

# CN closes North Bay rail line

NORTH BAY (CP) — Canadian National has made good on a promise earlier this year to eliminate local freight traffic between here and the Ottawa Valley.

Instead, rail traffic will be rerouted through Montreal, Toronto and then to Capreol.

Local traffic to Pembroke, Ont. and Ottawa will still proceed from Montreal, said CN spokesman Scott Gaber.

Gaber said the rail company may never use the North Bay-to-Pembroke line again.

"Abandonment is one option we have, but there are several other options," said Gaber.

A short-line railway company could operate and maintain the line, he said.

The move is part of a cost-saving plan to scrap unprofitable CN routes and reduce its workforce as the Crown corporation is privatized.