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### **Express by Canad Inns**

It is with sentimentality that Canad Inns must announce the closing of the Express by Canad Inns located at 1792 Pembina Highway.

Known at that time as the “Norlander Hotel”, the hotel was acquired in 1978, and became the first Canad Inns location. The facility housed the original Aaltos Family Dining, a Night Club, Lounge and Beer Store.

Over the decades, Express was a destination for local entertainment hosting iconic music acts like Long John Baldry, Bryan Adams, Barenaked Ladies and Kenny Shields & Streetheart. Aaltos, and later Garbonzo’s, has been a community meeting place, and hosted countless family celebrations, holidays, and team gatherings for local residents and staff. The night club was always the heart of the site, and is fondly remembered by generations of Manitoba Youth. True to its origins as a family company, the Express housed Executive Chair Leo Ledohowski along with his mother and two brothers for a decade as the first Canad Inns Offices.

Over the past four decades, Canad Inns has expanded to a larger destination format that encompass accommodation, food, banquet and entertainment facilities. Sadly, The Express cannot support a Destination Centre footprint.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Pembina, Winnipeg and Manitoba communities for their patronage over so many years, we look forward to seeing you next door at Canad Inns Destination Centre Fort Garry, or any of our 15 Destination Centre locations, including the **New Garbonzo’s location** scheduled to open early 2018.

We would like to thank our staff. Express is home to some of the most dedicated and talented members of the Canad Inns family, whose hard work and commitment made the Express the little hotel that made a big impact.

While we are nostalgic about the closing, we are excited about ushering in a new era of growth and expansion for Canad Inns.

Bigger, Better, Today and Tomorrow!

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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