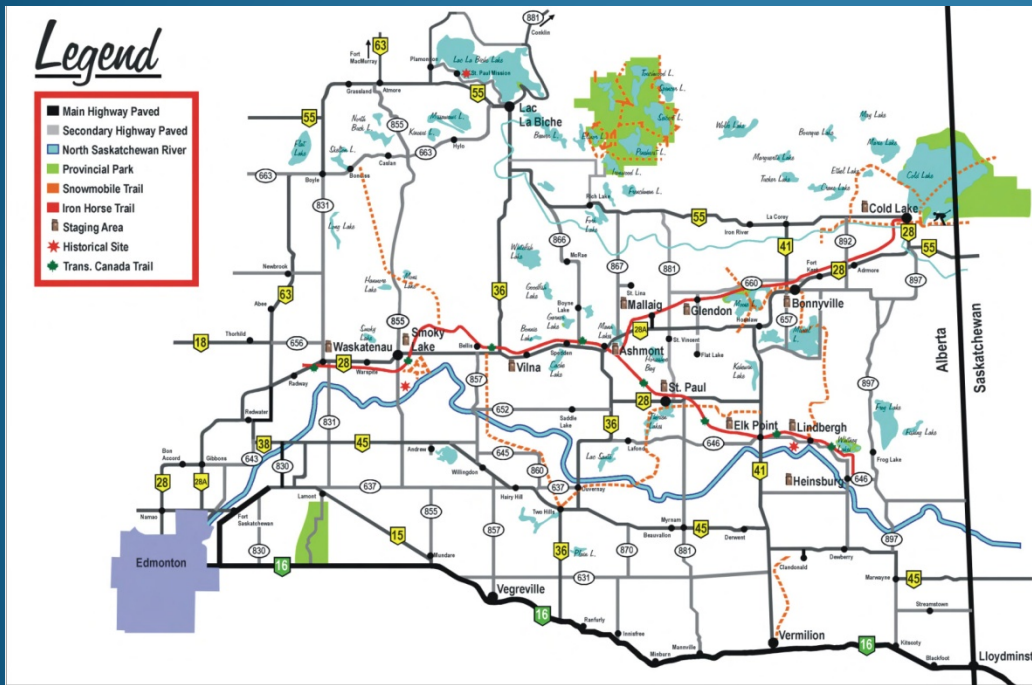


# Lakeland Outdoor Recreation Group



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# Clarification

- This is a new initiative arising out of Land Use Framework process
- No intention to expand mandate of NE MuniCorr
- No intention to expand mandate of Riverland Recreational Trail Society
- It is supported by RRTS and endorsed by NE MuniCorr



# RRTS works with many organizations



- Alberta TrailNet
- Alberta Snowmobile Association
- AVT groups (make them if they don't exist)
- Cyclists
- Horse users
- Historical groups
- Trans Canada Trail

# Abandonment of Railway



- Trans Canada Trail and CN call us
- RRTS call in Reeves of municipalities
- They start on NE MuniCorr

# 1999 Abandonment



## Result of the Process

- Used volunteers to build and manage the trail
- 2003 trail opens; management process in place
- Over 1000 easements and 300 adjacent landowners; lots of potential for conflict
- Smooth operations; ongoing promotion; places where problems get addressed

- Waskatenau to Elk Point to Cold Lake – 256 km +
- Need to develop a tool to bring CN to the table - Bylaw
- Organization of ten municipalities into a group
- Added new trail to existing trail

# Completion of staging areas

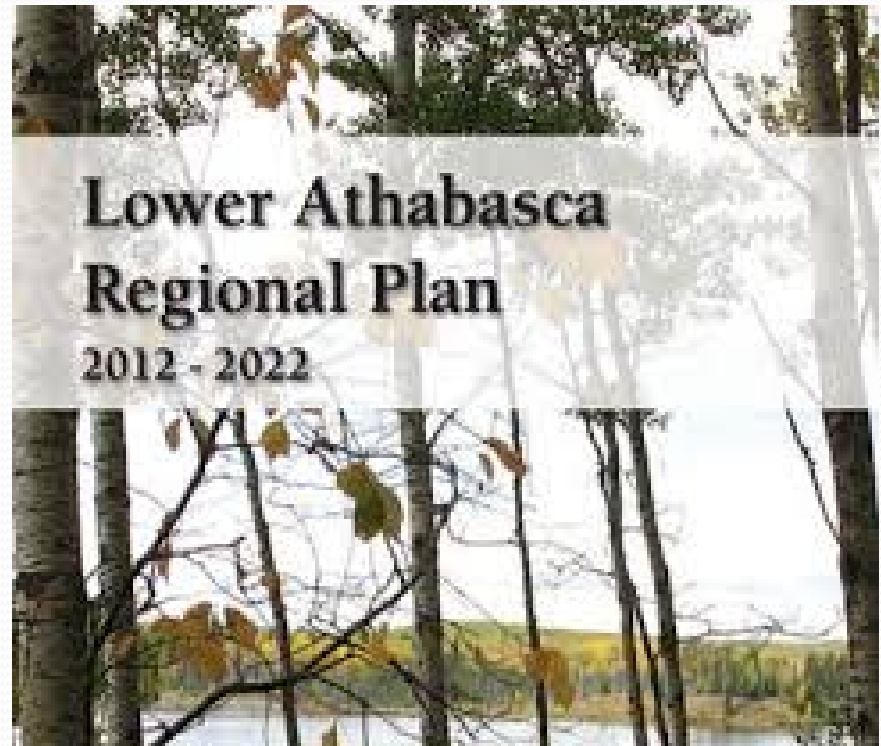
## 7 major and 10 minor



- Signs and toilets
- Picnic tables
- Local community builds staging area
- Roles are defined and new issues are addressed

# Background

- From LARP there a need to address the needs of recreational users was seen;
- This resulted in the recommendation for a regional trail plan be created



# Today there is Recreation usage in the area

- Currently there is much usage in our whole region by many kinds of recreational users but few defined trails
- The work of trail building is in issue management not building



- Only dirt trails through bush but an effort is needed to make it work.



# Bringing the benefits of Organized Trails to this region

## Now:

- No right to be there;
- No security of investments in any infrastructure
- No facilities for users
- No stewardship of land
- No education of users

## Future

- A development plan
- Permissions
- Building of infrastructure for users and for land
- Operational plan
- Monitoring and Promotion



# Improve the experience

- We want to organize users and other stakeholders and improve their experience



We want an organized approach not a reactive situation.

# Finding our way to a working group

- We suggest a joint provincial/municipal/user effort modeled on NE MuniCorr experience
- Work with all stakeholders

• **Northeast MuniCorr:** Owns the corridor as a part nine company – One vote each

• **Ten Municipalities:** Regulate & supervise

• **RRTS:** Coordinates development

• **Trail Steward Groups:** On the ground

# Gathering support

- This suggestion finds favor within provincial government, trail groups and with local users
- Important to be in at the beginning as that is when ground rules are developed



# How you can help



RRTS Original Lease signing – St Paul

- We ask for a letter of support in creating this initiative
- We ask for active participation to help form the process.
- We ask for help in pointing out local volunteers who might help us.