

# RRTS 2006 AGM



# What did we accomplish in 2005?



- Centennial events?
- Building Projects?
- Increased Awareness?
- Money Flow?
- Planning?

# Centennial Events



Centennial Relay over 7 weeks led to  
DVD project



# Wagon Trains of Summer



- Smaller user run events are working
- Some towns saw 3 major and many minor groups
- Batoche group made its own partnerships



# More building with small communities



- Finding champions
- Working with small groups ie Fire departments
- Have meetings in their site
- Help with funding
- Malliag, Warspite Elk Point Ashmont, Glendon, Vilna

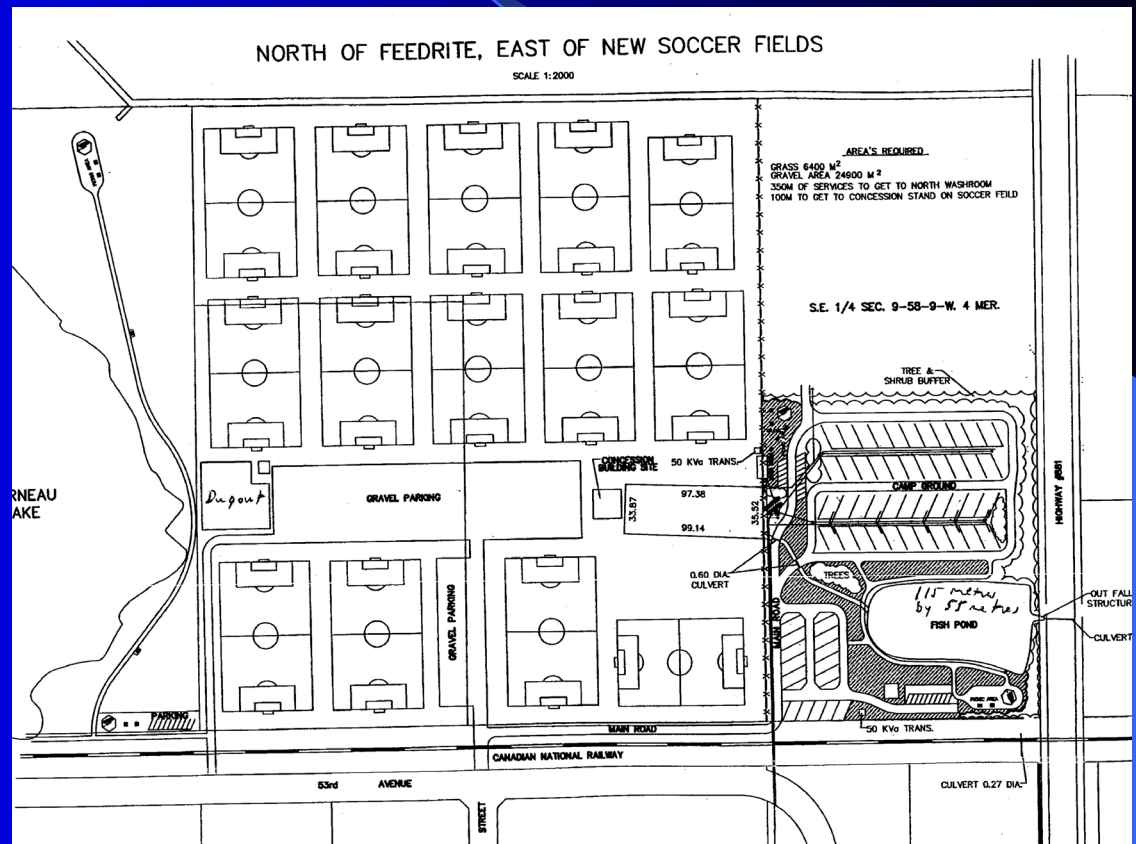
# Building Projects



- Cold Lake Centennial Building
- Elk Point Gazebo
- Ashmont Gazebo
- Mallaig building
- Glendon Staging area
- Warspite staging area

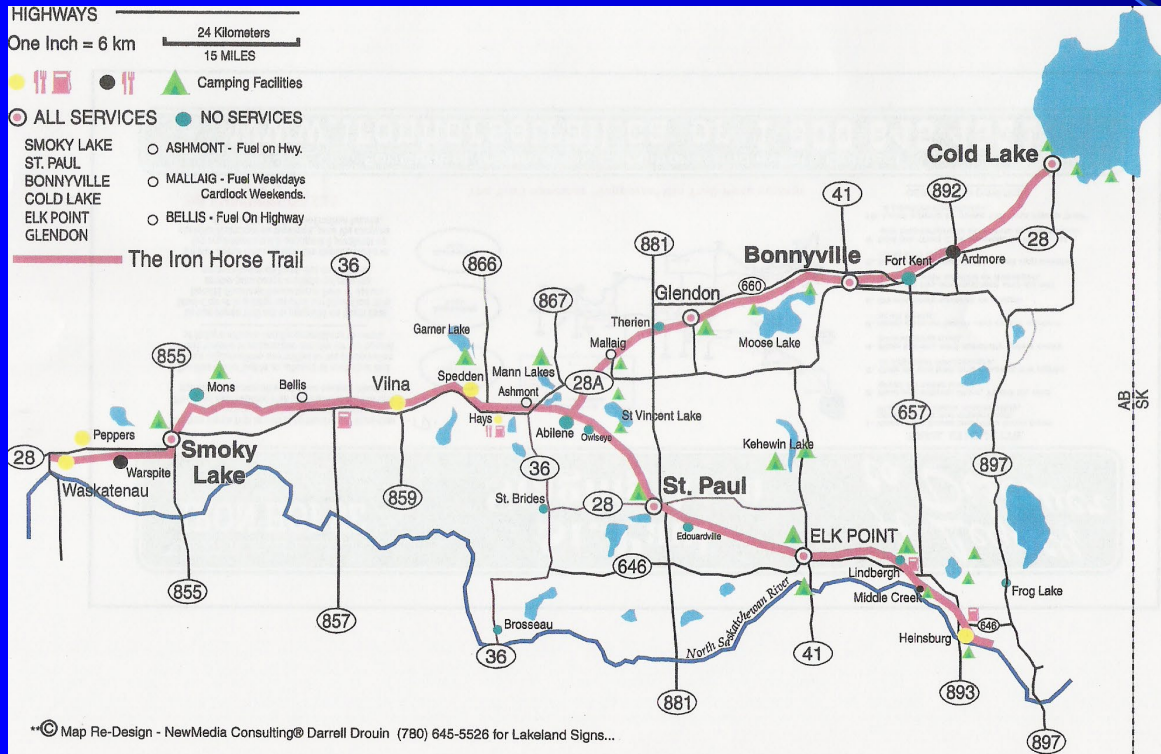
# St Paul Project

- Land purchased
- Land swaps done
- Pond is dug
- Building plans underway
- Still need parking





# Start of many other projects: Trail Information Systems



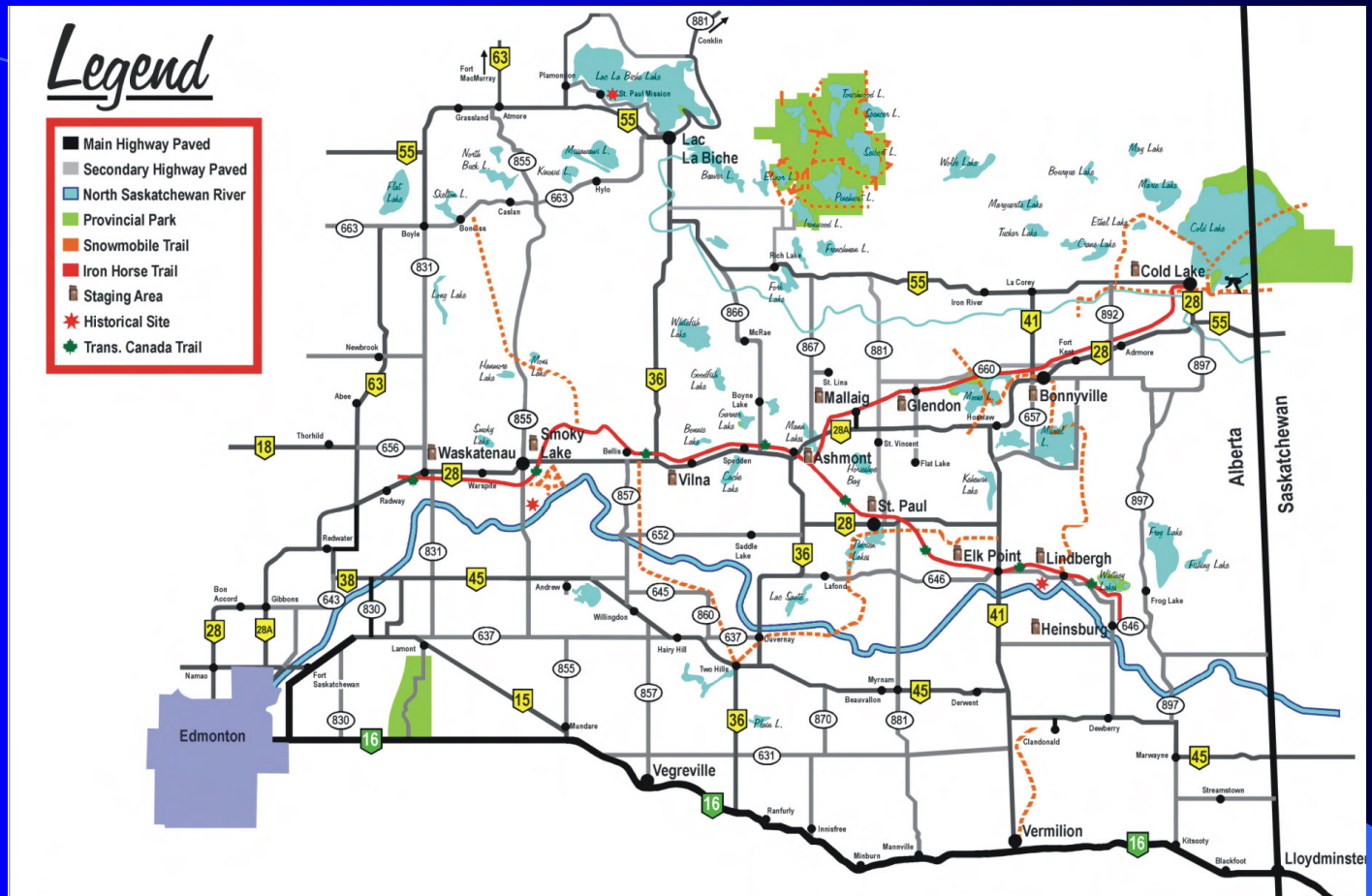
- Maps
- Brochures
- Trail Guidebook
- Better Web sites access
- Our internal communications

# Completing signage



- Completing Western Diversification funding
- Completing Logo process

# Building more participation



Alberta's Iron Horse Trail Brochures



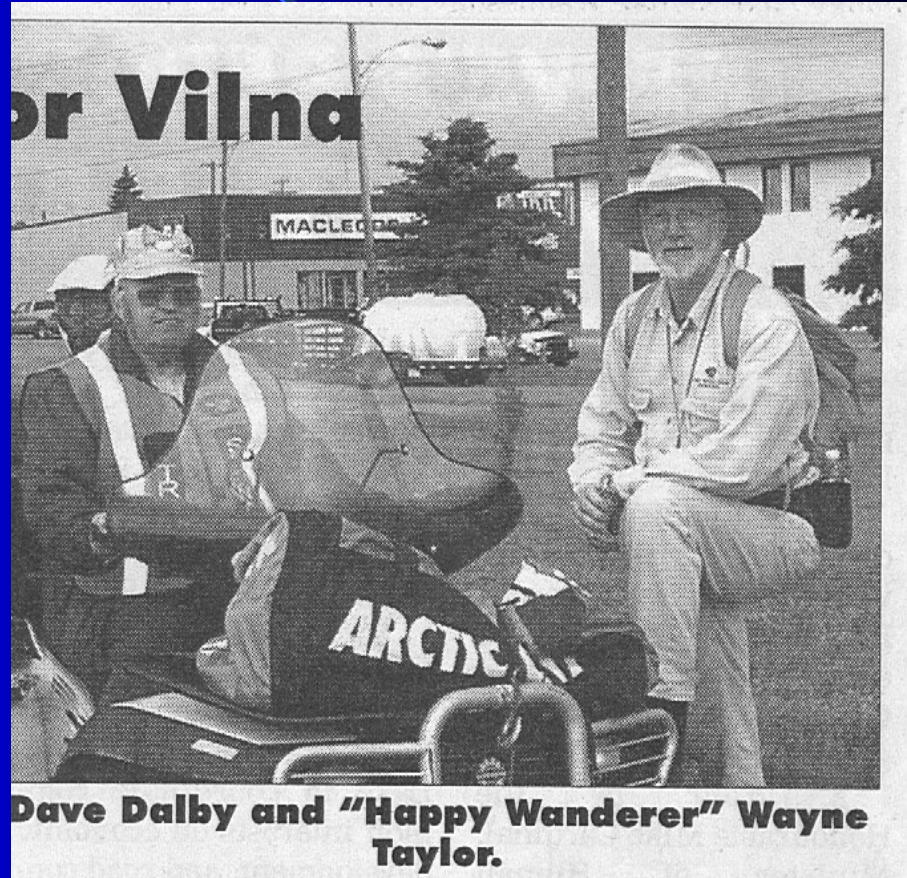
# Interest in other locations



- Fort Kent
- Warspite
- Wasketneau
- Heinsburg project
- Mallaig

# Product Club Projects:

- Trade shows
- Relay / Sask connection
- Museum Conference
- Newsletters / PR
- Ag Tourism Initiatives
- Signage
- Helping organize projects



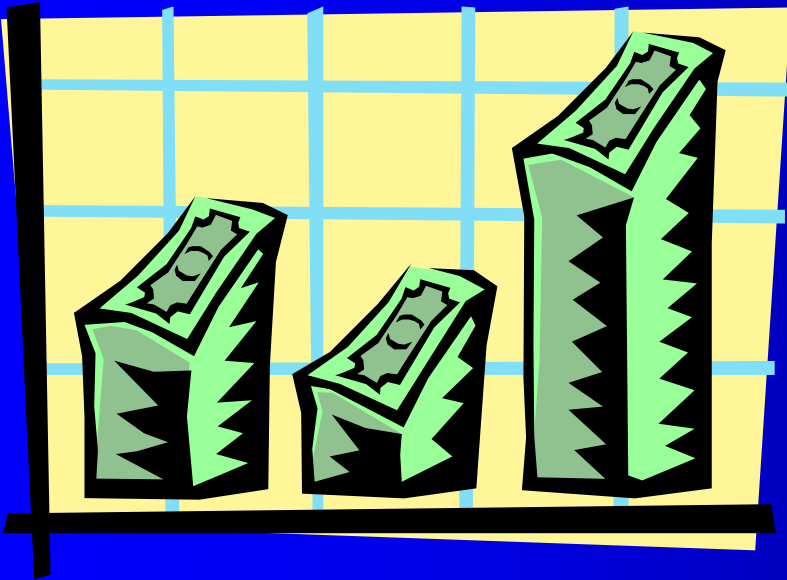
# Product Club: Change of staffing



- Terry Hansen started year
- Marianne Price changed over
- Work with Lakeland DMO to get on track
- Renewed funding in place

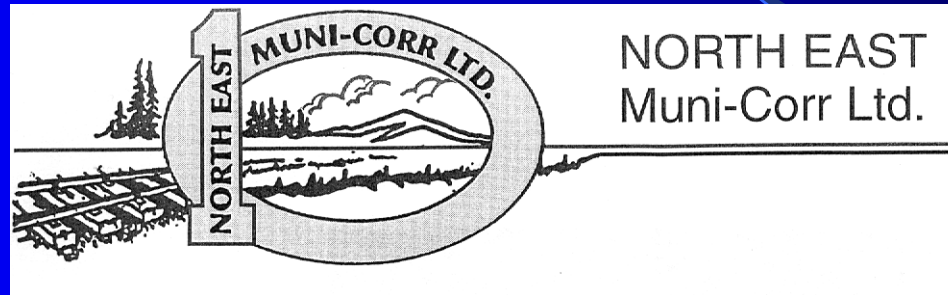


# Change of funding



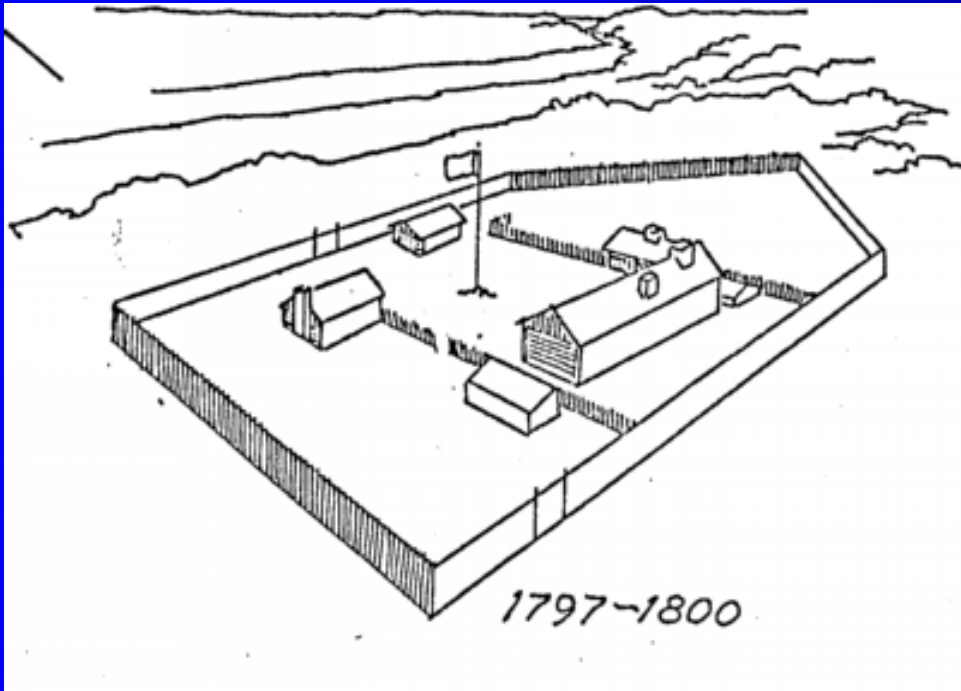
- More Product Club funding
- Ab Ec Dev funding for mapping
- Finding other connections
- Canadian Tourism Commission winding down; may be replaced

# Working with NE Municorr



- Getting bylaws in place to allow education and enforcement
- Working on mowing

# Building New Partnerships beneficial to all



Connecting to Ag  
Tourism

Connecting to Heritage  
groups

Connecting to other  
group's goals



# Ongoing Presentations

**Active Leisure  
for Citizens with Disabilities  
National Symposium**

**Pathways & Trails  
National Symposium**

**National  
Parks & Recreation  
Conference, Trade Show  
& Associated Symposiums**

October 11th - 15th, 2005  
Shaw Conference Centre  
Edmonton, AB Canada

[www.2005.ARPAnline.ca](http://www.2005.ARPAnline.ca)  
[www.CPRA.ca](http://www.CPRA.ca)

**ARPA**  
Association of Recreation Professionals

**PLAN TO BE THERE!**

**Sport in the Community  
National Symposium**

**Youth Development Through  
Recreation Services  
National Symposium**

- National Trails Symposium Edmonton in October 2005
- Athabasca trail groups
- Thorhill county

# Wider impact



- Provincial Trail Committee
- Museum conference
- Helping other trail groups
- Working with more local groups each year



# Bringing the message to governments



April 2005

# Beginnings of extension of the trail



- Mike's work in the East and West
- Tie in with other trails
  - Mons Lake
  - Snowmobile trails
  - Other adjacent trails
  - Urban trails
    - St Paul, Cold Lake



# What are our upcoming challenges?



Relay finishes near the border

# Funding - \$\$\$



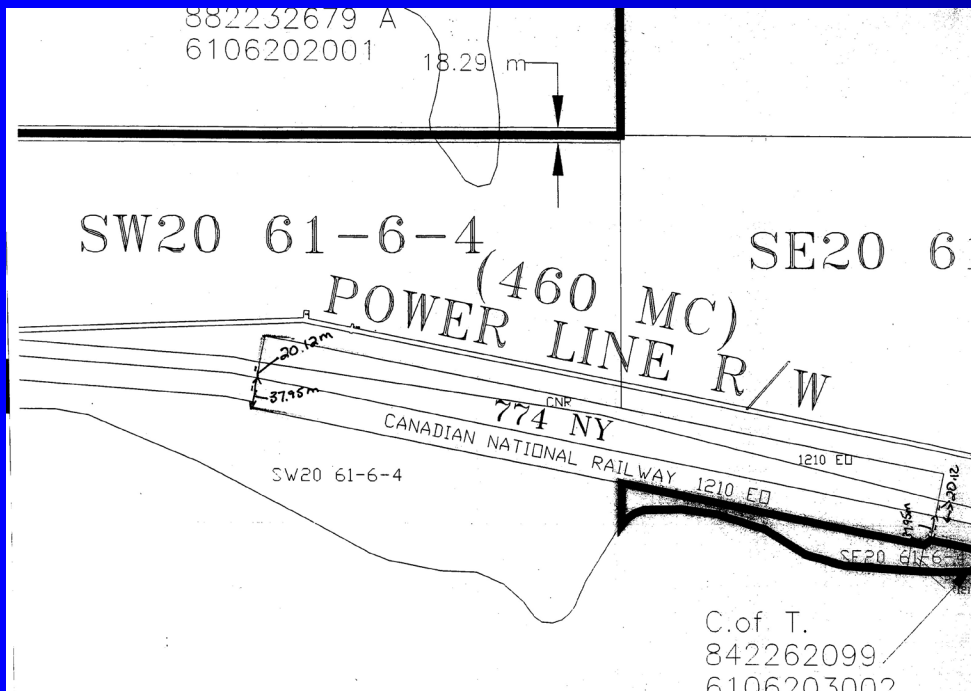
- Canadian Tourism Commission
- Wild Rose Foundation
- TCT application
- Casino 2007?
- Local events

# Membership



- Need to widen scope
- Put in place trail pass system
- Better communications
- Diversify structure of RRTS
- Get it in writing

# Incomplete projects



- Cold Lake and Ashmont buildings
- Historical Signage
- Ft Kent, Ardmore
- Anshaw gazebo
- Cold Lake Trestle
- Mile Markers



# Challenges of the future

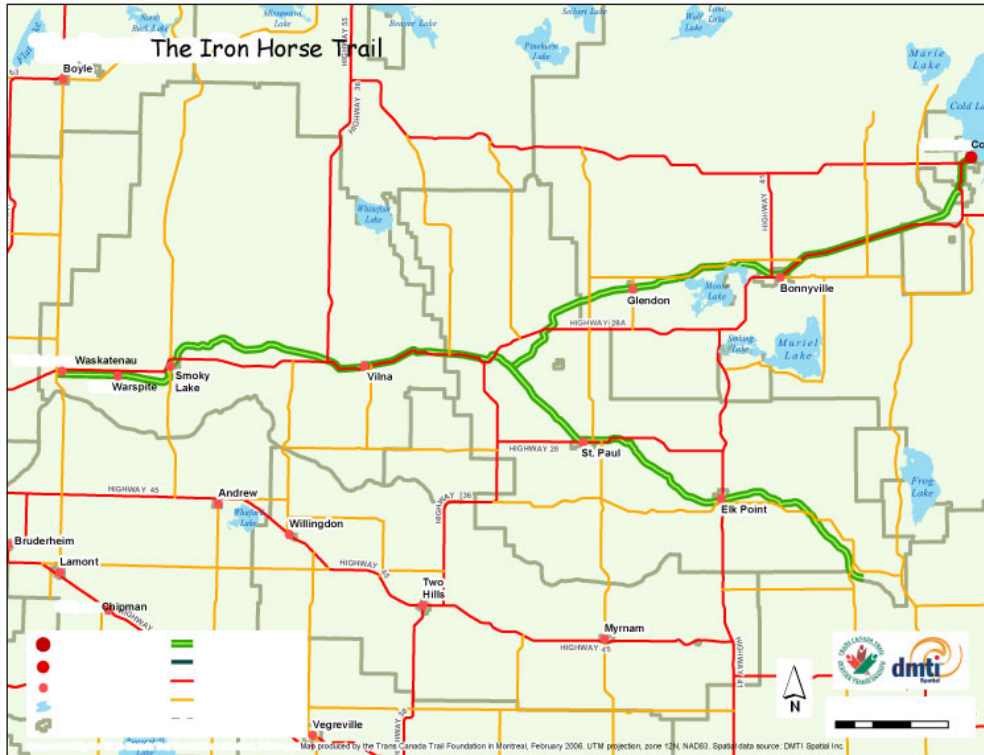


# Alberta's Boom



- Rising cost of everything
- Lack of time
- Quality of life important
- Availability of \$\$
- More partners out there

# Urban engines of growth



- Urban sites of over 10,000 drive local economies
- Aggregate populations work with partnerships
- Infrastructure increasingly important



# Keeping up the Innovation



- We started with a wonderful group of innovators
- New projects come from that group
- We need to pay attention to long range development
- Build for the long run

# Keep people aware of the gains and development



- Trestles, right of way
- Legacy of the land
- Local users recreation
- Multiple municipal cooperation
- Multiple organization interaction and cooperation
- Recognition for region



# Each year has its gains



- 1993 Original IHT
- 1999 - Foundation
- 2000 – Abandonment bylaws, lobbying
- 2001 – Election, organizing,
- 2002 – Starting moving, designing
- 2003 – Opening, Product Club, Trail Stewards
- 2004 - Product Club, Awards, Staging Areas
- 2005 – Completing Infrastructure
- 2006 – Wrapping up ongoing and finding new ideas



# Keep the trail rolling!

- We have done much.
- Congratulate each member tonight
- We will do much more; we have only just begun!

