

## \$1.3 Million in NORDA funds approved for development of north

A total of over \$1.3 million has been approved for 56 projects under the federal-provincial Northern Ontario Rural Development Agreement (NORDA). The announcement was made by the Hon. Ed Lumley, the federal Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and of Regional Economic Expansion; and by the Hon. Leo Bernier, the Ontario Minister of Northern Affairs.

Of the 56 projects, 16 are for assistance to industries and for job-creation, 26 for agricultural development (16 cover land-improvement), one is a mining study, and 13 are for tourism development.

Murray Bros. Lumber Co. Ltd. of Barry's Bay has been offered \$100,000 towards the purchase of machinery and equipment for its mill at Madawaska, in the Nipissing district south of Algonquin Park. The project, estimated to cost \$481,500, will enable the company to mill low-grade small-diameter poplar and white birch logs; over the next five years 40 new jobs are expected.

To provide power for the Madawaska mill, Murray Bros. has also been offered \$81,000, half the calculated cost, of constructing a small hydro-electric power station near the mill.

Three quarters of the estimated cost of constructing an 800-foot extension of a 6-inch watermain across Highway 11 has been approved for the Town of

Smooth Rock Falls to enable a new plant, Breton Shingle Mill, to start production. The offer is for \$49,500, which includes a 10 per cent contingency allowance.

Similarly, a contribution of \$29,300 has been approved for the Township of Chapleau covering a 450-foot watermain extension in the Town of Chapleau, to serve a new plant, Woodland Babes Ltd., that will manufacture dolls for the international market. The full cost of the watermain is estimated at \$35,514.

At Cache Bay, near Sturgeon Falls, \$100,000 has been approved towards assistance to Ray's Septic Services Ltd. for the purchase of a building and equipment to produce crushed stone for the building and construction trades. The full cost of the venture is estimated at \$228,000; five existing jobs will be secured, and six new jobs are expected when production begins.

Midway Lumber Mills Ltd. of Thessalon (Algoma District) has been offered \$100,000 towards the purchase of a new kiln. The full cost is calculated at \$307,000; during the first year 28 jobs are expected, with 33 more by year three.

Weather Wear Inc. has been offered \$100,000 towards re-activating the former Arctic Cat garment plant at Rainy River; the full cost is estimated at \$317,000 to buy the property and machinery, and to carry out the ne-

cessary renovations. Fifty-five jobs are expected when the plant reopens, and 25 more by year five.

Towards expanding its wood-cutting operation at Warren (between Sturgeon Falls and Sudbury), Ornum Forest Harvesters has been offered \$68,566, half the estimated cost of purchasing trucks and loading equipment. Six new jobs are expected, growing to eight within five years.

Goulard Lumber of Sturgeon Falls has been offered \$60,000 towards buying two kilns, a building in which to house them, and a forklift truck. The total cost is calculated at \$306,400, and 10 new jobs are expected over the next three years.

An explosives manufacturer at Kirkland Lake has been offered \$53,850, half the estimated cost of buying a bulk-storage silo, three special transporters and other equipment. Nordex Explosives Ltd. plans to reduce its seasonal layoffs and to operate continuously as a result of this expansion.

Porta-Bote Canada Ltd. of Atikokan has been offered \$44,000 towards the estimated \$139,000 cost of renovating a leased building and buying equipment to manufacture folding polypropylene boats under license. Five jobs are expected during the first year, increasing to 12 in five years.

To buy and renovate a building and to purchase equipment, Glen Draper

Bakery has been offered \$30,000 of the calculated \$80,000 cost of establishing a bakery in Mattawa (Nipissing district). Five jobs are expected when the bakery opens, and five more later.

Stone Studio Siku of Parry Sound has been offered \$30,000, half the estimated cost of adding equipment and expanding its workshop. The studio turns out carvings in soapstone and engravings in marble, granite and glass. Four new jobs are expected.

Truck caps will be a new product line for New Liskeard's Mid-Canada Fibreglass Ltd. which now suffers seasonal slowdowns in its sale of marine products. It has been offered \$15,000, towards the estimated \$31,250 cost of purchasing the equipment needed for the new line.

Mills Refrigeration of Iroquois Falls (Cochrane district) has been offered \$14,500 towards expanding its refrigeration and air-conditioning service. The full cost of the project is estimated at \$40,350; three new jobs are expected.

A company that will make custom-built doors, windows and similar items, has been offered \$8,500, half the estimated machinery and equipment cost of the new plant in Matheson (Cochrane district). Two jobs are expected. Guy Guilmette, the owner, will sell the products locally.

Ten agricultural projects are of particular

interest:

- \$25,500 has been approved for a demonstration of a "round-bale" silage system which uses plastic bags. J.D. Haldane of Moonbeam (Cochrane district) will manage the project, which is a more economical means of providing high-quality forage for finishing beef cattle.
- \$17,920 has been approved for a pasture-management technique for raising sheep. Randy Praeter of New Liskeard will operate the two-year experiment, which, if successful, could eventually help to displace the amount of lamb imported into Ontario.

- \$17,000, half the estimated cost, has been offered to Gary Brohart of Harrow Township (near Sudbury) to open a bull-testing station for the area. Continuing tests will be done on 30 bulls to create top-quality breeding stock.
- \$12,650 has been approved for the Rainy River Cattleman's Assoc. to carry out a livestock management demonstration, under special supervision, to encourage area farmers to increase their beef production.

- \$5,000 has been offered to Glackmeyer Farms of Cochrane to erect barns for newborn calves and heifers to increase beef production. The full cost of the project is estimated at over \$25,000.

- \$3,000 has been approved for Yvan Chartand of New Liskeard to make modifications to a hay elevator that will lay paper under cut trefoil, prior to combing; the yield-per-acre of hay is expected to increase significantly. The full cost of the project is estimated at over \$17,000.

- \$3,000, half the estimated cost, has been offered to Howard Stewart of Burk's Falls (Parry Sound district) to purchase weigh scales. The weighing of livestock at birth, weaning and prior to sale will be part of a demonstration of improved livestock management.

- \$9,500, half the estimated cost, has been offered to Gilbert Labre of Blezard Valley (near Sudbury) to purchase equipment to package goats' milk for local sale.

- \$4,140, half the estimated cost of the equipment, has been offered to Francis Leveille of Kenabek (Henwood Township, Timiskaming district) towards start-

ing a seed-cleaning and drying facility to serve district farmers.

- \$15,000 has been approved for a study to explore the feasibility of opening a farmers' market in Sault Ste. Marie. The funds will be managed by a local steering committee.

Sixteen land-development projects for farmers have been approved, for \$60,620. The projects are in the districts of Algoma, Cochrane, Nipissing, Rainy River and Timiskaming. In addition, \$3,000 was added to the previously approved amount offered for land development on the Manitoulin Stocker Pasture at Gore Bay.

The provincial Ministry of Agriculture and Food provides the province's share of funds for NORDA agricultural projects, and is responsible for their implementation.

Under NORDA's resource-diversification program, \$12,000 was approved for Dymond

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