

---

# *Backgrounder*

---

## **GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND QUEBEC INVEST IN FUTURE OF CHARLEVOIX TOURIST TRAIN**

### **Project details**

Repair work began last September and will be spread over an 18-month period. It is intended to rehabilitate the 144-km rail line between Quebec City and Clermont. The objective is to increase the bearing capacity, comfort, speed and security of the railway, mainly through replacement of rails and repairs to bridges, culverts and ties. Since September, the work schedule has been moved up, which has enabled the installation of some 5,000 ties and the start of certain programs, including those related to vegetation, clearances and bolts. An estimated \$5 million of work has been carried out since September.

### **Tourist train**

Running 136 kilometres between Quebec City and La Malbaie, of which 85 kilometres offers an incomparable waterfront panorama, the tourist train will provide an original and responsible experience that facilitates access to the various sectors of the Massif de Charlevoix. This destination and excursion train opens a window to exceptional landscapes throughout the entire panoramic route and provides stops at La Montagne, Petite Rivière Saint François, La Ferme and Baie Saint Paul, while contributing to the revitalization of the Côte de Beauré and Charlevoix coastal villages.

### **Le Massif de Charlevoix**

[Le Massif de Charlevoix](#) is a recreational and tourism project representing a \$230-million investment between now and 2013. In addition to the Le Massif ski station, this original project will be created between Baie St Paul and Petite Rivière Saint François, in Charlevoix. The regional offer includes, among others, a tourist train and rail shuttle, close to 400 accommodation units, including a 150-room bioclimatic hotel and a 500-seat multi-purpose hall. The site is intended to become a true tourism laboratory experiment.

**Source of Funds**

| Rehabilitation assistance for the CF Charlevoix railway | Canada-Quebec Agreement     |                                     | Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (Canada) and PAIM (Quebec) (Nov. 2009) | Total Contributions   |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
|   | Initial Contribution (2007) | Additional Contribution (Nov. 2009) |   |                       |
| <b>Canada</b>   | \$ 4,240,000 (40%)          | \$ 600,000                          | \$ 1,285,525 (20,4%)  | \$ 6,125,525 (33.29%) |
| <b>Quebec</b>   | \$ 2,827,020 (26,67%)       | \$ 400,050                          | \$ 2,625,000 (41,67%)   | \$ 5,852,070 (33,81%) |
| <b>CF Charlevoix</b>                                    | \$ 3,532,980 (33,33%)       | \$ 499,950                          | \$ 2,389,475 (37,93%)   | \$ 6,422,405 (34,9%)  |
| <b>Total</b>  | \$10,600,000 (100%)         | \$1,500,000                         | \$ 6,300,000 (100, %)   | \$ 18,400,000         |