

Crow Wing Trail Grand Opening
September 9th 2006

Information for Follow Up Article

On Saturday September 9th the Crow Wing Trail was officially declared open. The ceremony began with the Mayor of Ritchot, Bob Stefaniuk, welcoming those in attendance.

Ron Lemieux, MLA for La Verendrye, spoke about the importance of developing the Trans Canada Trail and how the Provincial Government fully supports this initiative being undertaken by the volunteer sector. (see press release: www.gov.mb.ca/chc/press/top/2006/08/2006-08-30-01.html)

Harold Westdal, Manitoba Representative for the Board of Directors for the Trans Canada Trail Foundation presented a cheque for \$5,000 to the Crow Wing Trail Association for the construction of the St. Malo boardwalk.

Elisabeth Ostrop, Executive Director, Manitoba Recreational Trails Association stated:

“The Crow Wing Trail commemorates an important part of Manitoba’s past. Prior to the introduction of the railway it served as an important trade route between St. Paul, Minnesota and Fort Garry – or present day Winnipeg. We are pleased to have the Historic Crow Wing trail be integral part of the Trans Canada Trail in Manitoba - linking the present with the past and connecting the diverse communities along its route.”

“The volunteers and all those involved with the Crow Wing Trail have managed to set yet another milestone in their achievements towards the successful completion of the Trans Canada Trail in Manitoba. The Manitoba Recreational Trails Association cannot thank the Crow Wing Trail Association enough for your tremendous effort and contribution towards making the Trans Canada Trail a reality”.

Linda Morin, President of the Crow Wing Trail Association – speech attached.

Ribbon Cutting Picture: from right to left:

Murielle Bugera, Vice President Crow Wing Trail, Chaboille Representative

Ron Lemieux, MLA La Verendrye

Linda Morin, President Crow Wing Trail, Ritchot Representative

Priscilla Reimer, Franklin Representative

Charlie Nelson, Roseau River First Nation Representative