

# 2005 AGM Presentation



# Trail Events since last AGM to remember



Spring 2004

- Boscombe ATV
- Elk Point Bike Rally

# Alberta Trail Net AGM Smoky Lake





# Ag Service Board Tour – July





# Regional Events



- Cold Lake Air show
- Pumpkin Festival and completion of Pumpkin Park
- Opening of Trans Canadian Snowmobile Trail

# Wagon Trains of Summer



- Smaller user run events are working



# Tourism conference in Bonnyville October 2004



Connecting to Tourism  
Connecting to History  
Connecting to other  
groups goals

Tom Maggacno at TrailNet AGM

# Starting getting signs up





# Fall councillor tour



# Official Trans Canada Trail



MuniCorr official opens trail Dec 20 2004 - -30C with wind



# Opening of Trans Canadian Snowmobile Trail Feb



New IHTF groomer ready for regional use

# Behind the scenes accomplishments

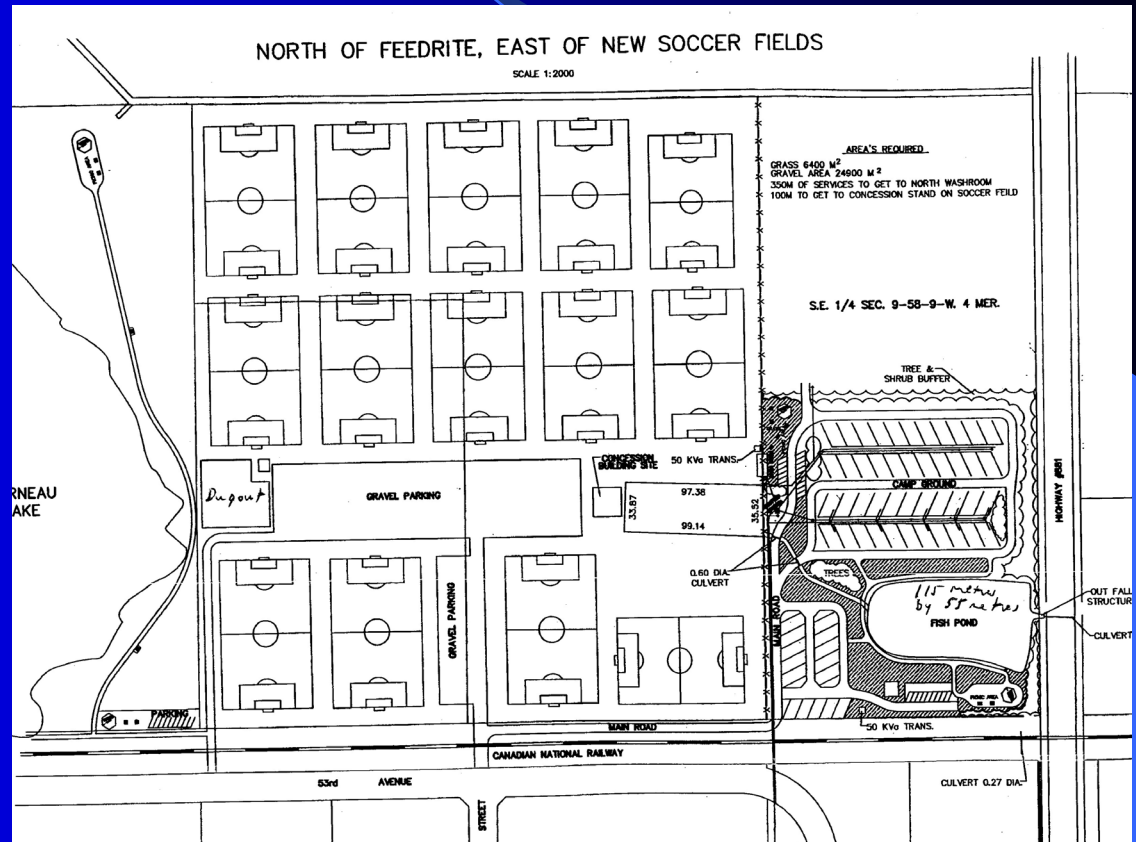
- Fairly successful year of operation
- Ongoing Trail Stewardship
- Signage going up
- Rest areas beginning



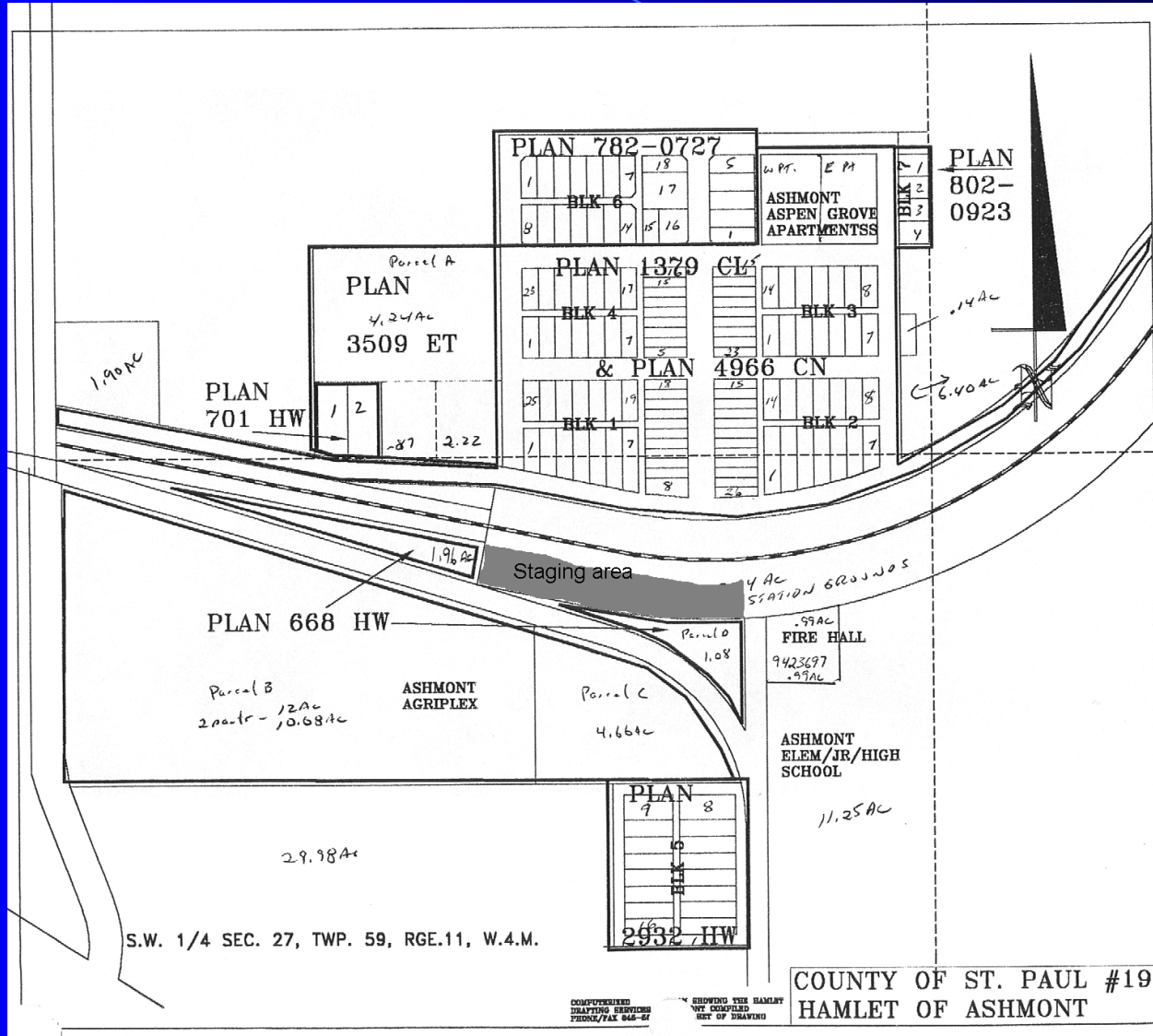


# Community plans in place and work starting

- Elk Point
- Ashmont
- Cold Lake
- Mallaig
- Bonnyville plan
- St Paul initiative



# MuniCorr setting aside land

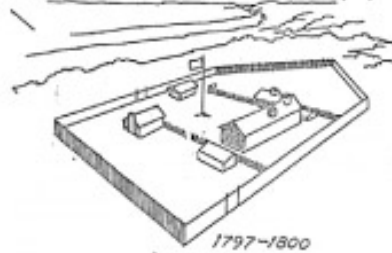


# Interpretive and Historical signage

## History of Elk Point and Area

The thriving community of Elk Point is located within the County of St. Paul in the middle of farm fields and fields rich with heavy crude oil. This town of 1400 is cradled among green rolling hills on the banks of the North Saskatchewan River. From furs and pemmican to grain and meat, to salt and oil, the Elk Point area has a colourful history that is showcased on a 100-foot-long Historical Mural depicting the people, places and events which have contributed to Elk Point's multicultural heritage. It is located in a small park four blocks off Highway 41, on 50 Avenue. From tribal chiefs Pikan, Big Bear and Poundmaker, to the development of a modern community you will see Elk Point's history unfold in colour.

Recorded history of this area dates back over two hundred years to the days of the fur trade, when the Blackfoot and the Cree traded hides and Pemmican at the Hudson's Bay Company's Buckingham House and the North West Company's



Buckingham House 1800



Peter Fidler

Fort George. These two forts were established less than a kilometer from the River, 11 km southeast of the present town of Elk Point.

Another historical marker is the wooden monument honoring the explorer and mapmaker Peter Fidler (1769-1822), who hiked overland from Fort George to the upper reaches of the South Saskatchewan River on a mission in the late eighteenth century. His larger-than-life figure stands on the northern approach to Elk Point along the west side of highway 41.

Elk Point Pioneer Museum, at Highway 41 and 50 Avenue, is open by appointment and has a fascinating collection of fur trade memorabilia and settlers' effects.

This hospital was the center of medical care in the community when Elk Point's medical staff led by Dr FG Miller and Dr AG Ross drew patients from 60 miles in all directions. Medical care was the main business and a major employer from 1925 to 1990.

Today's business community centers around farming and a busy heavy oil production system.

## Peter Fidler Facts

- David Thompson was designated to go with Hudson's Bay chief surveyor Philip Turnor's expedition in 1790 to determine the exact location of and the best route to Lake Athabasca. A serious leg injury kept David Thompson behind. His place was taken by rookie surveyor Peter Fidler, who later succeeded Turnor as Inland Surveyor.

- In 1792 when William Tomlison came up the North Saskatchewan River to establish Buckingham House beside the North West Company's Fort George, Peter Fidler was the accompanying surveyor.

- In the late winter of 1992 Peter Fidler and few companions headed south on a surveying



Old Elk Point Hospital 1928 to 1978

expedition that took him all the way down to Waterton National Park where he was the first European to approach the area, and made the first recorded observation of Chief Mountain in early January of 1793.

- Surveying information from that trip was

used by Aaron Arrowsmith, a British map maker, in his first map of North America in 1795. In Arrowsmith's 1802 revision of the map of North America, he delineated the length of the Missouri River. The information concerning the Missouri headwaters, came from Peter Fidler's drawing of a map by the Blackfoot Indian Ac Ko Mo Ki.

- Peter Fidler loved clothes and often commented in his journals when he had new 'togs' made.





# Product Club Initiatives – Terry's work

- Newsletters
- Survey
- Group meetings
- Community meetings
- Political lobbying
- Website
- Saskatchewan connection

# ALTO award

## Trail receives top Alto honours from Travel Alberta

By MICHELLE HULEY  
Journal Staff

Three hundred kilometres, 11 years and the cooperation of 10 municipalities amounted to one of Alberta's highest honours last week as Travel Alberta's prestigious Alberta Pride Alto Award was brought home to St. Paul.

"What it means, I guess, is it's a sign for all partners of Muni-Corr. It's recognition of our accomplishment as something that deserves provincial recognition," said North East Muni-Corr president and County of St. Paul Reeve Robert Bouchard.

Muni-Corr won the award for the Iron Horse Trail, which Bouchard accepted on behalf of the organization at Travel Alberta's annual awards Nov. 8.

North East Muni-Corr Ltd is a partnership of ten municipalities: Waskatenau, Bonnyville, St. Paul, Smoky Lake, Vilna, Elk Point, Cold Lake, St. Paul County, Smoky Lake County and the Municipal District of Bonnyville were commended for their leadership in securing and developing

abandoned rail line for public use and community benefits. recently named an official designated route in the Trans

North East Muni-Corr Ltd. v TrailNet Society whose executive Watson said, "We are delighted Corr win this prestigious award. I were critical in securing the land. Their efforts to successfully present future generations is a model of nity cooperation. Alberta's Iron H cy for us all."

"The Iron Horse Trail gained exposure. And it's real nice to I said. The trail won over two o Canadian Heritage Classic ar Charters from Calgary.

The 300-kilometre Iron Horse ational trail that was officially o the North Saskatchewan River. ward from Waskatenau to Cold L



Minister of Community Development Mark Norris (right) and Andrew Whittick of Brewster Transportation (left) presented Alto's Alberta Pride award to Iron Horse Trail representative Robert Bouchard.

VICKI BROOKER PHOTO



# TCT recognition and grant for Mike's work



# Relay planning 2005 – look for 2010

## Tribute to Trans Canada Trail



Quads and horses paraded around town with a canteen of water from the North Saskatchewan River to celebrate the Trans Canada Trail. St. Paul's water relay



# Western Diversification Initiative – French Chamber

- Partnership just starting
- French Chamber
- French organizations

Possible new ideas: Signage, research

# Some problem areas

Some

Opposition  
esp Abileen

Minor

Vandalism –  
signage





# Vision for the future

Extending  
the trail

Getting the  
facilities  
in place

Promoting  
the trail

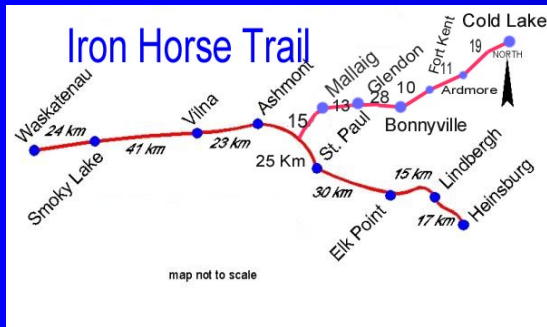


# Better Information Systems

Web / Phone /  
Signage /  
Guidebooks /  
Video

Communication with  
members

Communications  
with stakeholders





# Develop historical connections



Carlton trail

Historical groups –  
Museums

Tourism groups

Saskatchewan  
Connection

Recreational groups

# Develop volunteers



- Break up work into manageable portions
- Keep meetings to a minimum Work on the trail – creating ownership
- Community events by other groups

# Build on our previous successes and methods



- Multiple goals; follow through
- Develop Trail steward groups
- Memberships
- Committee structure — Trail Stewards, Safety, Funding, Memberships
- Communications with other groups



# Build a strong future



- Keep Multiple users in mind
- Find ways to get trail used
- Develop networks
- Keep costs down

# Keep people aware of the gains and development



- Trestles, right of way
- Legacy of the land
- Local users recreation
- Multiple municipal cooperation
- Multiple organization interaction and cooperation
- Recognition for region

# Upcoming events



- Municipal Council Tour  
May 13, 14
- Trans Canada Trail  
AGM June 11
- Relay – June 12 on
- Batoche SK to Metis  
Crossing Wagon Train
- Fall Trail Conference in  
Edmonton Oct 11 - 15