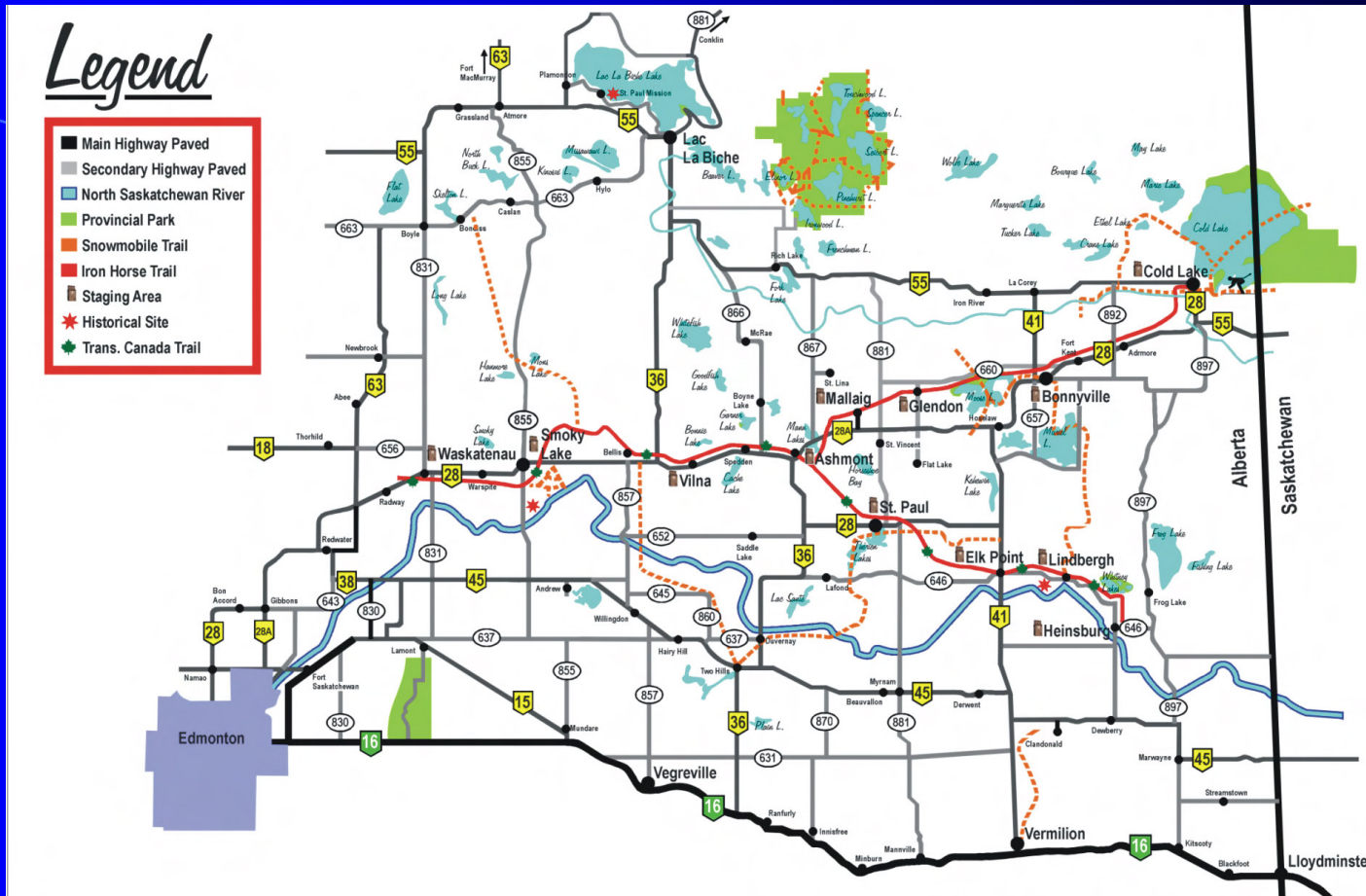
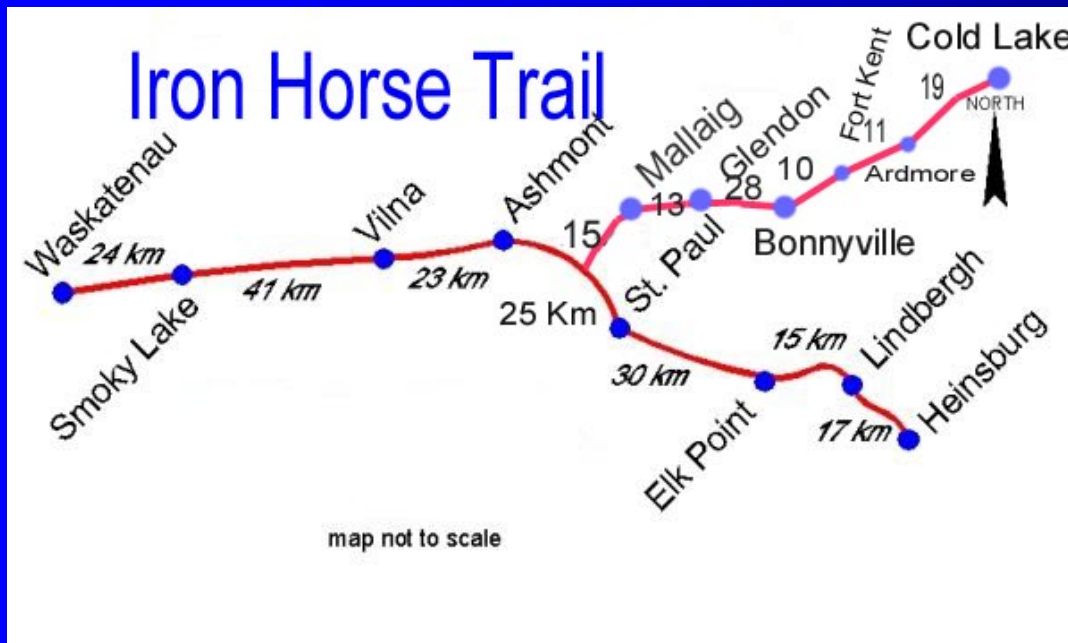


# Understanding the Iron Horse Trail: A rural experience



Riverland Recreational Trail Society  
Alberta's Lakeland DMO

# 288 km of Multi-user trail



Users: Snowmobiles, ATVs, hikers, cyclists, X-C skiers and horse enthusiasts

- Waskatenau to Elk Point to Cold Lake
- A local recreation resource
- Owned by 10 Municipalities
- Operated by Riverland Recreational Trail Society

# How did we succeed?



Official Opening: 2 MLAs, 10 heads of municipalities, 3 Riverland members (Missing - 685 others in attendance)



# an evolving trail structure

▪ **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



# Training and organizing of trail user groups



# Formation of Trail Steward areas (11)





# Important challenges are met



- NE Municorr Application for trail development
- 400 RRTS supporters out on Thursday 10 am
- Approval by MD Council

Bonnyville



# Keeping people aware of the successes and gains



- Saving the Trestles
- Legacy of the land base
- Multiple users cooperation
- Multiple municipal cooperation
- Multiple organizational interaction
- INTRA community success

# Joining groups to local sites



AB Trailnet Board + AGM + Smoky Lake town = SUCCESS



# Working with local politicians



Councilor Tour right after last election



# Working together constantly



County + Horse groups + Riverland = Successful Ag Service Tour



# ALTO “Alberta Pride” 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 E 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



# A Vision for the future



Is it really only a dirt trail through the bush?



# Where are we headed?



JerryB

The Iron Horse Trail is really about INTRA Community cooperation and working together

# Cooperation of user groups



New groomer ready for regional use; Cooperation of 7 snowmobile groups with over 600 km of trails



# Cooperation with all levels of organizations



National, Provincial, Regional and local trail groups



# Cooperation within towns



Development of Elk Point's staging area; cooperation of many groups and many funding sources

# Cooperation in making Regional Events better



- Cold Lake Air show
- Smoky Lake Pumpkin Festival and completion of Pumpkin Park
- Opening of Trans Canadian Snowmobile Trail
- Metis Crossing Wagon Train 2005



# Each year has many accomplishments



Centennial Relay over 7 weeks, a product of our 2005 Partnerships

# Wagon Trains of Summer, 2005



- Smaller user run events are working
- Some towns saw 3 major and many minor groups
- We start to fit with their local events



# Finding the political will



April 2005

# Finding a way to cooperate to solve local issues



- Focus on improving what is working
- Bringing people together needs some funding



# How NADC can help our future



Keep the NE Alberta regional cooperation going !

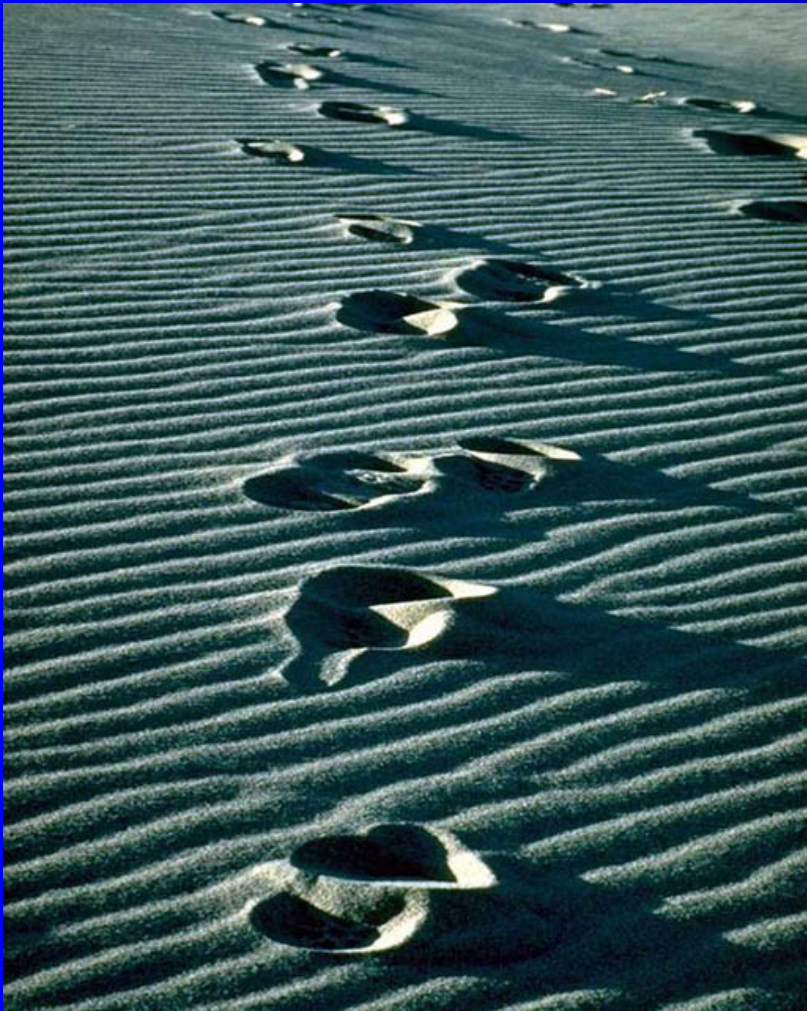
# Adding to the NE Alberta Experience

- Local tourism (under 20 km) for local events expansion and extending trail use.
- Workshops/Training for development
- Familiarization Tours (outside groups)
- Database entry





# Moving to our future together



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.