



***Pierre Lemieux,  
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Glengarry-Prescott-Russell***

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**PIERRE LEMIEUX PARTICIPATES IN THE GRAND OPENING OF  
THE LIMOGES TOURIST CENTRE**

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**Limoges, Ontario** — Pierre Lemieux, MP for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, was pleased to participate in the grand opening of the new tourist centre off Highway 417 at exit 79 near Limoges, Ontario. “I commend Claude Leclair and his team at the Prescott-Russell Tourism Association for their effort and commitment in making this project a reality,” stated Mr. Lemieux.

Ideally located a mere two minutes from the new Calypso Waterpark, the new Tourist Centre will provide visitors with information on services, events, attractions and activities available across the United Counties. It will also act to promote local tourism, and to promote the entire region of Prescott Russell as a tourist destination.

“Recognizing the clear benefit that our community would derive from this Tourist Centre, I worked hard to ensure that federal support was made available and was able to secure a strong financial commitment of \$75,000 for the Centre,” said Mr. Lemieux.

Along with \$75,000 in funding from the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario, Mr. Lemieux also worked diligently to support the Tourist Centre’s application to receive summer students through the Federal Summer Students program. A total of four students have been pledged to the Centre and will assist the bureau in welcoming visitors to the region.

At the event, Mr. Lemieux had the pleasure of introducing John Candie from the Community Futures Development Corporation (CFDC). Mr. Candie announced that the CFDC had approved \$35,000 in federal funding to assist with the wages of a coordinator for the Prescott-Russell Tourism Association. In 2009, the CFDC, which has been avidly supported by Mr. Lemieux, invested \$582,000 in federal funding that helped create 86 new jobs and maintain 260 jobs across Prescott and Russell.

“This Tourist Centre represents a new era for La Nation - it is a welcoming platform for all that the region has to offer, and is also a wonderful asset for the town of Limoges,” said Mr. Lemieux. “By investing in this project, we have ensured that visitors will be able to appreciate the natural beauty of this area, while taking full advantage of local attractions.”



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