

on

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup>,**

the rural residents of N.E. Alberta are being asked to decide on either of:

**YES:** *“for a municipally governed public trail on the soon to be abandoned railway corridor”*

- Yes:** for future generations
- Yes:** for safe recreational development
- Yes:** for development and implementation of a solid public use plan
- Yes:** for strengthened community ties
- Yes:** for protection of a piece of local natural heritage
- Yes:** for enhanced regional economy
- Yes:** for retained historic landmarks
- Yes:** for a wildlife corridor
- Yes:** for responsible participation in club oriented user groups
- Yes:** for reduced exposure to liability thru proper programs
- Yes:** for reduced pressure from random riding
- Yes:** for the constructive approach to valid landowners concerns
- Yes:** for the recognition of many such trails that do work successfully
- Yes:** for being part of a regional project decision-making process
- Yes:** for YOU and your family

**or**

**NO:** for what??  
for who??  
why??

This question is **NOT** about landowner rights.

This question **IS ALL** about our regional rural community being able to share equally in the benefit of this publicly owned corridor, further strengthening our ability to work *and play* together.

# RURAL COMMUNITY VOICES II

"I am convinced that on the whole we as a community, both urban and rural city area."

"I have many years of experience of people snowmobiling on the tracks beside our place and it has never caused us any problems. This has been a great thing for the area."

---Gary Kissel, Glendon

"We know that people want to recreate, let's give them a place to go. If they have a place to go, they are far less likely to go on private land."

--- Don Huber, Ashmont

"Personally, I would like to see people enjoying the outdoors on a marked, signed, and controlled trail rather than along our highways or other places where the risk of injury is far greater."

---Irene Verbisky, Vilna

"It's funny, on quad trips; kids never seem to ask, "Are we there yet?"

--- Maureen Miller, St. Paul

"We have always had a good relationship with the people who used our land. They were good citizens of all ages and we are happy to underline that they were responsible and respectful of our property."

---Jean, Denis, Andre, Paul Chamberland Families, St. Paul

"We can create one of the most outstanding projects in the province and leave a legacy for

---Sheila Thompson, Elk Point

"I purchased land that encompassed all three directions of the Abilene Junction. The low land, they were aware that the price was lower than full adjacent quarters."

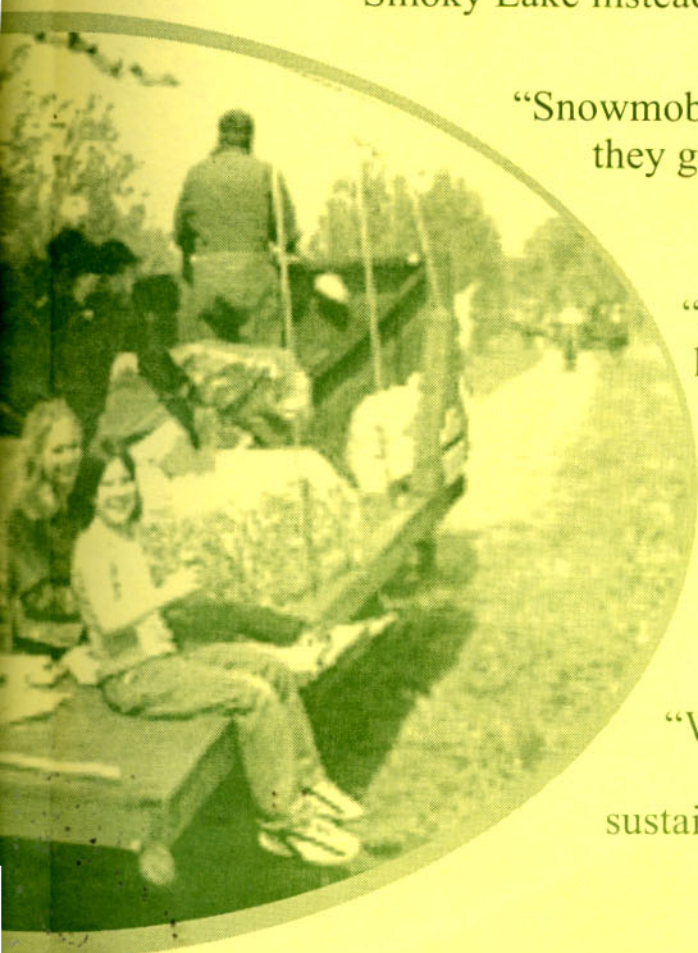
Picture from Ironhorse Trail Day, June 2, 2001



# IN SUPPORT OF A PUBLIC TRAIL

citizens, can only gain by adding this trail as another of the many attractions to the  
Ron Belzil, St. Paul

"A Yes vote ensures a safe place for children to run, ride bicycles, or snowshoe – at place like  
Smoky Lake instead of going elsewhere." --- Art Rattray, Smoky Lake



"Snowmobiles used to be in my fields. Since the trail came in  
they go by on the trail and not in my fields. This trail is a  
good idea." --- Denis Holthe, Elk Point

"I'm excited about this. It is a perfect use for public  
land. Everyone would have a place to go and enjoy  
the outdoors with their families and friends." ---  
Roger Ducharme, Bonnyville

"I like the colour of the leaves in fall."  
--- Julie Miller (8 years), St. Paul

"We have a chance to diversify our economy through  
something that is environmentally friendly and  
sustainable. A "No" vote is a missed opportunity for the  
future"  
--- Hans Röhner, Elk Point

"It is great to see the communities work together on a project like this.  
The trail will strengthen the area as a whole – economically,  
culturally, and recreationally."  
--- Mitch Sylvestre, Bonnyville

for future generations with a recreational trail uniting our region."

lower price of that land was one of the determining factors in my purchase. When I sold my  
--- Robert Cheshire, Ashmont



\*\*\* The abandoned railway property clearly will not be broken up into parcels for private ownership. This publicly owned continuous corridor is to be shared by all\*\*

## What do YOU know about the NO plan??

No "NO" plan has been presented. If there is one, it has been well hidden; Why?

Who makes the final decisions that affect you and your family in the NO plan?

**This land is already being used.**

Who will immediately take on safety and signage?

Who, exactly, would benefit from a NO vote? \_\_\_\_?

*In reality, a NO vote leaves us with an **uncontrolled, unorganized, unsafe, non-maintained** multi-use corridor. Does this sound good to you?*

## What do YOU know about the YES plan??

**The Public Trail Supporters have openly laid out their plans to the public.**

The Public plan has been openly debated, reviewed, and then improved upon.

Our municipal representatives are clearly the final decision-makers in the YES plan.

We will continue to work together to see that this plan works... for all stakeholders.

It's not too late to call the Public Trail Supporters at 656-4233, 645-4429, or 826-3141.

# Vote YES (on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) for a municipally regulated Trail!



*A YES vote will leave us with a  
controlled, organized,  
safe, and maintained  
multi-use corridor.*

Protect YOUR Interests in this Public Corridor!

