

# Canadian National in Nova Scotia

## *Scanner Frequencies*

As with most railfanning, a scanner is a definite asset. Without it, you are running in the dark hoping to catch the next train. Now that there is CTC for most of this section of CN, all you will hear on the scanner is the crew calling the signals, the EOT device or a MOW foreman requesting clearances. Knowing this and some mileages you can usually figure out where you are. Signals here are usually approach lit, meaning that unless a train is approaching the signal that they will be dark or not lit.

Channel	Frequency
Road Channel	161.415
End of Train	452.9375 457.9375
RTC	161.025 160.935 (Dartmouth)
MOW	160.275 160.515 160.455 160.215

## *Trains and Schedules*

Most of the rail activity on the CN track between Amherst and Halifax takes place at night. Here is an approximate schedule of the trains including VIA Rail's "Ocean" (based on published schedule on their website) that travels this track. Westbound and eastbound train times are estimates and can vary due to track conditions, traffic, trackwork, and other factors. Eastbounds are more likely to vary from these times since they are near the end of their trip; westbound departures are more consistent.

### Westbound Trains

Railway	Train #	Halifax (*or Dartmouth)	Windsor Junction	Milford	Truro	Amherst
VIA	15	12:35	12:57	13:25	14:03	15:55
CN	121	19:00	19:18	20:05	20:55	?
CN	149	23:00	23:18	?	?	?
CN	307	7:00*	?	?	12:00	15:00
CN	701	?	?	?	n/a	n/a

### Eastbound Trains

Railway	Train #	Amherst	Truro	Milford	Windsor Junction	Halifax (*or Dartmouth)
VIA	14	13:02	14:48	15:25	15:58	16:20
CN	120	?	?	?	?	?

CN	148	?	?	?	?	?
CN	308	?	23:00	?	?	?*
CN	703	n/a	n/a	?	?	?*

### *Subdivisions*

There are three subdivisions running in NS. The Springhill, Bedford and Dartmouth subs. The Springhill sub runs from Pacific Junction in New Brunswick to Truro, Nova Scotia. I have only included the portion within Nova Scotia. The Bedford Subdivision runs from Truro straight through to the end of track in Halifax. The Dartmouth sub intersects the Bedford sub at Windsor Junction (near Waverley) and runs to Eastern Passage through Dartmouth.