



***Pierre Lemieux,  
Député / Member of Parliament  
Glengarry-Prescott-Russell***

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**PIERRE LEMIEUX ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR CASSELMAN TRAIN STATION AND  
FOR GROUPE CONVEX**

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**Casselman, Ontario, June 4, 2010** — Pierre Lemieux, Member of Parliament for Glengarry–Prescott–Russell, confirmed last Friday that a strategic investment of \$50,000 has been made by the Federal Government through the Prescott-Russell Community Development Corporation (PRCDC) in support of tourism development projects that will benefit communities and businesses throughout the region.

“I am delighted with the tremendous work done by John Candie and his team at PRCDC,” said Mr. Lemieux. “They continue to fulfill their mandate of partnering with local governments, businesses and community organizations to bolster our local economy and ensure it is stronger, more vibrant and more resilient in the years to come.”

Today’s announcement celebrates the funding of two important tourism projects.

The first is \$25 000 to help fund the leasehold improvements to the Casselman Train Station. This investment will go towards a project that will further enable the Village of Casselman to capitalize on a growing tourism industry and help the region create new opportunities and new jobs.

“It is important that residents of Casselman and surrounding areas have a rail station that supports the marked growth in tourism to the region, especially given the opening of the Calypso Water Park,” said Mr. Lemieux. He continued, “These upgrades to the Casselman Railway Station will greatly assist the township in welcoming visitors to the area. In our Economic Action Plan, we recognize just how important history, heritage and tourism are to local economies, and the important role that our federal funding plays in supporting these economies.”

In response to this funding announcement, the Mayor of Casselman, Conrad Lamadeleine stated, “It is obvious that any subsidy is appreciated, but this one was very important for Casselman and I understand that a lot of requests for funding were made. Your response will remain engraved in our memory and I could never find the words to thank you as you deserve.”



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The second project being funded by PRCDC is \$25 000 to help strengthen the capacity of Groupe Convex to create jobs through the establishment of two positions of Development Officer to stimulate the growth of social enterprises and psychosocial support agencies in the Prescott-Russell region.

“I greatly admire and appreciate the work that is done by Groupe Convex, and its commitment to ensuring that people with disabilities have the chance to fulfill their potential and contribute to our region,” said Mr. Lemieux. “Across the riding, a lot of people with disabilities are working because of access to the support, services, and opportunity provided by Groupe Convex.”

PRCDC’s goal is to create and maintain an environment conducive to regional economic development initiatives. The Office works together with hundreds of representatives from the agricultural and agri-food sectors, as well as the commercial sector and tourism industry, and oversees the tourism marketing of Prescott and Russell.

During the announcement, Normand Charette of Groupe Convex, stated, “Once again, Groupe Convex of Prescott-Russell would like to thank our M.P. Pierre Lemieux for his trust in our organization. Our present federal government concretely supports economic and community development initiatives and contributes to make a positive difference in our region.”

Mr. Lemieux concluded, “I have been working hard with the Ministers to advance tourism in Glengarry-Prescott-Russell and to build the foundation for a strong and competitive tourism economy and we see the results all across the riding.”

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