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Highlights from the Saskatchewan Trails Annual General Meeting

The third annual general meeting of the Trails Association was recently held on September 22 in Martensville. The meeting featured presentations by the Honourable Graham Addley, Minister of Healthy Living Services, who spoke of the important role trails play in healthy living, and Kent Muench, Martensville Town Councillor, who told of the advantages the Trans Canada Trail will bring to Martensville.

Several other topics were discussed at the meeting, including the provincial Trail Building Grant, the development of the Trans Canada Trail in Saskatchewan, and the upcoming Provincial Trails Conference. Ken Anderson of Oasis Insurance discussed the new insurance program of the association. A roundtable discussion followed, in which the progress of trail development in all areas of the province was presented.

At the meeting, Abbie Roth, Bob Collier, Ed Spratt, and Greg Swanson were elected to the board of directors for a two-year term. In a board meeting following the annual general meeting, the following officers were appointed: Curt Schroeder as President; Ed Spratt, Vice President; Cathy Watts, Secretary; and Dorothy Rhead, Treasurer.

Alberta and Manitoba Receive Funds for Trans Canada Trail Development

The STA would like to congratulate Alberta and Manitoba on the recent significant amount of funds provided for the development of the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) in both provinces.

In Alberta, the provincial government recently invested \$1.2 million to help complete the province's 2,200 kilometre portion of the TCT. The grant was provided through the Alberta Lottery Fund and will be administered by the Alberta TrailNet Society, the provincial trail council.

In Manitoba, \$2.5 million was contributed from both the federal and provincial governments. The funds will be used by the Winnipeg Trails Association to complete an 81 kilometre cyclist and pedestrian pathway system in Winnipeg.

The STA is currently looking to the Saskatchewan government for support in developing the province's Trans Canada Trail system. With support from the government, Saskatchewan can join Alberta and Manitoba and help to complete the longest trail system in the world. In addition, a partnership between STA and the government would ensure that communities in every area of Saskatchewan can develop multi-use trail systems for residents to enjoy throughout the year.

Upcoming Saskatchewan Trails Strategy Conference

The STA is preparing to host a two day conference focused on developing a trails strategy for Saskatchewan. The conference, which will take place on April 18-19 2008 at the Delta Hotel in Regina, is designed to help build community between organizations and awareness of recreational trails in Saskatchewan.

Events at the conference will include a trade show, strategic planning sessions, and presentations from departments of the provincial government. The conference will bring together a variety of organizations, including provincial non-profit agencies, recreation associations, and representatives from the governments of Alberta and Manitoba.

Funds for the conference have been provided by the Community Initiative Fund.