

# AGM 2004

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# 1. Where have we been?



# Starting the year with Bonnyville



- Application
- Approval

# Grant Approval Alberta Trail Net, May

- \$165,000 for the Smoky Lake and St Paul area
- Still no resolution to Bonnyville / Cold Lake branch

# Last year at this time Grand Opening June 8<sup>th</sup>



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# First draft of Website

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Riverland Recreational Trail Society

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Trail

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**Connecting Trails**

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# Political Lobbying



- Meeting with government officials
- Working on trail legislation
- Work with TCT
- Workshop presentation – 3 or 4

# Putting safety signage in place Spring and Fall



- After bladeing the trail in Bonnyville



# Formation of Trail Steward areas - Sept



# Active patrolling fall and winter



- Education Program
- Monthly reports
- Communication with Muni-Corr

# Trail Call 800 645 4321



- Responding to inquiries
- Using email and web as well

# Making Texas gates safer – Opportunity Corps



# Building toilets and picnic tables

- Health units
- Design and tendering

# Getting Resources for Trail



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St. Paul dancers kick up their heels in festival Page 19

## The St. PAUL JOURNAL

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### RCMP hit trails with education

Awareness gets brighter with quad loan

By Michelle Haley Staff Writer

Education and law enforcement on the local ATV trail just got a much brighter. Local enthusiasts will soon be seeing RCMP riding a new and bright yellow - Bombardier Quest 650 XT Quad ATV. "It's a beautiful piece of equipment," said St. Paul RCMP Staff Sgt. Jim Fell. The vehicle, on loan for one year from Bombardier Recreational Products Company, CC, will be used to educate the public about the Off Highway Vehicle Act, the laws pertaining to ATV's, and the promotion of safety and respect for both people and environment. The loan was facilitated through Jerry Bidulock of Power Merchants, president of a recently formed local organization, the St. Paul ATV Club. "We supplied the unit for public relations," Bidulock stressed. He added education and awareness is an important aspect of ATV use, particularly with the construction of a new trail system. The club's goals include respect for people, safety and environment. "We will be showing (the quad) in local parades and using it in static displays at fairs and other special events over the spring, summer and fall," Fell said. "It will also be used during our routine patrols of the local trails, and very specifically if or when the Moon-Cree Trail opens." Fell, who has been active during community input into the proposed recreational uses for the Moon-Cree trail, is also an advocate of safe and respectful operation of OHV's. "We want to reassure people we will be out there... Our biggest push is voluntary compliance." St. Paul RCMP Staff Sgt. Jim Fell

RCMP Staff Sgt. Jim Fell accepts the keys to this Bombardier Quest 650 XT Quad ATV from Jerry Bidulock from Power Merchants. The vehicle is on loan to the RCMP for one year and will be used for education and enforcement. Watch for it at local events. Photo by Michelle Haley

Annual street clean up set for May 26

may boost employment

average

RCMP hit trails

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Centennial Senior Citizens Club

5114 - 49th Street

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Wagdi was born in Sudan, Africa and was trained to be a terrorist. After receiving Jesus as Lord in 1992, Wagdi and his Christian friends were arrested and sentenced to hang. Come and hear Wagdi's story of his miraculous escape from death and the wonderful things God has done in his life.

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# Designing staging areas with community involvement

Alberta's **IRON HORSE** Trail

## St. Paul Staging Area

*A Legacy to Discover*

The Iron Horse Trail is owned by North East Muni-Corr and managed by Muni-Corr and by the Riverland Recreational Trail Society. It is a multi use trail linking communities of north eastern Alberta.

The Iron Horse Trail is an alliance of municipal and service organizations committed to the preservation of this historic transportation corridor for the benefit of today's citizens and for generations to come.

Le Iron Horse Trail est la propriété de North East Muni-Corr et le sentier est géré par Muni-Corr et la Société Riverland Recreational Trail. C'est un sentier pour usage multiple qui relie les communautés du Nord-Est de l'Alberta.

Le Iron Horse Trail regroupe les municipalités et les organismes qui s'engagent à préserver ce corridor historique du transport, pour les citoyens d'aujourd'hui et les générations futures.

For EMERGENCIES Call **911**

The Trail operator "Supports" the Trail Pass system

For Current Information, Conditions, and events Contact  
**www.ironhorsetrail.ca or 1-800-645-4521**

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**TRAIL ETIQUETTE**

1. Know that these facilities have been provided for our enjoyment. Please use them responsibly.
2. Respect others: Slow, Yield to, and greet all other users.
3. Stay on the trail and respect the rights of adjacent landowners.
4. Stop before, and carefully cross every intersecting road.
5. Keep pets on leash and under control at all times.
6. Do not carry alcohol or drugs.
7. Respect the environment and do not interfere with wildlife or livestock.
8. Be aware of and abide by all applicable rules and laws.
9. Dial the "Trail Call" number to inform of any inappropriate activities or conditions.
10. Lend a hand to make the "Iron Horse Trail" a positive experience.

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- Signage design All winter
- Mapping
- Multiple communities / many meetings



# Court case ends September

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**Garage Jr.**

STEEL-CRAFT Yellowhead

Bonnyville 826-8100 St. Paul 845-8348 Old Lake 824-5393

## This Week In Brief

Assistance sought in solving van theft

Bonnyville RCMP are looking for the public's help in figuring out how a CNRL van ended up on the banks of the Beaver River with the windows and lights smashed out.

On Feb. 11, the RCMP received a complaint about an abandoned car near the Beaver River, north of Bonnyville. Officers located the van a short time later on an embankment above the Beaver River at the old hill hill. The van had been pushed over the embankment and had all of the windows and lights smashed, apparently by vandals.

The van, belonging to CNRL, was recently left at the Bonnyville airport. It was last used by employees on Thursday, Feb. 7 and was stolen some time after that.

Currently the RCMP have no suspects or witnesses. Anyone with information is asked to call the Bonnyville detachment at 826-3350 or innestoppers at 1-800-422-TIPS.

## Town employee up for A.U.P.E. award

Town of Bonnyville employee been nominated for a new award which recognizes contributions to betterment of women.

Jerry McKee who many people recognize as the pleasant voice answers the phones at the town is, was nominated for the Abernethy of Provincial Employees award. DOVE stands for the of Validation and Equity and created to commemorate International Women's Day on March 8.

McKee was nominated for her on the bargaining committee which she has "worked very hard to ensure that pay equity has fallen by the wayside and has led to maintain pay equity increases through the Collective Agreement bargaining Sessions she has been involved in."

The award is open to all female, full-time members in good standing of the union. McKee is serving on the Women's Committee. It will be presented to the winner at union headquarters on March 18.

**Jerry McKee**

## This Week In Brief

# MD Council opens door to rural trail development

by Darren Pinkoski  
Bonnyville

The Municipal District of Bonnyville has opened the door to the development of public recreation trails on the abandoned railway right of way.

At its meeting Thursday, council determined that a public trail is an appropriate use for the Linear Parcel Direct Control District, which is the abandoned CN right of way, and any application for a development permit for a trail would be considered on the merits of the application along with any necessary conditions.

While the motion does not grant outright approval for any trail development it does open the door to the possibility of a public use corridor and also is sure to generate increased criticism and controversy for those who will point out 55 per cent of MD voters rejected public trails. But it had to be done, according to Reece Romeo Lauzon who said the issue continues to be a confrontational, divisive one.

"The wound is open, it's festering," said Lauzon. "It has to heal."

## MD trying to make it work

The latest round in the ongoing issue is the arrival of 26 copies of a form letter opposing public trails and 22 copies of a letter requesting incorporation information about the Northeast Municipality with the intent to make an offer on portions of the right of way adjacent to their properties. This, after Lauzon and Councillor Ken Foley met with representatives of the Lakeland Adjacent Landowners Association to discuss concerns about unauthorized use of the right of way.

"Here we are trying to work with these people and they're not willing to work with us at all," said Lauzon.

Lauzon said the MD has tried to work with adjacent landowners since before the question was put to the municipal ballot in October. He said they worked to keep the lines of communication open through delegations and discussions with the landowner association representatives, holding a public meet-

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— MD Councillor Bob Engleder



But the strongest words came from Councillor Bob Engleder, especially in relation to the comment in the form letters that the MD must put the interests of its own residents first, before urban centres, the Northeast Municipality and other levels of government.

"It's inconceivable that we should be held at ransom by what looks to be 26 people," said Engleder.

He said the MD can't always put its interests first, that it has to look at the regional needs, and decide if the greater, regional interest is worth putting it before the immediate MD needs and interests.

—More rail trail

ing in Fort Kent before the election and putting the question on the ballot. They have also met with the group since the election trying to find a solution to their concerns while staying within the

restrictions on what the Northeast Municipality can do with the right of way.

"We have made, I feel, honest efforts to work with these people. It seems to be a one-way street," said Foley.

**On a roll!**  
Pontiac Bob Siemani fights off a Fort Saskatchewan Trader during an important game Wednesday night. The Pontiacs racked up a three-goal, winning streak for the first time this year after beating the Traders 4-2.



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# Rob Gardner's trail maps and web work

- National website
- Map series
- Possible revenue?

TrailPaq - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Welcome to Go For Green's  
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...virtually everything about trails in Canada  
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ALBERTA 1 - 10 of 19 results next

Trail Name	Region	Trail Affiliations	Uses	Length (km)	Environment	Surface
<a href="#">African Lake Trail</a>	Parkland	Cold Lake	<a href="#">Multiple</a>	6.4	Rural	<a href="#">Multiple</a>
<a href="#">CFB Cold Lake Ski Trails</a>	Parkland	Cold Lake	<a href="#">Multiple</a>	7.5	Suburban	snow or ice
<a href="#">Cold Lake Millennium Trail</a>	Parkland	Cold Lake	<a href="#">Multiple</a>	13.0	<a href="#">Multiple</a>	asphalt
<a href="#">Cold Lake Provincial Park</a>	Parkland	Cold Lake	<a href="#">Multiple</a>	13.0	Wilderness	<a href="#">Multiple</a>
<a href="#">Fort George - Buckingham Ho..</a>	Parkland	Elk Point	walking	1.0	Wilderness	
<a href="#">Iron Horse</a>	Parkland	Elk Point	<a href="#">Multiple</a>	2.0	Urban	<a href="#">Multiple</a>
<a href="#">Iron Horse</a>	Parkland	M.D. of Bonnyvi...	<a href="#">Multiple</a>	66.0	Rural	<a href="#">Multiple</a>
<a href="#">Iron Horse</a>	Parkland	Smoky Lake Coun...	<a href="#">Multiple</a>	60.0	Rural	gravel
<a href="#">Iron Horse</a>	Parkland	Glendon	<a href="#">Multiple</a>	2.0	Urban	?

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# Organizing the trail promotion



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- Product Club Application April
- Working with Minister Economic Development July
- Iron Horse Trail Coordinator in place Nov
- Working with Lakeland DMO

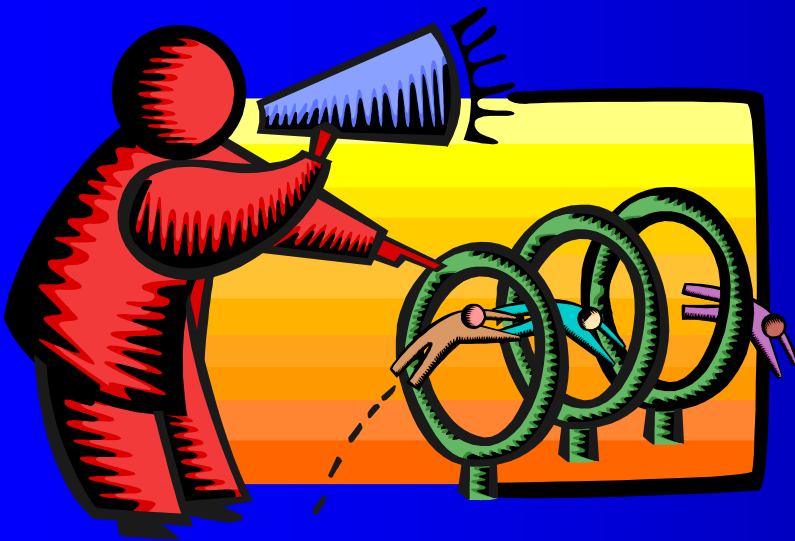
# Continuing Promotions



- Local Community
- Intrepid Snowmobiler – Craig Nicholson
- WOW fundraiser
- News items

# Dealing with trail issues

- Consultation with Muni-Corr
- Consultation with municipality



# TrailNet – this week's AGM and workshop



## 2. Where are we headed?



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# 1. Completion of staging areas 7 major and 10 minor



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- This Summer
- Signs and toilets
- Picnic tables
- Grants to each of seven



# More community involvement



# Increasing expectations



# More promotion / more usage







# Alberta's Centennial 2005



### 3. What Challenges lie ahead?



# Converting interest into involvement

- Building on memberships and volunteers
- Adding user groups to the RRTS
- Education of user groups



# Avoiding burnout of our many helpers

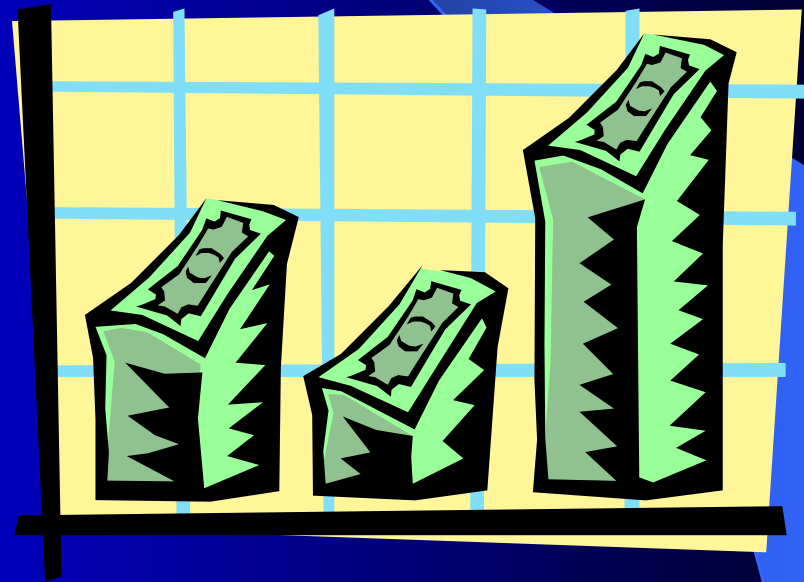


- Communication
- Sharing the load
- Replacing the executive gradually



# Taking care with spending crucial money and donations

- Tracking money, grants and donations
- Mixing funding to our advantage
- Follow up with donors



# Coordination with Product Club

- Common donors, members
- Tracking who makes what decisions
- Integrating our common efforts

# Working with adjacent landowners



- Helping out if we can
- Looking for ways to add positives
- Constant surveying and communication

# Developing more users



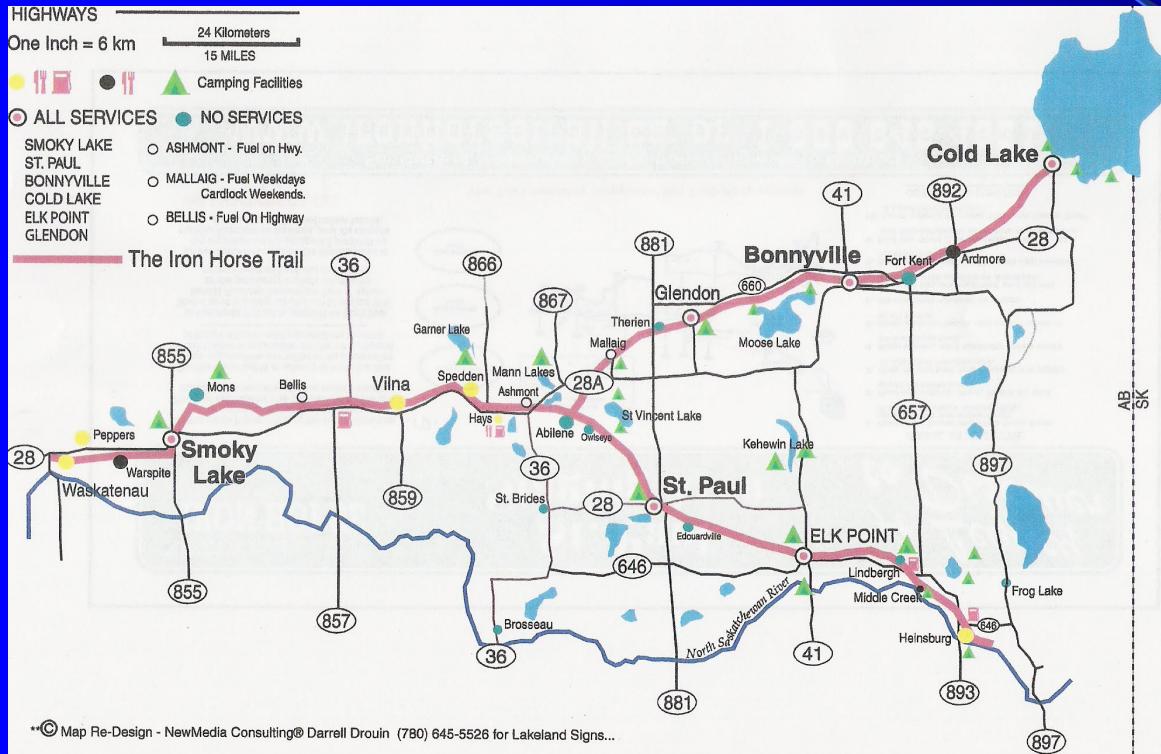
- School users – small grant, provincial initiative
- Building it for unorganized users
- Fitting the promotions to fit users – Product Club

# Construction issues



- Trail surface
- Maintenance –  
Salt Plant gate
- Water issues –  
Boating washout
- Signage
  - Staging Area
  - Commercial
  - Highway

# Trail Information Systems



- Maps
- Brochures
- Web sites access
- Our internal communications
- With our partners

# Each year has its gains



- 1999 - Foundation
- 2000 – Abandonment, bylaws, lobbying
- 2001 – Election, organizing,
- 2002 – Starting moving, designing
- 2003 – Opening, Prod Club, Trail Stewards
- 2004 ??????