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## MANITOBA TO ACQUIRE CHURCHILL NAVAL BASE

The Manitoba government is in the last stages of acquiring the former naval base at Churchill from the Crown Assets Disposal Corporation, Public Works and Highways Minister Joseph Borowski announced.

The province will pay \$20,000 for the six-and-a-half acre site located about four miles from the Churchill townsite. It includes three main buildings, which housed sleeping areas, a service section of kitchens, laundry and mechanical equipment, and a telecommunications centre. Four secondary buildings include garage and storage space. The complex has its own sewer and water system and a stand-by diesel unit for power if the power supply from Fort Churchill fails.

The minister said the base, which was built in the late 1940s, is in excellent condition. The facility has not been purchased for any specific purpose, but it could be used for educational or health services, he said.