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Emerson CWT Trail Bridge

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Board members & volunteers in Emerson on their annual trail review. The Crow Wing Trail's second suspension bridge took a beating from the Red River last spring, but remained in place. A testimony to good work from our supporters in Emerson.

2010 - A Time of Transition for the Crow Wing Trail - Chemin St. Paul

Focus Shifting from Building to Trail Activities

Over the past decade or so, the Crow Wing Trail Association and its volunteers and supporters have been driven (some might say obsessed) with completing the building of the Trans-Canada Trail portion from Winnipeg to Emerson. The process, involving six separate municipalities and one First Nation, was enjoyable, but certainly time consuming.

The trail has now been officially open for almost 2 years, and our Association has begun to shift our focus from all the things involved in trail construction, and seek out ways to promote the trail and encourage its use.

One example has been the completion of a Heritage Resource Guide, funded by Manitoba Culture & Heritage and compiled by Mr. Georges Beaudry of O'Roseau. This guide, available in pdf format for download, provides information on trail highlights, history and even GPS coordinates to allow trail users to conduct self-guided tours.

We believe we have to do much more of this kind of thing, as well as develop our ability to communicate with the public and our members. We are planning a twice yearly newsletter during 2010, and recently made application to the Sustainable Development Innovations Fund at Conservation Manitoba

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for some support to develop in several new programming directions.

This doesn't mean we haven't been busy with the regular chores. This summer, we had a crew from Katimavik in St. Pierre assist us in maintaining trail signs and installing a much needed handrail near to the Senkiw Bridge. We are always looking for volunteers to help us improve and maintain our trail.

Annual General Meeting

2010

Guest Speaker: Howard Skrypnyk, Provincial Trails Consultant

Monday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Howden Hall, 1078 Red River Drive, Howden MB

(east side of HWY 75 just north of PR 210, bridge out at St. Adolphe)