#### **Municipalities** Meeting



Much has been done but now we need to turn the footprints into a more durable pathway; we are showing many how it should be done but now we need to finish the job.

# Official Opening Last Spring Ashmont Agriplex – June 8, 2003



#### Where have we been?



# How did we get there over the years?



#### **Real Co-operation**

# Variety of Events over the last few years



- Tourist presentation Bonnyville – April 2002
- St Paul town meeting on trail - April 2002
- MLA golf day (lobbying) – May 2002

### Helping Calgary Cyclists 2001: a small volunteer effort



### Combined events: AB TrailNet Grant Presentation



# Spring Wagon Trek – June 2001



# Grading the trail – Spring 2002 done by municipalities



## Drought Summer 2002 - 2 gates to 30 gates



# New and different events through 2002

- Trail review committee July
- Elk Point Trail Blazers Volunteer Appreciation – September
- Development permit applications (10 Municipalities) – Sept to Nov

# Trail Advisory meeting at St Edouard – September 2002



### Historical Trail presentations in Heinsburg – September 2002



# Getting Ministers visit to the Trail – October 2002

#### Vol. 3 No.47 "Locally Owned, Community Oriented" Tuesday, October 22, 2002 780 Ministers Fur Trade Ball



# Ashmont workshops – Feb 2002



# Working to Change Legislation

- In court February / March 2003
- Changing many trail regulations March 2003
  - Trespassing
  - Line Fencing Act
  - Crown Leases

• MLA private member bill – March 2003

# Building on our previous successes and methods



We go anywhere with anyone to promote building the trail!

### Many Events



- Like Official opening
- Small scale/ Big scale
- Have fun
- Mix multiple users

# Improving Marketing and Promotion



Get CTC grant • Hire Terry Keep Governments and businesses involved

#### **Building a Good organization**



- Keep all regions aware and involved
- Develop Trail steward groups
  - Handbook
  - Skills
  - Commitments that suit the person

### Constantly Improving Communications



Connect with local government • Use multiple media: web, email, fax, papers • Educational materials for members: Handbook, Newsletters

### **Developing volunteers**



Break up work into manageable portions
Keep meetings to a minimum
Keep Multiple users in mind

### Work through existing groups



 Recreational groups (ASA, ATV, Horse.. Work with adjacent landowners • Service organizations

#### Work with local government



MuniCorr (monthly)
Municipalities
Trail Stewards
Meet one-on-one as problems arise

### **Political Lobbying**



Meeting with government officials

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

#### **Good Financial plan**



- Grants
  - Construction
  - Tourism
  - Programming
- Non grant money
- Partners
  - Business
  - Lakeland DMO
  - Municipalities
- Donations

# A Vision for the future



# Work with provincial organizations



Alberta TrailNet
ASA
AVT groups
Cyclists

- Horse users
- Historical groups

# **Build Family Recreation**



#### Build a strong future



- Develop historical connections
  - Carlton trail
  - Railway
  - Historical groups
- Upcoming provincial centennial

# Use Promotional material with crossover



- Work with other municipalities, groups, tourist organizations
- Develop their amenities – Pyrogy, Mushrooms
- Use their plans with some coordination
- Cross over promotions

# Keep people aware of the gains



Trestles

- Legacy of the land
- Multiple users cooperation
- Multiple municipal cooperation
- Multiple organization interaction

#### Make it happen!



Sign up members
Support financial campaigns
Talk to other people

# Major accomplishments



The Trail is up and running

### Second draft of Website



#### Putting safety signage in place



Over \$25000 in safety signage Almost \$18000 in other signage
# Formation of Trail Steward areas



## 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

 Involving Health units

• Design and tendering

 Construction is being completed



#### **Getting Resources for Trail**



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## Designing staging areas with community involvement



Signage design All winter Mapping Multiple communities / many meetings

# Rob Gardner's trail maps and web work

- National website
- Map series
- Possible revenue?

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Cold Lake Provincial Park	Parkland	Cold Lake	Multiple	13.0	Wilderness	Multiple
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### Organizing the trail promotion



- IHT Product Club
  - Working with Minister Economic Development
- Iron Horse Trail Coordinator in place - Terry
- Working with Lakeland DMO -Suzanne

### **Continuing Promotions 2004**



Local Community
Intrepid Snowmobiler – Craig Nicholson
WOW fundraiser
Many Tourism shows

## **Dealing with trail issues**



- Consultation with Muni-Corr
- Consultation with municipalities
- Consulting with trail users

#### Where are we headed?



## Completion of staging areas 7 major and 10 minor



Signs and toilets
Picnic tables
Grants to each of seven major sites

## Alberta Trail Net and Trans Canada Trail Partnership





SK

MB

## Being part of Trans Canada Trail



Working with
Saskatchewan
Working with
Montreal
Working with Alberta
Trailnet

### 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

## 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

#### **Resolving Construction issues**



- Trail surface
- Maintenance Salt Plant gate
- Water issues Botting washout
- Signage
  - Staging Area
  - Commercial
- Vandalism

#### **Trail Information Systems**



Maps
Brochures
Trail Guidebook
Better Web sites access
Our internal communications

#### Each year has its gains



- 1993 Original IHT
  - 1999 Foundation
- 2000 Abandonment, bylaws, lobbying
- 2001 Election, organizing,
- 2002 Starting moving, designing
- 2003 Opening, Product Club, Trail Stewards
- 2004 Product Club, Awards, Staging Areas
- 2005 ???