

Riverland Recreational Trail Society

Year In Review

2012-13

Maintenance Program

Riverland Recreational Trail Society approached N.E. Muni-Corr with a proposal to fund a three year Maintenance Program to assist with day to day operations of the organization. With Muni-Corr's support, the program was presented to all 10 Municipal partners.

Eight of the ten partners supported the program with another partner supporting the winter grooming of the Iron Horse Trail.

Thank you for your support:

Town of Smoky Lake ~ Village of Glendon ~ Village of Vilna

Town of Elk Point ~ Town of Bonnyville ~ City of Cold Lake

Town of St. Paul ~ County of St. Paul

M.D. of Bonnyville

Casino

Riverland Recreational Trail Society worked a Casino in Camrose in March. The Casino netted the organization \$19,328.81 for upcoming projects.

Casino funds can be spent on projects such as the Iron Horse Trail promotional DVD, Conferences and other Volunteer Training, Trail Counters, Surveillance Camera and some signage.



Waterline Construction

Two waterlines were installed on the Iron Horse Trail this past year. St. Paul to Elk Point saw the trail closed down in sections over the busy summer months.

Smoky Lake to Spedden saw the trail closed completely for the snowmobiling season.



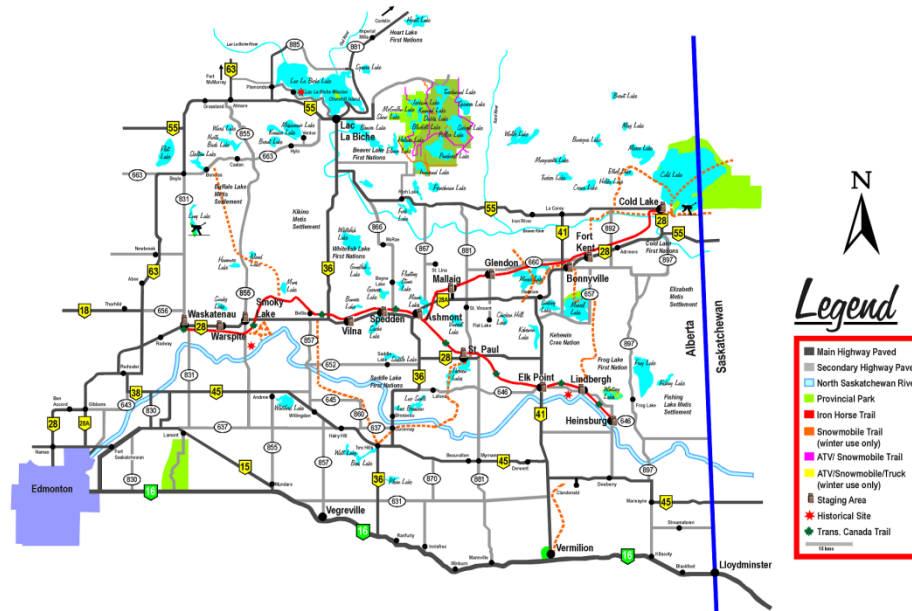
Geocaching

Thanks to the Cold Lake Geocache Club, the Iron Horse Trail is now the longest geocache trail in Canada with over 4,000 caches planted on it. The new Alberta's Iron Horse Trail geocoins are now available.



Regional GIS Site

N.E. Muni- Corr Ltd. hired Accurate Assessment Group to do a video and GPS data collection on the Iron Horse Trail. This information is being uploaded to the Municipalities GIS programs.



Clearwater County Visit

On June 13th, the Deputy Reeve and a councillor from Clearwater County participated in wagon trip on the Iron Horse Trail. RRTS volunteers met with the group to discuss trail building.



Beaver River Trestle Fire



Voluntary Trail Pass

Riverland Recreational Trail Society introduced the Voluntary Trail Passes to a number of businesses along the trail.



Voluntary Trail Contribution
Program Available Here

Travel Alberta Tour

In August, representative from Travel Alberta toured the Lakeland region. They spent part of one day quadding on the Iron Horse Trail.



Iron Horse Trail – Short Story

Travel Alberta selected the Iron Horse Trail as part of their summer Alberta Short Story series. This \$40,000.00 project was filmed over two days in August and the resulting 2 minute video is now on Travel Alberta's YouTube Channel.



Rig Mats

Through Alberta TrailNet, Riverland was able to get 10 rig mats which were donated by Paradox Land for a total value of \$33,000.00.



Newsletter

Riverland Recreational Trail Society sent out it's first quarterly newsletter for 2013.



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Remember to Breathe

In July, four members of Riverland became actors for a few days filming an ATV promotional video. Travel Alberta's campaign "Remember to Breathe" included a segment riding the Iron Horse Trail from Smoky Lake to Heinsburg. Besides the opportunity to showcase our beautiful region, we received many hours of high-quality video footage for our own use. View the "Remember to Breathe" ads on YouTube (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThFCg0tBDck>). Thank you to all Riverland members who provided back-up to this project. The Project was a \$40000 value to the region.

To see our earlier video (20 minutes)
<http://www.ironhorsetrail.ca/downloads.html>

WHY A NEWSLETTER?

This newsletter is a way to highlight some of the accomplishments of RRTS. Hopefully it will develop into a volunteer information pamphlet emailed each

License of Occupation

N.E. Muni- Corr Ltd. and Riverland Recreational Trail Society renewed the 10 year lease on the right of way.



New For 2013

- New website
- Complete water line construction
- Transfer Right of Way and staging areas into one title
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Rebuilding the Beaver River Trestle
- Replace picnic tables and signage
- Plan new infrastructure