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The St Paul Journal and
the Radio Station were
interested in some of the
background regarding the
Trans Canada Trail

- original letter May 25-1995
and

Sheila Thompson letter
dated May 24-1999

The attached information was
faxed to SPI and OK Radio

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May 25, 1995

Don Scott
President
Alberta Trailnet Society
Edmonton Alberta

Dave Matthews
Vice president
Alberta Trailnet Society
Calgary Alberta

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of a group of North Eastern Alberta communities I would like to express our views regarding the proposed routes for the Trans Canada Trail. Please consider the following as a preliminary brief as the number of interested communities are planning to provide some research into the matter at hand and we plan to submit a more up to date brief in the future. This group of "Northeastern Alberta Communities" recently met with our Saskatchewan counterparts which you heard from the Highway 26 Rural Development Corporation. At this meeting a lot of interest was expressed by our North Eastern Communities on the Trans Canada Trail. In order to give you an idea of the northeastern communities that I am talking about inclosed please find a map. Basically, it is all the communities between Highway 28 and Highway 16. In reviewing the map you will note that Highway 28 comes from Saskatchewan to the communities of Grand Centre, Cold Lake and Bonnyville and ends in Edmonton. Highway 16 which goes through Lloydminster and goes through the communities of Vegreville and Vermilion also ends in Edmonton. The group of Communities between Highway 28 and Highway 16 are very interested in the Trans Canada Trail.

We realize that the Saskatchewan Highway Rural Development Corporation is lobbying your organization to follow the original Carlton Trail. We support their proposal and if they are successful we would like the proposed Trans Canada Trail to continue in to Alberta following as close to the Carlton Trail and of course ending in Edmonton. We understand that the Saskatchewan group is recommending that the trail enter into Alberta somewhere in the Fort Pitt, Frenchmans Butte, Onion Lake area.

At this time we are not pin pointing the trail but we believe that it should be as close as possible to the original trail and of course it would be somewhere in between the two East West Alberta highways, Highway 28 and Highway 16.

The Carlton Trail was part of the first great overland route across North America. As you are aware the original great overland route commenced in St. Paul Minnesota to Portland Oregon and follows a rout from Edmonton to Saskatchewan following fairly close to the North Saskatchewan River.

The Route that is proposed by the Saskatchewan Group and also our group of North Eastern Alberta Communities definitely has the weight of history behind it. Its history has historical significance in terms of the Northwest Rebellion and that it passes by Fort Carlton which burnt down in 1885 and has since been rebuilt. It goes through the Battlefords in Saskatchewan, where the Mounted Police in their fort withstood the siege 1885. It also passes by Frog Lake, Alberta the site of the Frog lake Massacre. This is definitely the route which Capt. William Butler, Canada's first Intelligient Agent followed on his way to Fort Edmonton talking to tribes and determining whether they were being deliberately poisoned by small pox infected blankets. Butler tell of his travels up the trail in the winter of 1871/72 in his book "The Great Lone Land".

The Northeastern part of the Province from the Lloydminster Saskatchewan area between the two highways and on to Edmonton is unequal in its beauty from beginning to its end. As in the Saskatchewan area there are lakes, streams, and broad river tributaries and valleys to enjoy. This entire area is filled with trees, grass, tiger lilies, in the fields and ditches leading from Saskatchewan to Edmonton. The horizon is filled with Aspen. Pine and green rolling hills gorgeous sun sets and sun rises and abundance of wildlife in its natural environment. If the Trans Canada Trail became a reality in this part of the Country the international public using this trail would thoroughly enjoy the tranquillity and beauty of the trail as they set up camp for eventing or the duration of their visit. We would also like to point out that winter would be as wonderful as summer along the trail as people could access cross country skiing and snowmobiling along this trail.

In summary I would like to point out in terms of Historical interest beauty and recreation facility the Trans Canada Route should continue from the Fort Pitt, Saskatchewan area on to Edmonton. This appears the only logical and sensible choice for the continuation of the Trans Canada Trail in Alberta.

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We trust that your trail communities will agree with the North eastern Alberta communities. I understand that your committee will be meeting with the Saskatchewan Highway 26 Rural Development Corporation group in the near future.

The North Eastern Communities including Chamber of Commerce, Municipal Councils, and other interested organizations will be happy to send letters of support.

Looking forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

John Treferenko
Chairman Northeastern Alberta
Communities Trail Net Committee

cc.Northeastern Alberta Communities