The totem pole will join a 5-meter high "Inukshuk" outside the pavilion. The Inukshuk represents the participation of the Northwest Territories at World EXPO 88. It was built by Inuit hunter and trapper Alvin Kanak and his son Jimmy, who travelled to Australia from Rankin Inlet. Alvin Kanak also built the Inukshuk at EXPO 86 in Vancouver.

Before the official opening of World EXPO 88, the Canada Pavilion was previewed by some 800 enthusiastic Canadians living in the greater Brisbane area.

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