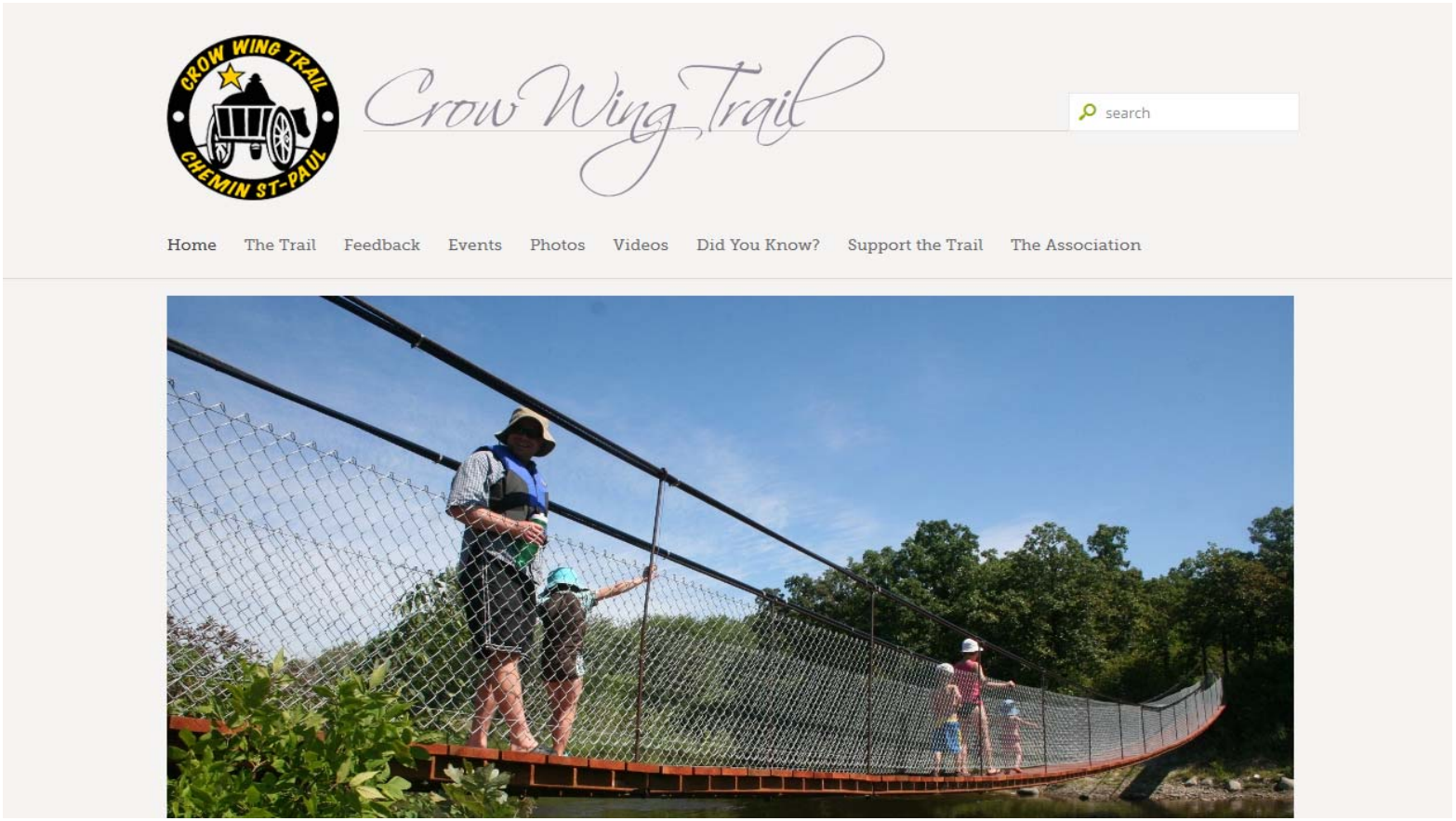

15th Anniversary Celebration & Annual Meeting

Club Amical – St. Adolphe

May 15th, 2014 - 7 pm

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14th Annual Meeting Agenda
May 15th, 2014 – 7:00 pm
Club Amical – St. Adolphe

1. Welcome – RM of Ritchot
2. Call to Order
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes from April 20th, 2013
5. President's Report – Murielle Bugera
   a. A Look Back
   b. A Look Forward: 2012 Trail Maintenance Report
6. Financial Report – Steven Graupner
7. Elections
8. Adjournment
9. Guest Speakers:
   a. Sharon Blady, Minister, Healthy Living & Seniors
   b. Trails Manitoba
   c. RM of Ritchot Recreation and Wellness

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

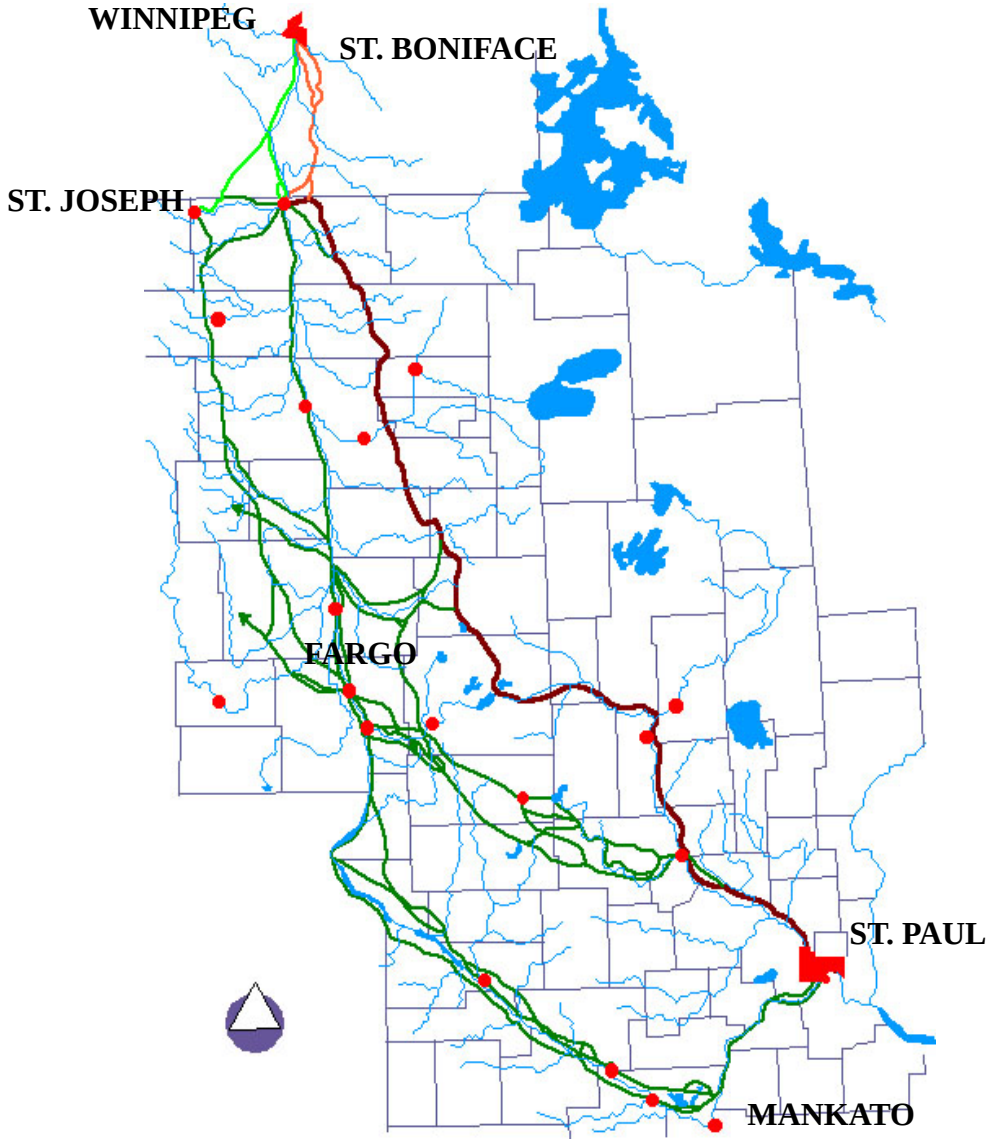
A Look Back

A Look Forward: 2012 Trail Maintenance Report

Crow Wing Trail

In 1998, the municipalities of Ritchot, St-Pierre-Jolys, De Salaberry, Franklin and Emerson* saw a tremendous economic opportunity in being part of the Trans Canada Trail, a dream to connect the Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic oceans.

The route of the historical Crow Wing Trail became the focus of great collaboration as
•it was recognized as being a major factor in the expansion of trade;
•it formed the basis for the planning and building of railroads in the area;
•it could also provide a link to other recreational trails in the U.S;
•AND… the St-Pierre-Jolys Museum had recently been organizing horseback rides on the Crow Wing Trail, between these communities and the U.S.



Map:
Red River Trails – oxcart routes between St. Paul, Minnesota and the Selkirk Settlement in 1820-1870.

Crow Wing Trail

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The Crow Wing Trail Association Chemin Saint-Paul Inc. was created as a non-profit organization to oversee the development of the new trail.

Municipal councillors and interested residents formed the first Board. Three members still sit on the Board today: Wayne Arseny, Peter Friesen and Murielle Bugera.

* The Town of Niverville and the Roseau River First Nation joined a few years later.

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Trail

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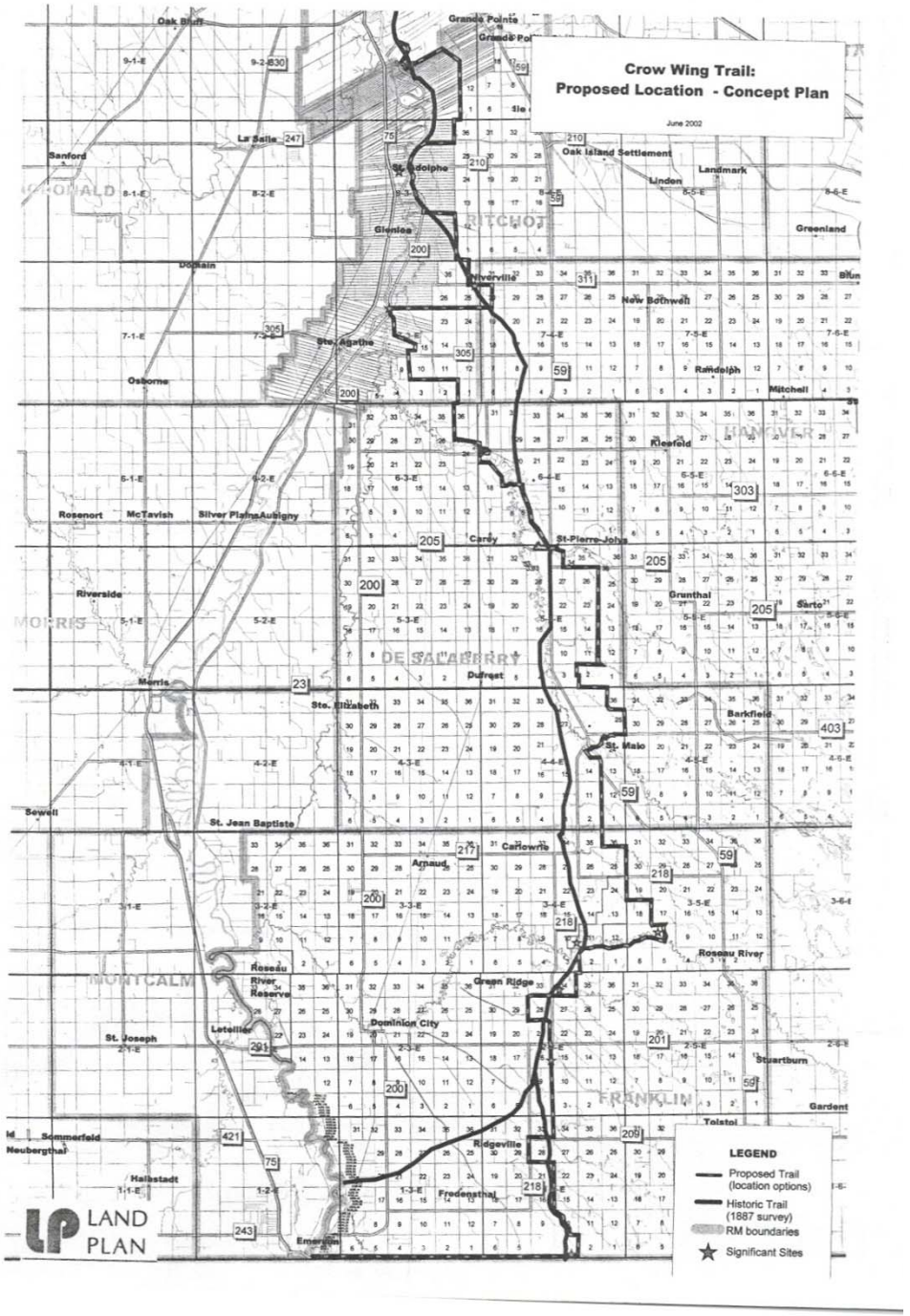
Crow Wing Trail

To determine the current day's route, the services of Landscape Architect Larissa Panachenko were contracted.

Funds were provided by the Manitoba Millennium Trail Development Project through the Manitoba Recreational Trails Association.

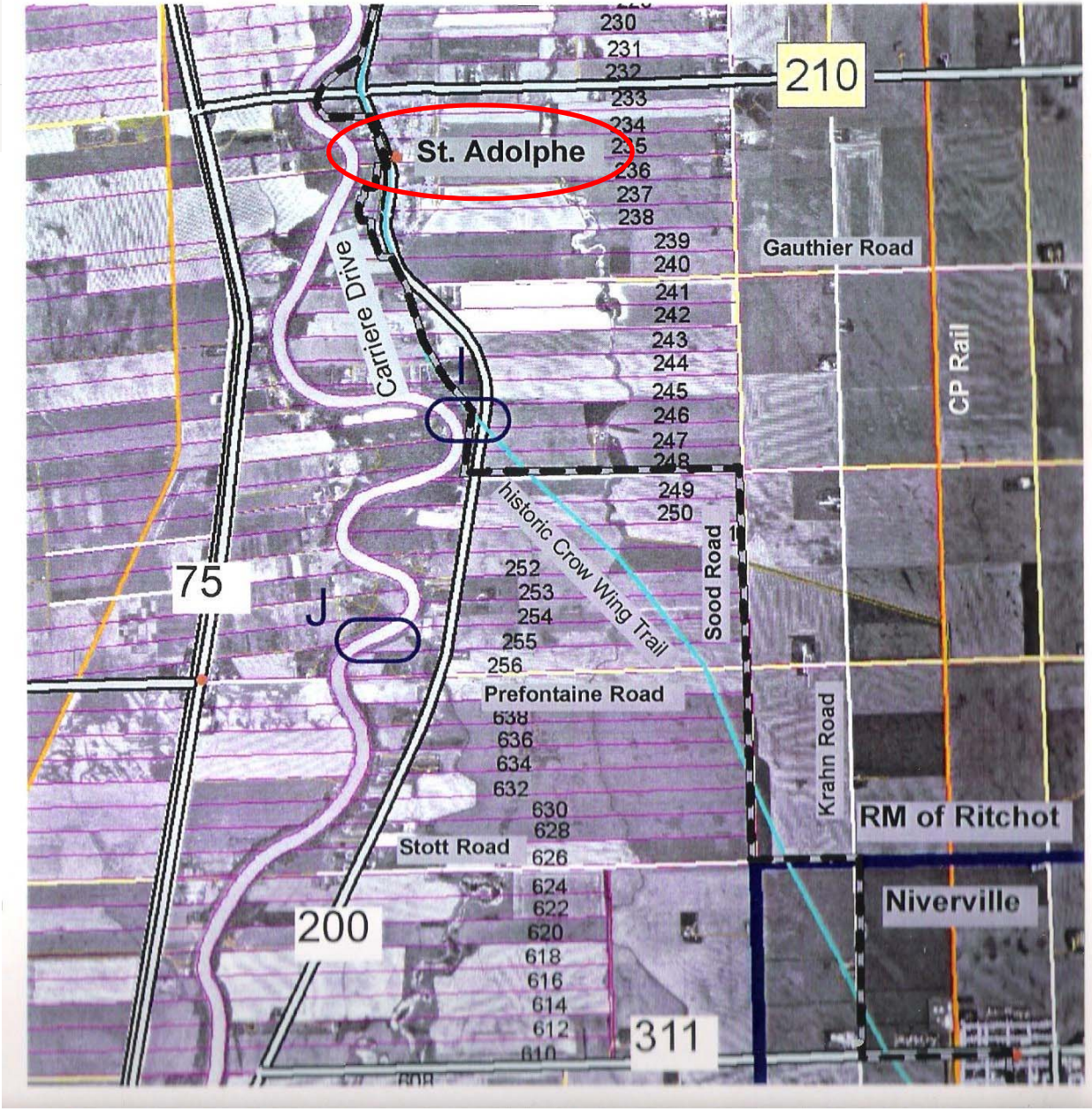
Using an 1887 map, numerous community consultations and additional research, the new Crow Wing Trail's path was created.



Crow Wing Trail

In order to locate the Trans Canada Trail as closely as possible to the historical path, a number of issues needed to be addressed such as land ownership, accessibility, ecology, history, community involvement and many others.

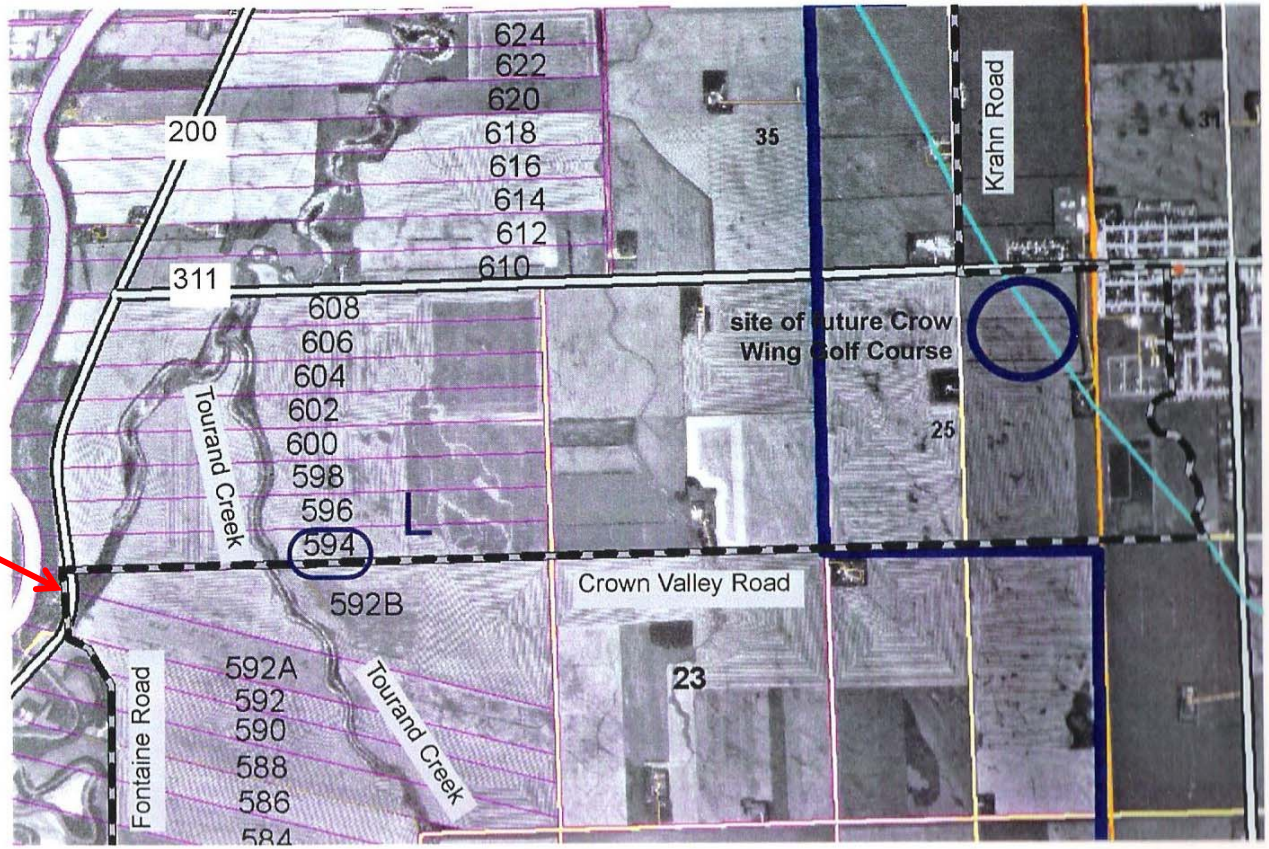
At the present time, this recreational corridor is located mostly on municipal roads, while the actual pathway of the historical trail runs through privately owned agricultural fields.



Crow Wing Trail

The new 191-km trail goes through communities that did not exist in the mid-1800's and incorporates important points of interest such as the Mennonite Landing.

Some of the trail is on municipal road allowances not accessed by vehicles. Other sections are in community parks, including the St. Malo Provincial Park. A few private owners accepted the trail on their property i.e. Providence College University.



Crow Wing Trail

Once the route of the new Crow Wing Trail was approved by municipal councils, the Crow Wing Trail Association was added as an additional insured to the AMM Group General Insurance Program.

And the work was only beginning….

This had to be a continuous trail with no backtracking. And we had provincial and federal departments to deal with.

Environment

Provincial roads

Crow Wing Trail

Many signs, culverts, bridges and pathways were installed, with Trails Manitoba funds and our volunteers!

Crow Wing Trail

One of our biggest challenges was without a doubt the Senkiw Bridge. It is now our biggest attraction!

VINTAGE VIGNETTE: Manitoba Rural Landmarks

Senkiw School District suspension bridge

BY ED LEDOHOWSKI
Co-operator contributor

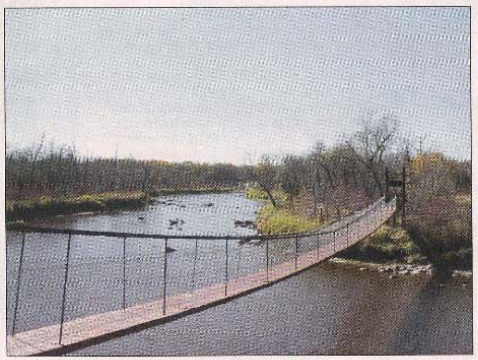
SW 8-3-5E, RM OF FRANKLIN

The Senkiw School District suspension bridge was constructed during the 1930s by district residents to allow children living south of the Roseau River to attend school in the hamlet of Senkiw, situated about a mile north of the river.

The bridge replaced a "flying fox" hand-powered cable and basket mechanism which the children initially used to cross the river. The suspension bridge is one of only four known pedestrian suspension bridges remaining in Manitoba and it is the only one to be protected as a Municipal Heritage Site under the Heritage Resources Act.

This example is notable for its unique support mechanism, which was rebuilt in 1946 using salvaged farm implement parts, to allow the cables to be pulled taut and locked.

The bridge was part of a formally surveyed school district trail which permitted the children to take the most direct "cross-country" route from the bridge to and from Senkiw, and was used by the area's school-aged children until the school closed in 1967.



The restoration of the bridge was spearheaded by the RM of Franklin Crow Wing Trail Committee and supported by the municipal council, local residents and area businesses. Funds for the bridge restoration were obtained from a variety of sources including among others: sales of inscribed bridge planks, community events and public donations at the local level; the Manitoba Millennium Fund at the provincial level; and from Rivers West Inc. — a Western Diversification Fund tourism development agency, and Human Resources and Skills Development Canada at the federal level. The bulk of the labour involved in the project was provided by local volunteers.

A celebration marking the completion of the restoration project took place Sunday, Aug. 21, 2005 and attracted over 250 people. The Senkiw School Suspension Bridge and School District Trail are now components of the Crow Wing Trail portion of the Trans Canada Trail in Manitoba.

For additional information online, Google: Senkiw Swinging Bridge or go to www.gov.mb.ca/chc/hrb/mun; or www.historic places.ca.

Crow Wing Trail

Red River Metis Journey 2002 in St. Adolphe Park

Crow Wing Trail

In 2006, a continuous trail from Winnipeg to Emerson, with signs to ensure that people wouldn't easily get lost, allowed us to hold our official opening.

There were local events throughout the year and on September 9th, a celebration for the entire trail was held, right here in St. Adolphe Park, with Minister Ron Lemieux and MLA Mavis Taillieu in attendance.

Tall Grass Prairie

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Crow Wing Trail

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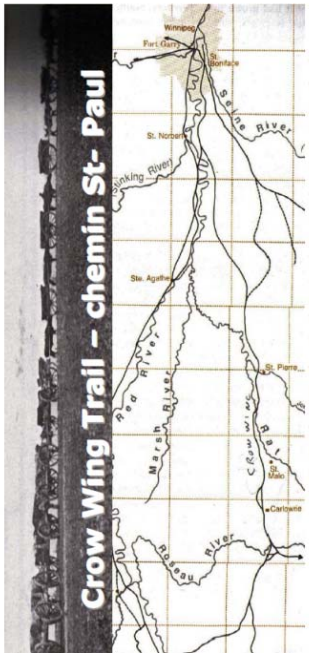

Your adventure along today's CROW WING TRAIL will allow you to step back to a time when its existence was crucial to the survival of a developing country.

The trail was used as a safe and easy route to world markets of the 1800's. It was used to transport goods and people to and from the Red River Settlement and the Crow Wing Settlement on the Mississippi River.

Today, 190 kms of the trail have been revived as a recreational trail, part of the Trans Canada Trail, which links our country from sea to sea to sea.

About this guide

This guide was developed to be used in conjunction with the *Tall Grass Prairie* interpretive map that identifies features such as access points and facilities, available at the Manitoba Recreational Trails Association www.mrta.mb.ca.

The emphasis of this guide is on discovery of the history of the trail, the lifestyle of those who used it and its importance to the development of a fledgling nation.

Although the present trail does sometimes follow many parts of the original trail, for the most part, it does not. Much of the landscape would have been the same and in some instances users will actually see what the original trail users would have seen in the early 1800's.

Today's trail is 190 kms long and has been divided into three sections. The northern section is from St. Norbert Heritage Park to Otterburne. The middle section is from Otterburne to St. Malo. The southern section is from St. Malo to Emerson at the U.S. border.

The trail promotes hiking, biking, horseback riding and cross country skiing. Motorized vehicles are not permitted when the trail is not located on a municipal road.

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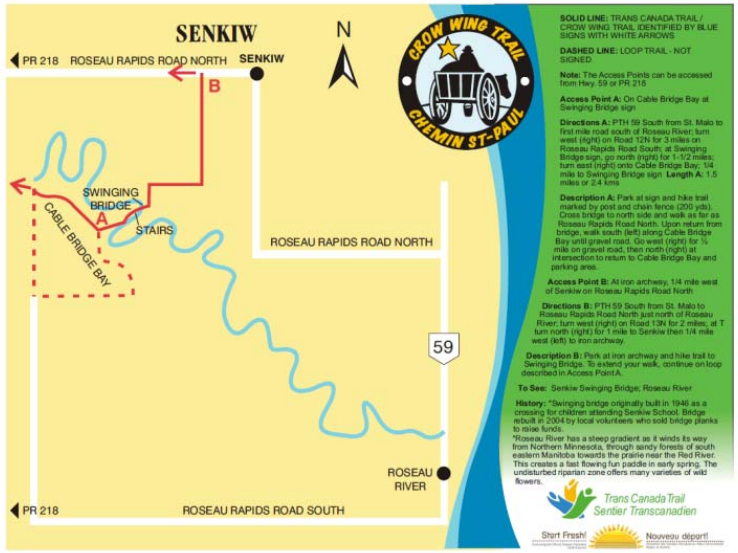
GPS is set to NAD 83.



And then we started promoting the trail to encourage its use.

However, we were facing a chicken or the egg dilemma.

Crow Wing Trail

Priority #1 had to be maintenance.

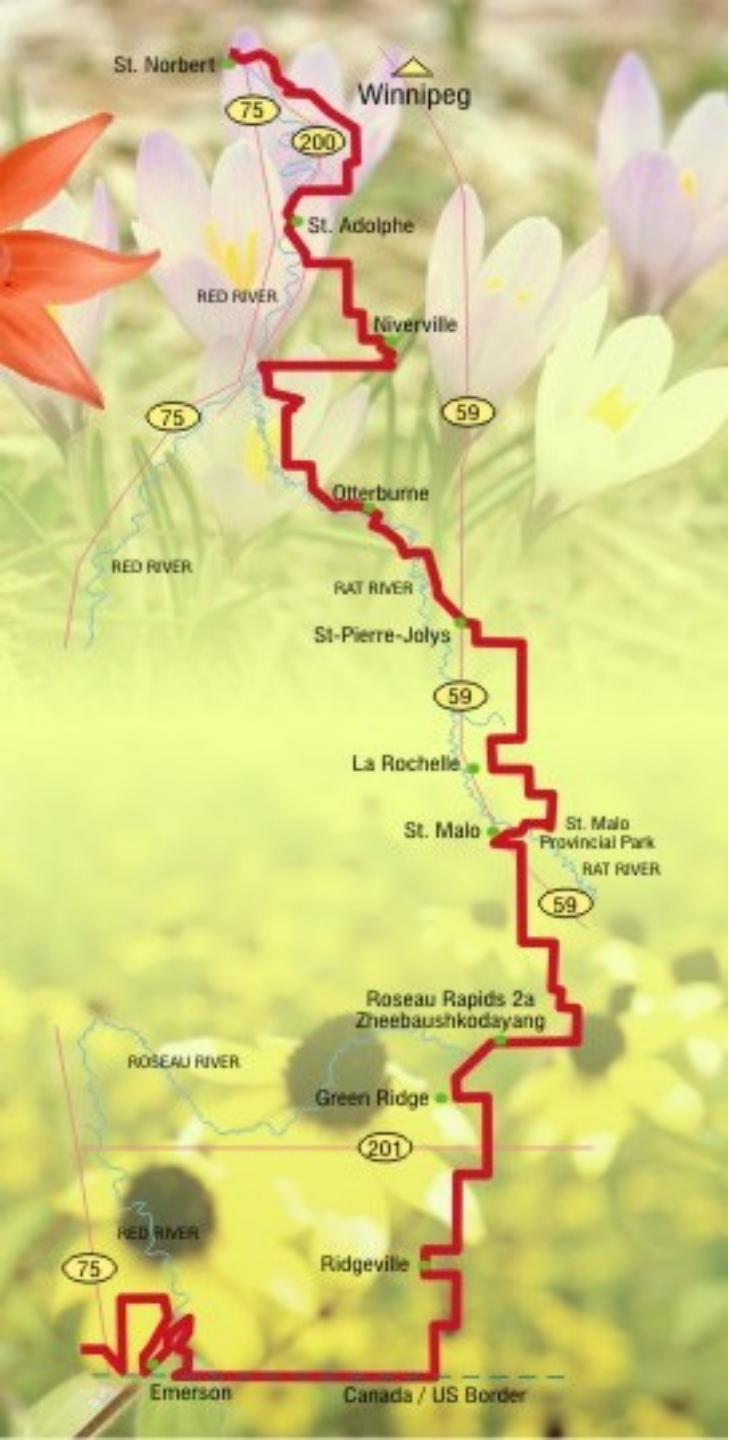
Depending on volunteers for this type of work was just not working.

And no amount of promotion could bring trail users back if they had a bad experience.

Trail Maintenance Pilot Project

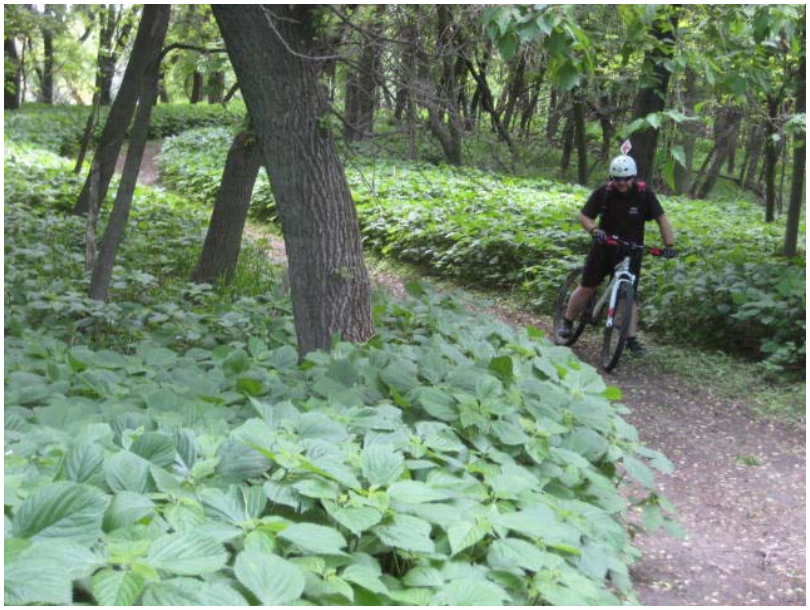
- In 2012, the Board decided to undertake a pilot project, and learn what it takes to maintain the trail throughout the year.
- Funding:
  - $2,100 local government membership fees
  - $2,100 MRTA one-time matching grant
  - $4,550 2011 & 2012 maintenance grants

  $8,750



Board Member and Mayor of Emerson Wayne Arseny accepted the challenge of Trail Boss, for the entire trail from Winnipeg to Emerson.

1st Challenge: Red River in Emerson

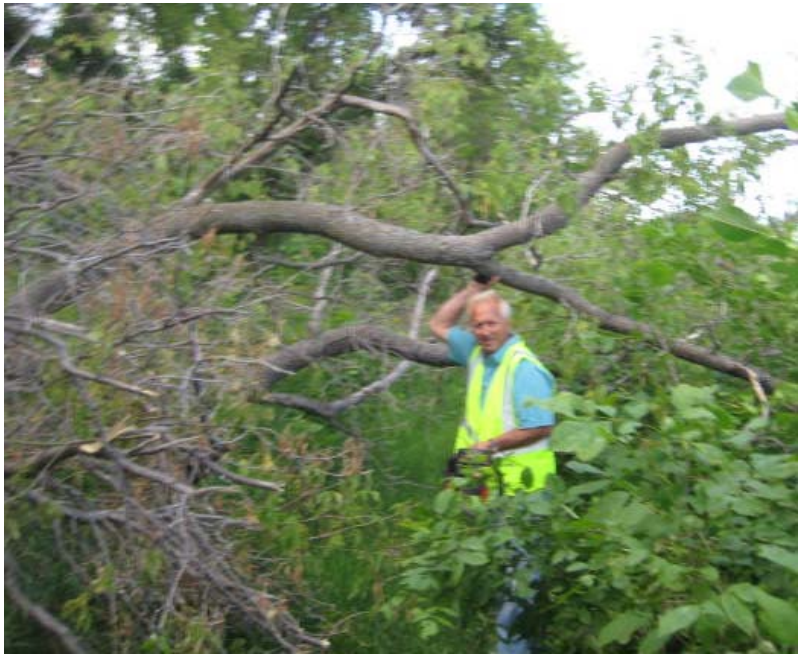


With the right equipment, the right know how and right timing, the trail was once again a biker's dream.

Mowing: June 18/19; July 19/20; Sept 20/21

Towing the tractor and mower behind his truck, they started at the U.S. border and made their way to St. Adolphe along Red River.

Much More Than Mowing



Removing fallen trees, opening and closing fences and weed whacking around signs.

And when the trail is on
gravel or dirt roads,
the tractor and mower needs
to be transported
to the next grass patch.

Some Sections Can’t Be Mowed

Large ruts and stones on one section south of St. Malo has forced us to move to another road allowance further east.

Gap on floodway, which is link with Winnipeg.

Sign Pass: July 8/9 (with a few touch ups)

Replacing and installing signs along municipal roads and farmers' fields is not as easy as it looks.
Right Wayne?

Overview of Costs

Honorariums	$4,117.50
Equipment Rental	$2,161.76
Misc tools, fuel	$2,037.20
	$8,316.46

Planning, Reporting, Communications - $0

13 Recommendations

1. Continue maintenance with Trail Boss
2. Secure increased/ongoing funding
3. Better communication Board/RM Councils
4. Partner with RM's for infrastructure needs
5. Clarify process for hiring labor
6. Build relationship with MB Floodway Authority
7. Plan to secure long-term access to land

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8. Consider changes to existing trail carefully
9. Improve trail amenities
10. Develop local ATV strategy
11. Develop trail maintenance reporting system
12. Develop Board manual
13. Develop detailed trail map

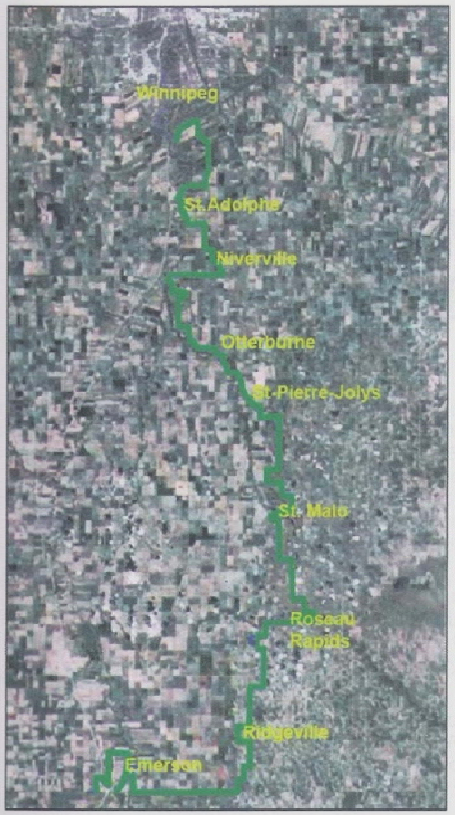
Next Step: Develop an action plan based on report.

Crow Wing Trail

The report is being distributed to provincial and federal departments as well as to the Trans Canada Trail Foundation.

It is also available on our web site for anyone who is interested in learning from our experience.

Note: In 2013, maintenance was scaled down (less funds and less time). We did benefit from having our own post auger and weed whacker, thanks to a grant from MB Community Services Council.



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Trail Maintenance Pilot Project

May to September 2012

Report

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This Project is Invaluable!

- We can now market the Crow Wing Trail with confidence, and it is paying off!
  - *"I am renewing my membership with the Crow Wing Trail Association based on the work that Wayne Arseny has accomplished. I will be cycling on this well maintained trail in 2013. With this renewed commitment to maintenance, I am sure to come back more often."*
    Winnipeg Cyclist
  - *"Big thanks to the Crow Wing Trail Association for adding more blue arrow signs over the last year."*
    Ian Hall, Actif Epica Winter Bike Race.

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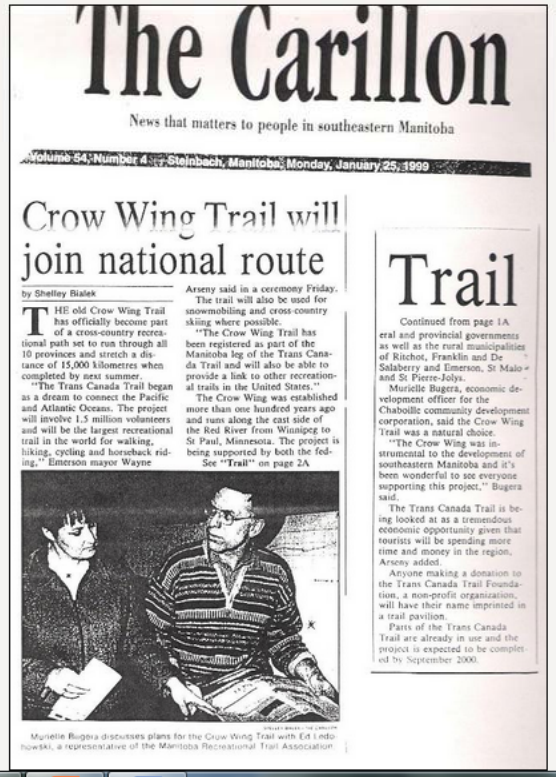

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Length:
191 km

Difficulty:
Easy - Difficult

Trail Surfaces:
Dirt, gravel, grass, asphalt

Activities:
Hiking, walking, running, off-road biking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing

Nearby Communities:
St. Adolphe
Niverville
Otterburne
St-Pierre-Jolys
La Rochelle
St. Malo
Senkiw
Roseau Rapids
Greenridge
Ridgeville

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Roseau Rapids
Greenridge
Ridgeville
Emerson

Municipalities

RM of Ritchot
Town of Niverville
RM of De Salaberry
Village of St-Pierre-Jolys
RM of Franklin
Roseau River First Nation
Town of Emerson

ST. ADOLPHE:
St. Adolphe Park, St. Adolphe Ferry, various methods of flood proofing.

R.M. OF RITCHOT:
Mennonite Landing

NIVERVILLE:
Hespeler Park

OTTERBURNE:
Providence College

ST-PIERRE-JOLYS:
St-Pierre-Jolys Museum (Provincial Historical Site), Moïse Goulet House (Municipal Historical Site)

ST. MALO:
Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, St. Malo Provincial Park

SENKIW:
Senkiw Suspension Bridge

ROSEAU RAPIDS:
Ceremonial Grounds

EMERSON:
Fabulous Victorian Architecture, Fort Dufferin (Home of the North West Mounted Police), River bottom forest, abondoned cemetery.

EVENTS ALONG THE TRAIL:
Actif Epica
St Malo Festival of Friends
St-Pierre-Jolys Sugaring Festival
Niverville Olde Tyme Country Fair
Emerson Canada Day Celebration
St-Pierre-Jolys Frog Follies & Ag Fair
Roseau River First Nation Pow Wow
St. Adolphe Mudfest
St. Malo Summer Festival
Fall Suppers

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The Crow Wing Trail can be accessed from the communities along the way. Park, then bike or walk from the following locations:

St. Adolphe – Community Park – via Hwy 200

Niverville – Hespeler Park – via Hwy 311

Mennonite Landing – via Hwy 200

Otterburne – Providence College – via Hwy 303

St-Pierre-Jolys – Museum – via Hwy 59

St. Malo – Provincial Park – via Hwy 59

Senkiw – Suspension Bridge – via Hwy 59 or 218

Ridgeville – Community Hall – via Hwy 218

Emerson – Travel Manitoba Centre – via Hwy 75

Or just use the Trail to go from one community to the other instead of taking your car. Now that's Active Transportation!

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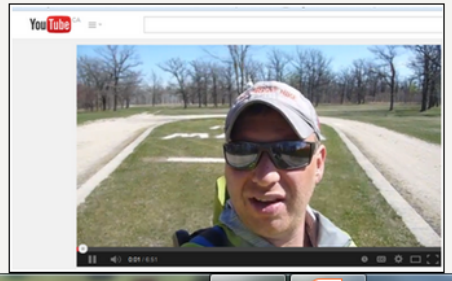

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Have you been on the Crow Wing Trail? Your feedback would be very much appreciated.

Click on one of the links below for an easy-to-answer survey.

Survey in English Survey in French

OR SEND YOUR MESSAGE DIRECTLY TO OUR TRAIL BOSS. THANK YOU.

YOUR NAME (REQUIRED)

YOUR EMAIL (REQUIRED)

YOUR MESSAGE

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MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

We are a volunteer-based organization, therefore membership costs are low. This means great value!

Individual/Family	$20	
Business/Organization	$100	Membership Form in Pdf
Municipal/Local Government	$300	Membership Form in Word

Membership Benefits:

- Link to Trans Canada Trail, Trails Manitoba, Travel Manitoba, Eastman Tourism and CDEM web sites and promos
- Part of provincial and municipal tourism databases
- Part of winter/summer use recreational infrastructure databases
- Oportunity to participate/benefit from trail events and packages i.e. Actif Epica
- Direct link to Crow Wing Trail web site, providing trail users with important information about where to stay, where to eat and what to do
- Advocate for health, wellness and active transportation through trail use
- Promote education on local history, flora, fauna, cultures, geography, etc.
- Participate and eligible to vote at Annual Meetings.
- Eligible to participate as a Board Member.
- Receive E-Newsletters to keep you up-to-date with our activities

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DONATIONS:

If you want to support the Crow Wing Trail without membership benefits, there is an opportunity for one-time or regular contributions.

- The Association has Charitable Status and will provide you with a tax receipt. (PayPal coming soon)
- Those who purchase a meter (s), will also receive a certificate and have their name show up on our Virtual Donor Wall.
- Click here for Donation Form in Word and Donation Form in Pdf.

THANK YOU – MERCI

ST. ADOLPHE:
St. Adolphe Park, St. Adolphe Ferry, various methods of flood proofing.

R.M. OF RITCHOT:
Mennonite Landing

ST. MALO:
Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, St. Malo Provincial Park

SENKIW:
Senkiw Suspension Bridge

EVENTS ALONG THE TRAIL:
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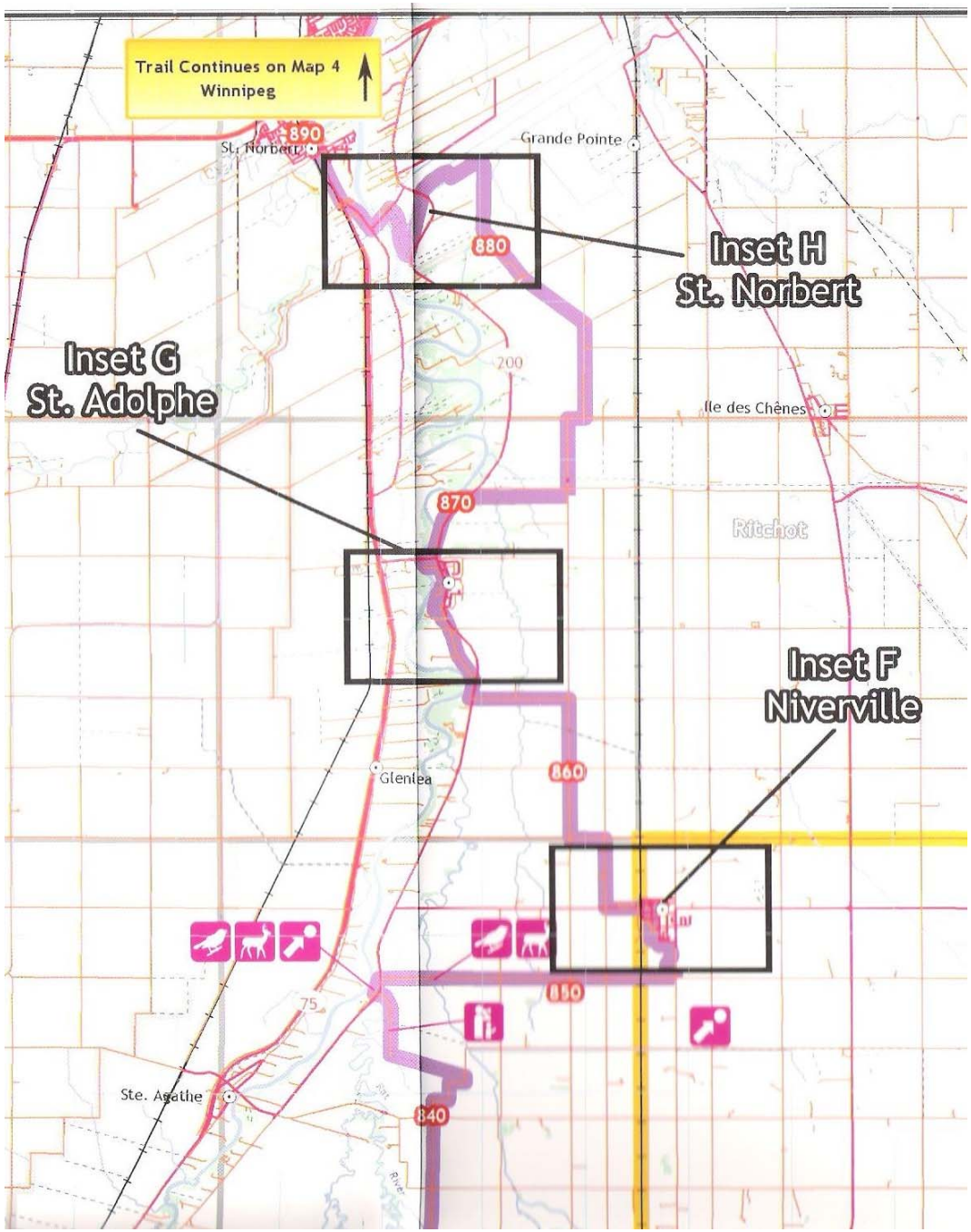
Crow Wing Trail

For 2014…
Connecting Communities

We are turning our focus to ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION, encouraging people to use the trail within the community (LOOPS) and to go from one community to the other.

Whether it's for healthy activity, visiting someone they know, exploring a neighbouring community or to just enjoy the outdoors, the goal is to help people see that they don't have to do the entire 191 kms to enjoy the Crow Wing Trail and its surroundings.



Crow Wing Trail

Roseau River Development Plan

Through the receipt of a Heritage Grant, we hope to move ahead with a plan for the section of the Crow Wing Trail that passes through the Roseau Rapids Reservation. The ultimate goal is to allow trail users to understand, respect and participate in the Anishinabe way of life.

“We pride ourselves in working together”

In September 2013, as a result of a nomination from CDEM, we received a MANITOBA TOURISM AWARD.

“This award is an honour for municipalities as they recognize our co-operative efforts,” says Wayne Arseny. “We pride ourselves in working together and getting away from the “what’s in it for us” mentality of the past. As municipal leaders we see our role in developing and promoting tourism as a bigger mandate. Working together unifies our cause and purpose in a very competitive tourism market.”

Taken from Association of Manitoba Municipalities’ Municipal Leader

MANITOBA TOURISM Award WINNER

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Crow Wing Trail

Western Producer – May 1, 2014

RECREATION | NATIONAL TRAIL NETWORK

Push on to complete Trans Canada Trail by 2017

Ready for Canada's 150th? | Saskatchewan only 34 percent done; Manitoba is 92 percent and Alberta is 58 percent

BY KAREN BRIERE
REGINA BUREAU

Valerie Pringle can already picture the evening of July 1, 2017.

She sees Canadians lined from coast to coast to coast on the Trans Canada Trail, torches and flashlights in hand, while a camera in space records the moment.

She just has to convince the provinces, particularly Saskatchewan, to play their part.

Pringle, the well-known broadcaster and former host of Canada AM, is co-chair of the foundation raising money to connect the trail through the provinces in time for Canada's 150th birthday. Her co-chair is Hartley Richardson of Winnipeg.

"I first heard about it like many people did, with a little ad in *Maclean's* magazine showing this red line connecting the country, and I went, 'I think that's the greatest idea ever,'" she said.

Pringle said she pitched so many stories about the trail while at Canada AM that co-workers began to mock her. When she left the show, they bought a small portion of the trail in her name and gave it to her as a gift.

The project, which first started to mark Canada's 125th birthday in 1992, is so important to her that she has served as a volunteer and board member, including a five-year term as board chair beginning in 2001.

Her work now focuses on fundraising.

Pringle uses words like amazing, audacious, big, bold and iconic to

Trans Canada Trail supporters hope to have the coast to coast link complete by Canada's 150th birthday, although some areas, particularly in Saskatchewan, lag. | KEN DYCK/FLICKR.COM PHOTO

recreational trail."

The trail is 72 percent connected and includes 17,000 kilometres.

Newfoundland and Labrador had the best connection record as of March 31, 2013, at 100 percent, while Saskatchewan had the worst at 34 percent. Manitoba was at 92 percent and Alberta was 58 percent. The three northern territories were well more than 90 percent.

people in Saskatchewan to get out there and build their trail."

Only 500 km of the 1,500 km trail through the province is done. It enters east-central Saskatchewan and is expected to head south through the Qu'Appelle Valley and back up along a water trail to Saskatoon and North Battleford.

An estimated 39 projects are required to fill the 19 gaps in the trail.

cents on the dollar.

"It's a hard project to do. It's huge complex," Pringle said.

However, she said her involvement over the past 13 years has cemented her commitment.

"I've been on the trail all over the country. I've seen the people who build the trail and I think this is such a gift to Canadians."

The trail is designed to accommo-

She said snowmobilers and cross-country skiers happily co-exist, and the latter appreciate being able to use the trail after the former have packed it down.

Local acceptance is critical, and Pringle said many residents are thrilled to be part of the larger project.

"You can do your local trail, walk with your grandchildren or get your exercise with your friends, or you can get big and walk to the next community. Or walk to Vancouver, or to Cape Breton."

She believes many local trails will be added to the main route over time.

When fully connected, the main Trans Canada Trail will be nearly 24,000 km long, which compares to the famous 3,500 km long Appalachian Trail in the eastern United States.

"I'm trying to encourage all the rural municipalities along our route, in addition to all the rural municipalities who aren't necessarily touched by the trail, to say this is a valuable and worthwhile endeavour," said Pringle, who earlier this year spoke to the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities annual convention about the trail and why RMs should support it.

There are opportunities to change the route, and proponents are talking to RMs as the clock ticks toward 2017.

Pringle is confident a nighttime photo from space will show light along the trail in Saskatchewan.

"Saskatchewan will be there," she said.

"We've had great response from the (provincial government) caucus, and

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Thank you - Merci

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank the municipalities and Roseau River First Nation for their support! We need to keep working together to keep this national dream going!

Thank you to our many partners who have helped ease our challenges throughout the years.

And a big thank you to all the Board Members, past and present, for your commitment and dedication. We have been getting together on a monthly basis for 15 years! We have learned to work together for a common goal and we are all richer for it!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statements Reviewed by 3rd party

Motions for waiving of audit/3rd party review for 2014

Patricia Pidlaski CMA
P.O. Box 191
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May 9, 2014

Crow Wing Trail Association
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To Board of Directors:

I have prepared the financial statements for the Crow Wing Trail Association for the year ending December 31, 2013 based on information provided to me.

Sincerely,

P. Pidlaski

Patricia Pidlaski CMA

Crow Wing Trail Association
Income Statement
January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

	2013		2012	
Revenue				
Operating Revenue				
Donations		$50.00		$100.00
Memberships				
Invididual/Family	220		320	
Community/Organizations	300		500	
Municipal/Local Government*	639		0	
Total Memberships		1,159		820
Total Operating Revenue		1,209		920
Trail Maintenance Revenue				
MRTA Refunds	157		420	
MRTA Trail Maintenance	5,000		2,500	
Other Trail Maintenance Grants	3,091		3,900	
Total Trail Maintenance Revenue		8,248		6,820
Other Revenue		4,270		0
Total Revenue		$13,727		$7,740
Expenses				
Operating Expenses				
Advertising	$1,480		$1,079	
Annual Fees	75		75	
Web Site	513		0	
Total Operating Expenses		2,068		1,154
Trail Maintenance Expenses				
Pilot Project	3,661		8,275	
Signs and posts	157		469	
Other Trail Maintenance Costs	0		311	
Total Trail Maintenance Expenses		3,818		9,055
Other Expenses		4,060		0
Total Expenses		9,946		10,209
Net Income (Deficit)		$3,781		-$2,469

* For 2012, all these fees went in Other Trail Maintenance Grants

Crow Wing Trail Association
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2013

	2013	2012
Assets		
Current Assets		
Chequing	$ 9,927	$ 7,213
Share	5	5
GST Receivable	116	365
Total Current Assets	10,049	7,583
Other Assets		
Trail Maintenance Equipment	1,766	0
Total Other Assets	1,766	0
Total Assets	$ 11,814	$ 7,583
Liabilities & Equity		
Liabilities		
Advance-Grant for RRFN Development Plan	$ 450	$ -
Trail Sub Accounts		
Ritchot	129	129
De Salaberry	1,179	1,179
St-Pierre-Jolys	73	73
Total Liabilities	$ 1,831	$ 1,381
Equity		
Retained Earnings	6,202	8,671
Net Income	3,781	-2,469
Total Equity	$ 9,983	$ 6,202
Total Liabilities & Equity	$ 11,814	$ 7,583

Note: Other expensed assets: 3 trail building tools $107.49 and 2 trail building books $60.00

Elections

- By-Laws: 3 to 14 Board Members
- Alternate 1 and 2 years
- Up for re-election: (Motion needed)
  - Charlie Nelson, Violet Caibaiosai, Murielle Bugera, Georges Beaudry
  - New nominations
- Term up in 2015:
  - Peter Friesen, Marc Hamonic, Wayne Arseny, Steven Graupner, Angelle Arinobu, Marianne Curtis

14th Annual Meeting Agenda
May 15th, 2014 – 7:00 pm
Club Amical – St. Adolphe

1. Welcome – RM of Ritchot
2. Call to Order
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes from April 20th, 2013
5. President's Report – Murielle Bugera
   a. A Look Back
   b. A Look Forward: 2012 Trail Maintenance Report
6. Financial Report – Steven Graupner
7. Elections
8. Adjournment
9. Guest Speakers:
   a. Sharon Blady, Minister, Healthy Living & Seniors
   b. Trails Manitoba
   c. RM of Ritchot Recreation and Wellness