

Presentation
To
Standing Policy Committee on
Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

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On Behalf of
The Association of Alberta Landowners for the Protection
of Agricultural Land

6 February 2001

The Association of Alberta Landowners for the Protection of Agricultural Land (AAPAL) is a provincial organization of some twelve affiliate groups representing more than 2000 Alberta landowners who have banded together to express their concerns to the Trans Canada Trail proposal and its development in Alberta (Appendix 1). My objective today is to lay out for you our concerns; describe the width and breadth of this trail proposal in Alberta; outline our frustration in dealing with the proponents; and propose an alternative to the existing format.

Before beginning I would make it absolutely clear - we are not opposed to the idea of the Trans Canada Trail. However, it is our position that the negative impacts on landowners have not been properly addressed. We believe it is time to fully assess these impacts under the principle that the adjacent landowner is the recipient of these negative impacts and must receive first consideration in any potential development.

A Provincial Look

The Trans Canada Trail is an idea to link the entire country by way of a public recreation trail from sea to sea to sea. The concept is to use existing trails, abandoned railways and other forms of linear disturbance. By far the majority of this trail exists, and is proposed to exist through private land. Let me provide a brief description of the types of land involved.

Around Medicine Hat the proposal is to include abandoned road allowances. Many of you are aware that these road allowances exist in name only. In that part of Alberta, most of these road allowances will never be developed and are included in the landowners current agricultural use pattern, mostly for grazing. These areas are not separated from the adjacent private holding by fencing. For a cattle operation, you can imagine the disruption with required fencing and security.

Around Arrowood, Alberta the proposal is to include irrigation canals linked to abandoned railways. This summers' tragedy near Calgary speaks to the danger of public use near these extremely dangerous structures, as well as security concerns around the private pumping equipment that feed off the length of these canals.

In Kneehill County the proposal is to develop an abandoned CP railway line that bisects the agricultural parcels of about 200 individuals. The line was built in the 1920's to move agriculture

products to market and one that was welcomed by farmers and ranchers. The inconvenience to agricultural practices was offset by the benefit of transportation.

In the Stettler area, where the local Historical Society is running into financial problems in dealing with its steam train, the proposal is to alleviate the debt problem by effectively purchasing that part of the line not being used and turn it into a public recreation trail – a land use for which it was never designed nor envisioned. Again, running through private land.

In the St. Paul/Smoky Lake region, CN is in the process of abandoning its line to Cold Lake. To the majority this line runs through private land as well as an Indian Reserve. Some 200 local landowners have incorporated to buy the land back and have their voice heard.

There are more examples throughout Alberta, but in the interest of time, I only wish to provide you a sketch of the breadth of this proposal.

Proponents Structure

Before I continue, let me explain the frustration in dealing with the Trans Canada Trail administrative structure.

The Trans Canada Trail Foundation is the approval organization for registering national trails. This Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors and managed by a full time Executive Director with a complete complement of staff out of Montreal.

In each province there is a servant provincial organization that sees to the coordination of trails in that province. In Alberta this is Alberta TrailNet.

However, neither of these organizations actually develop or manage trails. That job is left to a yet to be named local developer who will receive support from the Foundation and Alberta TrailNet. This developer may be a local community group, or a recreation group such as a snowmobile association, or some other individual.

On paper this sounds simple enough. To the landowner it is an absolute nightmare in determining accountability. Let me try to explain.

In the case of nationally abandoned railways the Foundation is the landowner, who lives in Montreal. Alberta TrailNet is the key proponent living in Calgary. In most cases the developer/manager has not been determined. Just who are we supposed to be dealing

with? Alberta TrailNet wants to deal with us - but they have no authority at law. The Foundation tells us to deal with TrailNet - but the Foundation does have the authority. The clincher, of course, is that the developer/manager, who will bear the brunt of the concerns, doesn't exist. These are our homes as well as how we earn a living. It is unfair and unacceptable that we are asked to deal with a structure that can make many promises but has no accountability. You will see in Appendices 2.0 and 2.1 how the Village of Beiseker has all but given up on this unaccountable system.

Specific Concerns

Let's begin with the liability.

It is unfortunate that we have become a "law suit happy" society. For those of us in agriculture the threat of civil action by someone injured or killed on our land is ever present. There is a case currently under review in central Alberta where a farmer is being sued for more than \$1 million dollars for the death of a snowmobiler. In this situation the landowner, in the interest of a community event, permitted a snowmobile rally to use a trail crossing his land.

Without landowner permission, one participant left the trail in order to snowmobile the meadows on the adjacent private land. He was decapitated running into a fence and his family is suing the landowner.

In the last three months alone, that is since November 2000, part of the Trans Canada Trail network near Kingston, Ontario has suffered five snowmobile fatalities.

Alberta TrailNet advised us that they were asking the provincial government to change the Occupiers Liability Act. The province denied the request. No

We were then provided with a proposed insurance plan that would supposedly look after our concerns. We had this plan reviewed by an insurance broker who discovered it to be severely faulted and not in keeping with our requirements. We are now faced with increased personal premiums as the only way to protect ourselves.

Vandalism, policing and criminal activities are another group of issues. Our discussions with the RCMP point to little ability to meet this increased police demand. Their policy is to respond on a complaint basis. These trails in Alberta are, for the most part, remote and not easily accessible making apprehension of perpetrators

extremely difficult. Damage to property could occur days before being noticed. To whom does the landowner turn for compensation?

Access and fencing are a significant financial concern. The majority of the trails in Alberta are proposed on abandoned rail lines. Previous agreements between the railways and landowners stipulated that the companies would provide and maintain both fencing and access for the landowner. Those agreements are not considered binding by Trans Canada Trail or Alberta TrailNet. We have reviewed this with both Alberta Land Titles and the National Transportation Agency. Both have replied that this is an argument for the courts. Because the land was held by the railways under federal legislation, there were no registered agreements at the provincial level. When the land was passed to the Trans Canada Trail Foundation they were unencumbered. In the case of the line in Kneehill County, 75 years of agreements and understandings have vanished.

Depreciating land values is another cost. A recent house sale near Wimbourne was lost when the purchaser discovered the abandoned railway abutting the land was proposed for a public trail. A recent study of land values in Washington State around Lake Washington, pointed out that, the value of land adjacent to the Burke - Gilman public trail increased 26.62% while property on the remainder of the lake increased by 209.73% in the nine years between

1979 and 1988. Appendix 3 of this presentation provides you with another example.

Weed control and vegetation management is yet another concern. In days gone by, the railway companies were accountable. Alberta TrailNet has promised us that they will look after it – but they aren't the trail manager. I pity the weed inspector trying to sort out the mess.

Rural lifestyle is the most personal of our concerns. Many of us have chosen our agricultural way of life intentionally. It may not be as secure as our city cousins, but it does have its benefits. One of those is privacy. Many trails will pass within a few yards of where we live. The thought and reality of strangers walking, riding, cycling, and snowmobiling so close to our homes at all times of the day and night, all times of the year is unacceptable. Unlike the city, our homes are often miles from one another, that means miles from the help of a neighbour if a situation becomes dangerous or uncomfortable for the farm family. Our farms are not for disposing of garbage, taking bathroom breaks, using the phone, borrowing food, or a supply of parts or gas for ATV's and snowmobiles.

Public Support

The single most important issue facing elected officials is the degree of constituent support for any land use proposal.

Both Trans Canada Trail and Alberta TrailNet have used telephone surveys to show massive public support. Figures ranging from 70 to more than 80% have been quoted as supporting the idea of the Trans Canada Trail. Please note that this support is only for the idea of the Trans Canada Trail. In the security of your home with no trail proposed for your backyard, and considering the idyllic picture of an Alberta family quietly walking down a beautiful trail, I am surprised anyone would say no. But, what about the reality of a public trail?

We decided to test these numbers in the County of Kneehill. We ran a door to door poll in that County. We used as a base the 1,581 households that are recognized by the municipality. We managed to interview 70% of that number. Fully 93% of those interviewed responded negatively to the Trans Canada Trail proposal. Appendix 4 of this brief is a map of the County depicting the coverage and results of this poll.

How can our results be so opposite of those promoted by the Trans Canada Trail and Alberta TrailNet? Of course, it's all in the questions you ask, the information presented and to whom you present. Our poll was specific to the ratepayers who are, or could be,

affected as taxpayers. Intentionally excluding those from far away urban centres who will not bear the negative impacts. Our results support our contention that the public support for this trail is highly questionable.

Appendices 5.0 through 5.6 also show that other forms of support for the notion of a Trans Canada Trail are waning. We have included copies of correspondence from corporate sponsors as well as information related to the difficulty the Foundation has had maintaining constant public support.

At Appendices 5.7, 5.8, and 5.9 you will find resolutions passed by the Western Wheat Growers Association; the Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd., and the Alberta Cattle Commission supporting our position.

Our Proposal

Perhaps now we could move to the proposal that AALPAL has presented to all counties and MD's.

Our proposal is based on a series of facts:

1. That the municipal government has the final say in any trail development.

2. That the ratepayers must fully understand the negative as well as positive impacts of trails.
3. That public recreation trails should only be developed in those areas where people want them.
4. That the landowner adjacent to the trail is the single most important individual in trail development and management.
5. That trails have a dark side and are not the benign environmentally friendly land use that trail developers would have you believe. This dark side must be addressed.

Our proposal calls for the establishment of a Municipal Trail Planning Committee in each county, or group of counties. At least two-thirds of this committee will be comprised of ratepayers, one-half of whom should be, or could be, adjacent landowners. The municipal government will have one member from Council or staff. The provincial government may have a member from Alberta Agriculture (Farmers Advocate) and/or Community Development.

The purpose of the Committee is to:

1. Determine the level of public support for a trail within the municipality.
2. Assuming there is some level of support then determine the route or routes of such a trail. This will be done by using the entire municipality as a land base.
3. Recommend on all of the above to Council.

The cost of this committee would be minimal. The municipality would be responsible for elementary secretarial services and a venue to meet. The Alberta government will be responsible for funding basic surveys and trail research. The end result will be decisions based on information reviewed and agreed upon by those most affected. It will also move the decision making process from Montreal, Calgary and Edmonton, to rural Alberta where it belongs.

This proposal is currently being reviewed by the Directors of the Central Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties. Our desire is to have this proposal passed by resolution at the next general meeting of the Association.

That completes our presentation today. Again, we thank you for allotting such valuable time. We are prepared to answer any questions you may have.

APPENDIX 1

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APPENDIX 2.0



Mr. Ray Courtman
Mayor
Village of Beiseker
P. O. Box 349
Beiseker, Ab
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30 June, 2000

Dear Mr. Courtman:

Re: Trail Operator

This is in response to your letter of 25 April, and comments at the public meeting in Acme, wherein you indicated an interest in becoming the Trail Operator for the section of our proposed Trail passing through the Village of Beiseker's boundaries.

The Alberta TrailNet Society was excited to learn of your Village's plans for the Sam McGee Trail. This will be a unique addition to the experience that trail enthusiasts will enjoy while visiting the Village of Beiseker. TrailNet agrees in principle with the proposal to develop a portion of the right of way for trail and with the proposal to turn over remaining portions for a combination of recreation and land development projects, compatible with the Village's long range plans. TrailNet accepts your offer to operate the section of Trail through Beiseker.

TrailNet looks forward to meeting with Beiseker, to work out all of the details associated with this proposal and to discuss the provision of staging areas and the width of the remaining portion of the trail on our right of way further, to ensure it can satisfactorily accommodate the types of uses each party envisages. Please contact Scott Richardson @ 403.283.6510 to discuss suitable timing for a meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Richardson
President
The Alberta TrailNet Society

attach.

cc: Village of Acme
Village of Carbon
Village of Irricana
Village of Linden
Cosway Adjacent Landowners Association
Stan Woloshyn, Minister of Alberta Community Development

Beiseker Council

Dec 12/00

APPENDIX 2.1

Trail development taking too long

Geoff Taylor

The village of Beiseker, tired of waiting for Alberta TrailNet to develop a recreational plan for the abandoned rail line property that runs through the village, is going ahead with plans to develop their own plan, Cllr Ray Courtman reported Nov. 27.

A recent meeting between Scott Richardson of ATN, Mayor Dave Fegan and Courtman failed to resolve any of the outstanding issues and we're no closer to an agreement than we were six months ago, Courtman reported.

Courtman said part of the problem is that all major decisions regarding the trail development are made at the headquarters of the TransCanada Trail Foundation in Montreal. The group is also reported to be in a cash crunch and has dropped plans to hire a landman to negotiate agreements with adjacent landowners.

"I think our project is being held to ransom and we can't afford to wait any longer," Courtman said.

The village plans to conduct an area structure plan for the 18 1/2-acre earmarked for the trail early next year.

Dump attendant
The village has imple-

mented a number of new user fees aimed at generating some much-needed revenue next year in anticipation of much higher utility expenses.

Fees comparable to those charged by the Irricana dump are to be implemented at the village dumpsite. The village also plans to hire an attendant to collect the fees and maintain the site.

A \$150 damage deposit for water metres has also been implemented. The fee,

which only applies to new construction, is comparable to that charged by the village of Linden.

Cllr Len Priestman said the village is also planning to set up a committee to conduct a review of unsightly properties. The village is looking for five to seven members to sit on the board, Priestman reported.

Funding approved
Council Nov. 27 approved funding of \$2,000 from the

Beiseker FCSS program for the Rocky View Southeast Family School Liaison Society.

The funding was the same amount as last year.

The society, formed in 1993, provides counselling services to troubled students and their families living in the eastern half of Rocky View. The society has two social workers on staff. Between them they handle between 60 to 102 cases per month.

Clean water

Beiseker's drinking water meets the guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality, according to a report from Alberta Environmental Services.

Levels of sodium and total dissolved solids were also above the Aesthetic Objective, the report stated.



Tall-Taylor Publishing

Christmas Hours

The Rocky View/Five Village Weekly office will close for the holidays on

Thursday, Dec 21 at 4:00 pm.

The office will re-open on

Wednesday, Jan 3 at 8:00 am.

We will not be publishing on

December 26 and January 2.

*We wish all our advertisers and readers
a safe and happy holiday season!*

RE/MAX**Appendix 3**

February 18, 2000

Rodney John Wallace
RR #1 Harrowsmith
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Dear Mr. Wallace:

I was glad to receive your phone call in late January 2000 concerning the possible sale of your dairy farm. As agreed upon I visited your farm on February 9, 2000. I took a detailed inventory of your land, buildings, quota, cattle and machinery. Upon speaking about possible easements and encroachments you advised me of the existing old railway bed that currently has been blocked off by Bell Canada that runs approximately 150' to 200' directly behind your home and out buildings. Upon looking at the said old railway bed and being told that there is now a proposed Cross Country Canada Trail that will use and take over the Bell Canada - Railway Bed lands I have the following comments.

I have been selling Real Estate from 1977, I was raised on a small dairy farm north of Cornwall, the 1st complete dairy farm I sold was in 1978 and became an Associate Real Estate Broker in 1980. I have been actively listing and selling Real Estate for over 23 years.

I feel that given the current situation of the proposed Cross Country Trail involving your farm that I could not sell your farm to any clients that I work with that are actively looking for complete operating dairy farms. Most of my buyers are coming from other countries, mainly Holland, Switzerland and Central Europe, some are from Western Ontario and from South and Western Quebec. They are all familiar with the type of problems occurring on your farm and many are moving from similar type situations. Your farm otherwise seems to be an ideal type farm for most prospective clients. It is very hard to find a 500 acre farm, with good land, buildings, cattle, quota and equipment throughout eastern Ontario.

I feel that this trail will definitely prevent you from selling your farm as a complete ongoing dairy farm.

Please feel free to contact me in the future.

Yours truly,

RE/MAX cornwall realty inc.

Michael Maloney
Associate Broker

This has been retyped so you can read it. The adjacent land owners in Ontario has original.

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APPENDIX 5.0

December 22nd 1999

Faye Engle
Secretary
Cosway Adjacent Landowners Association
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Dear Ms. Engle,

We have received your fax from December 21st detailing the Cosway Adjacent Land Owners Association's issues and concerns regarding the Trans Canada Trail.

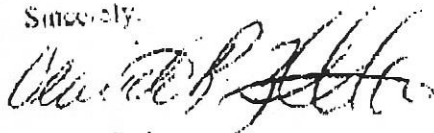
We began our support for the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) concept in good faith, believing that the vision of connecting all three oceans with this unique recreational facility would benefit all Canadians.

We were unaware of the issues you have raised in your correspondence and have relayed your concerns to the Trans Canada Trail Foundation.

In light of this matter, we will be reviewing our program with TCT.

Thank you for drawing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,



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APPENDIX 5.1

October 24, 2000

Ms. Faye Engler
Alberta Association of Landowners for the Protection of Agricultural Land

Fax: 780-450-5141

Dear Ms. Engler,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to respond to your letter about the Trans Canada Trail.

Our involvement in the Trans Canada Trail has come to an end as our promotion has run its course. Our sponsorship was limited to the launch period (April to September 2000). We agreed to participate because we felt it was an appropriate association with our brand. Ivory is a brand that stands for the vitality and importance of family.

Should a future opportunity to sponsor the trail arise, we will certainly take your comments into consideration. Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention. Please contact me at 416-730-4225 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Stefani Valkonen
Public Affairs Manager
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APPENDIX 5.2

November 9, 2000

Ms. Faye Engler, Secretary
Alberta Association of Landowners for the Protection of Agricultural Land
c/o 4 Portland Place
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Dear Ms. Faye:

Thank you for your letter of October 18, 2000 in which you raise the concerns that your group has with the Trans Canada Trail Foundation.

Let me begin by saying that Imperial Oil appreciates the many issues that landowners deal with in the operation and management of their property.

In your letter, you state that Imperial Oil provided support to the Trans Canada Trail. As a point of clarification, you should know that the support our company provided was limited to the Trans Canada Trail Relay 2000. Imperial Oil supplied Esso-branded fuels for the vehicles that were accompanying the runners who were participating in the Relay.

Since the Relay has now been completed, our support has also ended. We currently have no further plans to sponsor any events associated with the Trans Canada Trail Foundation.

I thank you once again for outlining your concerns and I trust that the information I have provided clarifies our position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Hart Searle".

Hart Searle

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APPENDIX 5.3 AIR CANADA

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January 17, 2000

Ms. Faye Engler

Secretary

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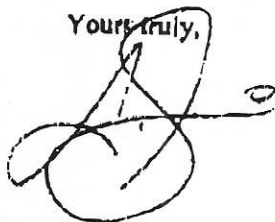
Subject: Trans Canada Trail

Dear Ms. Engler:

Further to our last telephone conversation and your letter of January 10, 2000, I wish to confirm that Air Canada has ceased its partnership with the Trans Canada Trail.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to communicate with the undersigned

Yours truly,



Dan Rickards, 11:37 AM 9/3/00 -, Fw: City - Ottawa Citizen Onli

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APPENDIX 5.4

Trans Canada gala goes nowhere

Lack of corporate interest cancels swanky fund-raiser

Laura Landon
The Ottawa Citizen

Corporate Canada just thumbed its nose at the Trans Canada Trail.

After mailing 700 personal invitations and faxing hundreds more asking the elite to attend a swanky fund-raising party for the Trans Canada Trail, event organizers admit defeat.

The Trans Canada Trail Relay 2000 Gala — which promised the croonings of Jann Arden and a deluxe meal — has been cancelled.

"We were definitely hoping 80 to 90 per cent of our attendants would be corporate Canada," said Doug Hotston, executive director of Ottawa 2000, which planned the event at the Ottawa Congress Centre on Sept. 8. "We just didn't have enough ticket sales."

After three weeks of running ads and sending invitations, organizers sold less than 200 tickets. They needed to sell 1,300 just to break even, said Mr. Hotston, who said the gala was cancelled before any performers or tickets were paid for.

Tickets for the gala were \$250 each, or corporations could shell out \$2,000 for a table of eight.

"We thought there was good value in the ticket price," said Mr. Hotston. "The Congress Centre was going to pull out all the stops. There was going to be Alberta beef, Holland Marsh vegetables, Arctic chair ..."

The event was supposed to pull in \$60,000 for the Ottawa-Carleton Trailway, of which a 31-kilometre section from Carleton Place to Bell's Corners is registered as Trans Canada Trail. Another 10 per cent of the gala's earnings were slated to go to the Trans Canada Trail Foundation.

Organizers opted for a pricey event since most of the nation's 800 other Trans Canada Trail parties are free and family-oriented, said Mr. Hotston. Besides, he said, it takes just as much effort to organize a bash with a beer tent and hamburgers as it does a high-priced soiree, and organizers were going for the corporate dollar, but also wanted to thank the trail's many corporate sponsors.

The Trans Canada Trail stretches 16,000 kilometres from coast to coast and to the Arctic. It is supposed to be used for hiking, biking, horseback riding and snowmobiles, although it has been dogged by controversy over its inclusion of all-terrain vehicles in some areas.

A relay featuring more than 5,000 participants ferrying water from the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic oceans is scheduled to end in Ottawa on Sept. 9, marking the completion of the trail.

The cancelled black-tie event at the Congress Centre was intended to celebrate the success of that relay.

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Trans-Canada Trail unlikely to meet deadline

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THUNDER BAY, ONT. - Plans for building Canada's coast-to-coast trail - the Trans-Canada Trail - are falling behind schedule. The community-based project was established in 1994 to build paths linking Canada's three oceans.

A 16,000 kilometre trail was supposed to be open by September. But less than half of that is ready for travellers.

Now it is believed it may be years before the entire trail network is in place.

The trail was supposed to be finished by this fall. But legal hassles and funding shortfalls have set the timetable back by years.

John Bellini is in charge of the Trans-Canada Trail Foundation. He says it will be years before the trail is finished. "If you had to ask me a date when we could have an inauguration of the Trans-Canada Trail, it would probably be in 2004," he said.

Bellini says it's been difficult getting permission to cross private property, particularly in Western provinces.

"In Alberta and Saskatchewan a lot of rural landowners are not all that comfortable having a recreation trail on their land," said Bellini.

The foundation has also fallen short in its funding drive. It's only a third of the way to a goal of \$24 million.

In spite of the setbacks Bellini says he's confident the trail will eventually link the country's three oceans.

He points out that the gaps tend to be in remote areas of the country. Registered trails are already in place across areas holding three quarters of Canada's population.



Jack Julian reports for CBC
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Quebec: Trail's fountain cancelled

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HULL - Bottles of ocean water intended to help fill a symbolic fountain on the Trans-Canada Trail will continue to be carried across the country, even though plans for the fountain have been cancelled due to lack of funds. About 5,000 volunteers were to pour water from the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic oceans into a \$1.2-million fountain in Hull, until the fountain's cost estimate jumped to \$1.9-million. Renée Henry, a trail spokeswoman, said it made better sense to use the money to complete the trail.

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REMARKS: ☐ Urgent ☒ For your review ☐ Reply ASAP ☐ Please comment

Re: Federation Board Motion

Here is the motion that was passed on November 17, 1999 in regards to the Federation's support of the Causeway Adjacent Landowners.

MOTION 22/00 - Moved Ed Moss, Seconded John Ogilvie that the Federation Board support the Causeway Adjacent Landowner Association in their effort to place a moratorium on the hand over of abandoned rail lines in Alberta.
CARRIED

Mike Heck will be in the office briefly on Friday, February 11th. If you need anything else, please call

Lois Westacott

Sincerely

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APPENDIX 5.8

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ALBERTA CATTLE COMMISSION

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING RESOLUTIONS

- Be it resolved the ACC prevail upon the provincial government to terminate the Farm Income Dissector Program.
- Be it resolved the ACC lobby the provincial government to rescind Bill 31.
- Be it resolved the ACC continue with efforts to modify Bill 31 to make it more acceptable to surface leaseholders by not allowing 'right of entry' mediation to expand beyond bona fide mineral leaseholders of the same land location.
- Be it resolved the ACC support the reinstatement of the pasture insurance program.
- Be it resolved the ACC oppose recreational trails throughout agricultural land.
- Be it resolved the ACC continue to ensure the concerns of adjacent landowners to proposed Alberta TrailNet projects are addressed before trail development commences.
- Be it resolved the ACC have a voice in the regulations of Alberta TrailNet in so much that anyone using the trail will be liable for damages to adjoining lands, livestock and property together with Alberta TrailNet.
- Be it resolved the ACC lobby provincial, federal and municipal governments to return abandoned railroad right-of-ways to adjacent landowners.
- Be it resolved the ACC lobby Alberta Environment to enforce all regulations as they relate to plugging flowing seismic holes, improperly abandoned shot holes and water source wells.
- Be it resolved the ACC lobby the Alberta government to require geophysical companies to plug shot holes properly from the bottom of the hole to within 1/2 meter of the surface.

- Be it resolved the ACC request government consider the impact of the proposed amendments to the Agriculture Operations Practices Act and the Municipal Government Act brought about by the passing of the Farm Practices Protection Statutes Act, and delay implementation until a proper consultation process has been undertaken.
- Be it resolved the ACC lobby government to work with livestock commodity groups and municipalities to establish a set of standards for intensive livestock operations.
- Be it resolved the ACC encourage the provincial government to incorporate an intensive livestock operations policy complete with regulations as soon as possible. Local municipal concerns should be taken into consideration regarding the proposed location, however, final siting would rest with the province.
- Be it resolved the ACC lobby the Alberta government to implement policy to protect the right to farm.
- Be it resolved the ACC lobby the Alberta government to allow landowners the right to charge for hunting access to private property.
- Be it resolved the ACC lobby for the return of an effective strychnine-based poison to be administered by municipal agricultural fieldmen to control the Richardson's Ground Squirrels, or pay compensation for damages caused by this pest.
- Be it resolved the ACC lobby the federal and provincial governments for rapid access to more effective Richardson's Ground Squirrel control.
- Be it resolved the ACC lobby the Alberta government to proceed with the Special Area Water Diversion Project with expedience.

- Be it resolved the ACC approach the provincial government to develop an effective procedure for handling complaints on water licensing issues in order to settle them in a timely manner.

Public Affairs

- Be it resolved the ACC lobby the chemical and pharmaceutical industry to refocus their advertising to better educate the general public as well as promoting their product to the agricultural industry.
- Be it resolved the ACC consider financing programs to promote and enhance the provincial image of the industry with a timely response to issues as they arise.
- Be it resolved the ACC initiate efforts to establish standards dealing with the Alberta Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' activities within the cattle industry.

Technical

- Be it resolved the ACC develop criteria to allow the technical committee to fund research infrastructure and capital investment.

Miscellaneous

- Be it resolved the ACC review the level of honoraria and expenses (mileage) paid to delegates.
- Be it resolved the ACC will ensure it is informed of the status of the Wood Buffalo Park bison herd and also the small herds outside the park originating from the park herd.

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APPENDIX 5.9**Resolution #7: Recreation trails**

WHEREAS the development of Recreational Trails through agricultural land may affect the ability to farm without nuisance, interference and increased costs; and,

WHEREAS adjacent landowners will have increased liabilities from trespass, risk of fire, weed and pest control, access to bisected land and over-zealous environmentalists; and,

WHEREAS the Trans-Canada Trail Foundation and their Provincial Recreational Trail Associations have failed to address these issues; and,

WHEREAS the development and maintenance of recreational trails is very expensive and much of their funding to date has been one time government grants; and,

WHEREAS local governments may be forced to fund ongoing maintenance of trails after initial funding for the Trans-Canada Trail runs out:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association oppose Recreational Trails through agricultural land unless: (a) they are approved by the majority of the adjacent landowners; (b) an effective method of compensating adjacent landowners for any increased costs, liabilities, and business and social costs is developed and implemented; and (c) adjacent landowners have ongoing representation and involvement in the subsequent direction and management of the trails.

*Adopted at 2328 January 2001
convention*