



Media Release

Howard Johnson Express Inn Winnipeg-West named 2007 International Property of the Year

Oakville, Ontario (May 12, 2008) – The Howard Johnson Express Inn Winnipeg-West has been named 2007 international property of the year by Howard Johnson International.

“We’re thrilled that the hard work and dedication of the Howard Johnson Winnipeg-West has been recognized,” stated Glen Blake, President of Howard Johnson Canada, “they truly deserve this prestigious designation.”

After receiving a lower than anticipated Quality Assurance score at the beginning of 2007, Owners Ken Choch and Mike Sapozhnik, along with General Manager Dan Carlson, decided it was time for a change. With the help of their team they created a vision of what they wanted the hotel to become - something they could be proud of.

Throughout 2007, the HJ Winnipeg-West underwent major renovations and improvements. In their first 2008 QA inspection the property improved their score by 265 points, making them a Howard Johnson Gold Medal Property.

“These changes were not made over night and they weren’t always easy,” said Carlson, “we completed the improvements as a result of great team work and have been enjoying the benefits ever since.”

The property has made many significant changes in just one year, offering guests higher quality accommodations with a focus on service and is now generating increased RevPar.

“It took a lot of time, hard work, capital resources and commitment to both our own vision and that of the brand,” said Choch, “but in the end, it was all worth it. We’re very proud of how far we’ve come.”

The Howard Johnson Winnipeg West is located at 3740 Portage Ave and features free high-speed internet, free parking, an onsite restaurant and both a hot tub and sauna.

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For more information or to set up an interview with Glen Blake or the Howard Johnson Winnipeg-West, please visit www.IGOHJO.ca or contact Emily Kinread at: 905-829-4002 or ekinread@howardjohnson.ca

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