

Riverland News

A Newsletter from the Riverland Recreational Trail Society
Building Trails From Fort Saskatchewan to the Saskatchewan Border
November 2001

What is the Riverland Recreational Trail Society?

Riverland Recreational Trail Society (RRTS) is an umbrella group of trail enthusiasts in N-E Alberta. It is our purpose to work with all interested parties to find a widely agreed upon 300 km route for trail from Fort Saskatchewan to Onion Lake, Sask. Our next meeting is:

**Thursday, November 8 @ 7:30
Portage College, St. Paul**

Everyone interested in building public trails is welcome to attend.

What a Campaign!

When municipal councils placed the question of public trails on election ballots, the debate was on. Passionate letters explaining many sides of the issue filled area newspapers. In the end, the people of N-E Alberta voted for a variety of choices. Election results were:

	Yes	No
County of St. Paul	1,611	892
Smoky Lake County	728	715
M.D. Of Bonnyville	1,040	1,260
Total Votes	3,379	2,867

A.S.A. Honours Riverland

On behalf of Riverland, Danny Smyl accepted an award at the Alberta Snowmobile Association banquet, September 29. The citation read:

**2001 A.S.A. Snowmobile
Excellence Award
Outstanding Promotion & Development
Of Snowmobiling
Riverland Recreational Trail Society**

This award was in recognition of both regional and TransCanada snowmobile trails throughout the region. Congratulations!

Thank You!

Words cannot express our gratitude to the many people who worked for a positive outcome to the trail vote in the County of St. Paul and Smoky Lake County. Whether it was working the phones, putting up signs, writing letters or providing financial support, each and everyone of you made a difference. This vote was a first for rural Alberta and truly puts our region on the map.

Where Do We Go From Here?

Many of you are wondering how you can stay involved in the trail building process. The following are some ideas:

- * **Be the eyes and ears of the trail. Pick up litter. Bring suggestions for improvements to the members below or to your county councilor.**
- * **Join Riverland Recreational Trail Society.**
- * **Bring your energy and creativity to a meeting.**
- * **Help with trail construction.**

Call Danny 645 - 3607

- * **With your service group or community organization take on stewardship of a length of trail.**

Call Jerry 645 - 4499

- * **Alberta's Centennial. Assist in planning for a regional commemoration featuring our trail.**

Call Sheila 724 - 2007

- * **Communications. Work on a the newsletter and website.**

Call Marvin 724-2061

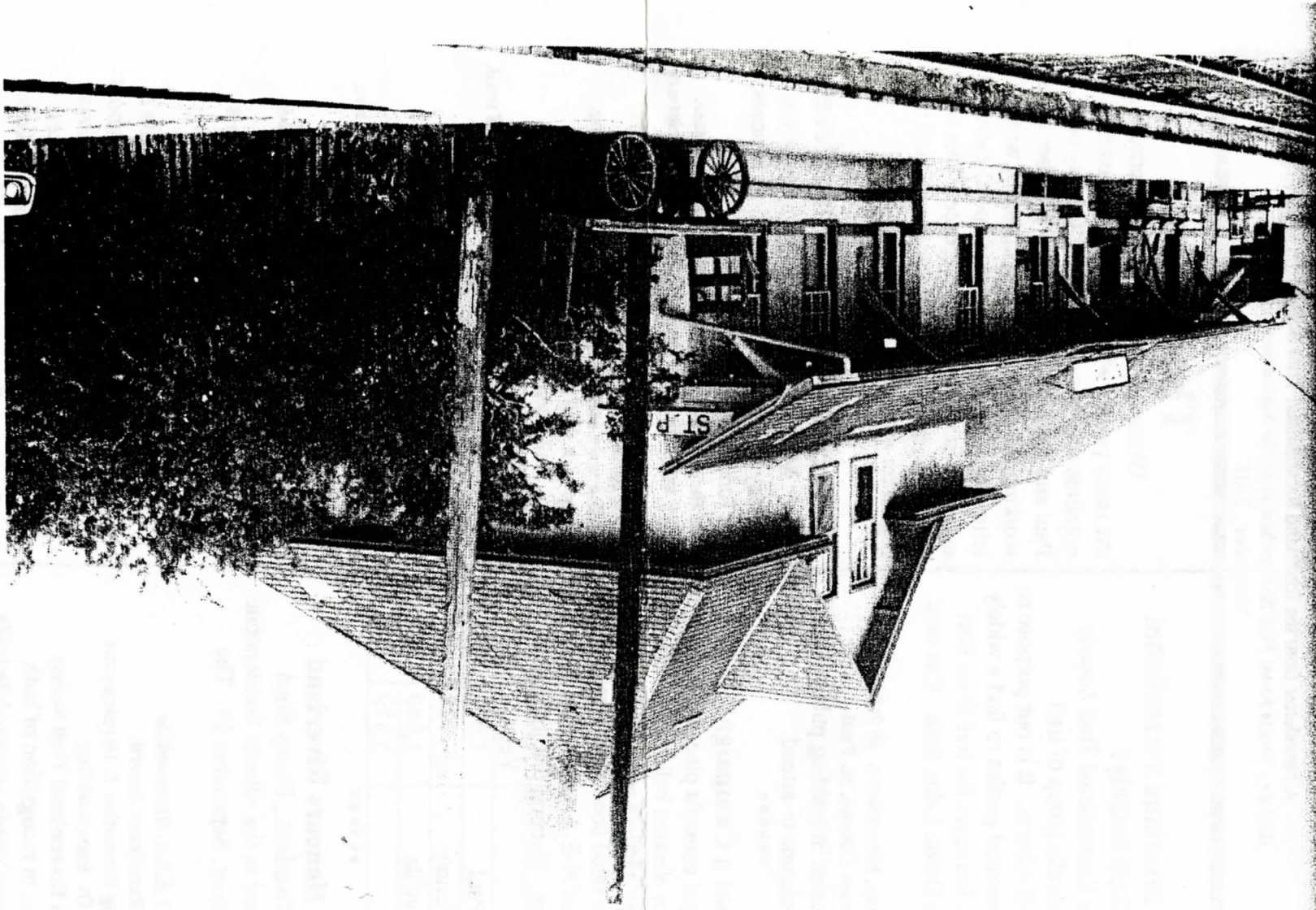
WANTED: Recording Secretary Duties involve taking minutes at regular meetings and faxing / emailing to members. Needed for the November 8 meeting. Call Jerry at 645 - 4499.

Looking for News About Trails?

www.albertatrailnet.com Lots of info about Alberta trails and trail building initiatives.

Links will take you to other trail sites.
www.trailpaq.ca Sponsored by Go For Green and Compaq. Focuses on active lifestyles.

Plan to attend the Riverland meeting. 7:30 Thursday, Nov. 8 @ Portage College, St. Paul.



The station at St. Paul in east-central Alberta was called an "enlarged" Third Class depot when it was built in 1921. Measuring 68' x 21', it was certainly longer than most Third Class stations as originally built. The waiting room door on the front of the building is located between the bay window and the freight house door. Another unique feature is the design of the end of the awning.