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Mr. Ed Rondeau, Chairperson
Alberta's Lakeland Destination Marketing Organization
Iron Horse Trail Tourism Product Club
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St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0

Dear Mr. Rondeau:

Thank you for your November 29, 2005 letter regarding extension of the grant that has been provided by Alberta Economic Development to the Iron Horse Trail Tourism Product Club.

I was pleased to hear about your organization's work to develop the Iron Horse Trail as a major tourism product in northeast Alberta. I understand the Iron Horse Trail Tourism Product Club has made significant accomplishment by bringing together trail recreation organizations to collaborate on this development, through maintenance, and marketing initiatives, and have engaged non-traditional community partners and not-for-profit stakeholders.

I am pleased to confirm a development grant for an additional three-year period, in the amount of \$50,000 in 2006/2007, \$40,000 in 2007/2008, and \$30,000 in 2008/2009. I encourage you to use this money to become a self-sustaining organization through your membership and community stakeholders that will support the Iron Horse Trail as a long-term anchor for tourism in your region. Please contact Ms. Louise McGillivray, Executive Director of Tourism Development and Services, at (780) 427-6638 (toll-free through Service Alberta at 310-0000) to finalize funding arrangements.

Continued best wishes and I look forward to hearing more about this initiative as it progresses.

Cordially,

Clint Dunford
Minister

cc: Mr. Ray Danyluk, MLA, Lac La Biche - St. Paul
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