetin Rail Transportation Inc. are:
 - The Innu Nation of Matimekush-Lac John
 - The Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach
 - Innu Takuaihan Uashat mak Mani-Utenam

Rail line distances

- The rail line distance between Schefferville and Emeril Junction is equal to 134 miles or 217 km
- The rail line distance from Sept-Îles to Emeril Junction is equal to 225 miles or 356 km
- The rail line distance from Emeril Junction to Labrador City is equal to 36 miles or 58 km