



## SPRA's 2010 Spring Symposium to Feature Two Trail Workshops

SPRA's **2010 Spring Education Training Symposium** is taking place from April 11-15 at the Humboldt Uniplex, and



trail groups and enthusiasts are invited to participate. The symposium is an opportunity to network and to discuss trends in the parks and facility industry, including the province's trails.

During the Symposium, the Saskatchewan Trails Association is sponsoring the **Recreation Trail Development and Planning**

**Workshop**, taking place on April 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Michael Haynes, Director of TransActive Solutions, will present this session focused on creating trail plans and overcoming public and political challenges in rural communities for new and existing trails. Participants will create a sample trail plan and work together to problem solve any issues.

The cost of the workshop is \$100 for SPRA members and \$150 for non-members.

Also as part of its 2010 Spring Education Symposium, SPRA is hosting a free **Built Environment Workshop – Practical Strategies to Create Healthy Spaces and Connected Places** on April 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bella Vista Inn in Humboldt.

Designed for volunteers, municipal staff, health professionals, school administrators, and parks and recreation professionals, the workshop will cover examples of current projects encouraging physical activity as well as provide tools to assist in the development of environments that promote physical activity. Best practice case studies will be presented by the Built Environment Action Team and the Yorkton Transportation Initiative.

For more information and registration forms for the Symposium, the Recreation Trail and Development Planning workshop, and the Built Environment Workshop, visit [www.sasktrails.ca](http://www.sasktrails.ca). Register by March 31.

### Mark Your Calendar!

The Saskatchewan Trails Association is holding its AGM on March 20, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kiwanis River Park Lodge in Wakamow Valley, Moose Jaw. The meeting will feature a presentation about the City of Moose Jaw's recent trail project funded by the grant from the National Trails Coalition and the federal government.

### Wanted: Board Members

Are you interested in helping to enhance and develop Saskatchewan's trail network? Here's your opportunity! The Saskatchewan Trails Association invites you to serve on its Board of Directors. Board members serve for two year terms. The next election of Board Members will take place at the AGM on March 20, 2010. For more information, email [prediger@sasktrails.ca](mailto:prediger@sasktrails.ca).



## *NTC-Federal Recreational Trails Program Draws to a Close*

Saskatchewan trails have been undergoing major construction and repairs over the past nine months, thanks to a \$25 million investment into Canada's trail by the federal government. Administered by the National Trails Coalition, the grant program, which was announced in July 2009 and draws to a close in March 2010, has allocated more than \$400,000 to 33 Saskatchewan projects for ATV, snowmobile, and non-motorized trails.

In the snowmobile category, 14 groups successfully received over \$92,000 in funding for projects such as new safety signs and trail upgrades. Recipient groups include: Battlefords Trail Breakers, Border Explorers Snowmobile Club, Esker Bear, Esterhazy Super Sledders, Estevan Snowmobile Club, Grenfell Snowdrifters, Hudson Bay Trail Riders, Naicam Snowblasters, Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association, Timber Trails Sno Riders, Twin Lakes Trail Blazers Inc., Whiteswan Snow Hawks, and Yorkton Sno-Riders Club.

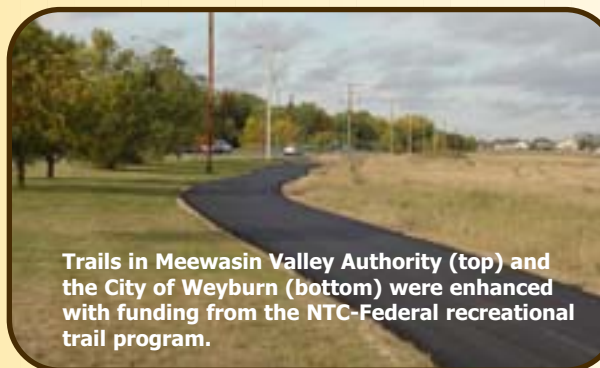
Over \$50,000 in funding was provided to three ATV/off-road motorcycle groups to upgrade trail systems, produce maps and signs, and purchase groom-

ing equipment. Successful applicants include: Archerwill Drift Riders Inc., Saskatchewan All Terrain Vehicle Association, and Timber Trails ATV Co-op.

Non-motorized trail grants totalling over \$270,000 were provided to 17 groups to complete and maintain existing trails, build new trails, develop maps, brochures and signs, and document trails using a GPS system.

Recipients include: Buffalo Pound Provincial Park, City of Humboldt, City of Moose Jaw, City of Weyburn, Friends of Cypress Hills Park, Great Plains TCT Association, Horizons Unlimited/Churchill River Canoe Outfitters, Meewasin Valley Authority, Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture, and Sport, Tansi TCT Association Inc, Wascana Centre Authority, Wascana Valley Natural Area, and White Butte Trails Recreation Site.

The federal government recently announced that funding for the program has not been renewed; however, the NTC is continuing to lobby for a continuation of funding.



**Trails in Meewasin Valley Authority (top) and the City of Weyburn (bottom) were enhanced with funding from the NTC-Federal recreational trail program.**