



DESTINATION MANITOBA

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RURAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ANNOUNCED

WINNIPEG, May 11, 1984 - Assistance totalling \$407,980 has been approved for seven projects under the Rural Tourism Industry Incentive Program of Destination Manitoba. This announcement was made by Lloyd Axworthy, federal Minister of Transport, on behalf of David Smith, federal Minister of State for Small Business and Tourism, and by Samuel Uskiw, Manitoba Minister of Business Development and Tourism.

Mr. Axworthy said that two applications were for the upgrading and expansion of existing facilities. Michie's Menagerie, a farm vacation resort just outside of Eriksdale, has been offered \$18,780 in assistance for a \$46,950 expansion of its riding facilities, and an offer of \$25,000 to the Gateway Valley Inn in Benito will be used in a \$75,000 project to construct four new units and renovate the existing units. Wasagaming Lodge will implement a major renovation program with the aid of a \$146,200 offer of assistance towards the \$365,000 project. A new two-storey addition will be constructed and all 14 of the new family style units will have air conditioning and wheelchair access.

Mr. Uskiw noted an offer of \$25,000 in assistance has been made to Colville Ventures for the upgrading and expansion of Colville Landing, a marina facility on the Red River near Selkirk, and Inverness Falls Resort, one of six facilities operating year round in the Whiteshell Provincial Park, has been offered \$18,000 in assistance to upgrade their resort at a total cost of \$45,000. South Knife Lake Lodge will use \$25,000 in assistance for a \$68,609 project which includes the construction of a boat-storage house, filleting house and outcamp, expansion of the kitchen facilities and upgrading of the dock area. Lockport will be the site of a major project, as Skinner's Wet 'N Wild has been offered \$150,000 to assist in the development of a waterslide park.

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The financial assistance takes the form of forgivable or combined forgivable-repayable loans depending on the size and nature of the project, and is part of continuing efforts to expand Manitoba tourism industry.

Destination Manitoba is the Tourism Development Agreement cost-shared 60 per cent by the Government of Canada and 40 per cent by the provincial Department of Business Development and Tourism.