

The Manitoba Trans Canada Trail Interpretive Project

The Manitoba Recreational Trails Association (MRTA) is the designated Provincial Trail Council for the TCT in Manitoba. In 2003 the MRTA hired a professional interpreter to develop an Interpretive Plan to enrich trail users' experiences along the trail.

The 2003 Interpretive Plan identified locations for 7 Interpretive Kiosks and suggested themes. The plan also provided locations for 17 interpretive nodes. In 2008, the 49 signs were professionally designed to complement existing interpretive materials. The digital files are in EPS and PDF form and ready for printing.

In July 2009 the MRTA was informed that it was the successful recipient of a National Trails Coalition grant, which will supply 50% of the funding towards the completion of this project. Information on the National Trails Coalition may be found at <http://www.ntc-canada.ca/news/July%2030%202009%20Backgrounder.pdf>

The 'Manitoba Trans Canada Trail Interpretive Project' consists of two components.

1) The Interpretive Kiosk Project Summary

The Project Manager will work with the MRTA Interpretive Committee, City of Winnipeg, Provincial representatives and local Trail Builder Groups. He/she will recommend a suitable location for the prototype kiosk (2 possible locations are being confirmed), Issue contract for kiosk design and costing, determine themes for kiosk in conjunction with location representatives, issue contract for content, finalize materials for prototype, ensure that all permissions, approvals and permits are obtained as required, oversee implementation of kiosk installation and troubleshoot project. All the functions listed above are broken down into sub-categories in a more detailed project outline. The Project Manager will be required to submit all documents and invoices as required fulfilling the NTC Agreement.

2) The Interpretive Nodes Project Summary

17 Interpretive Nodes – each node site will have approximately 3 tailor-made signs for a total of 49 interpretive signs. Suggested text and types of illustrations for 49 themes have been provided. Each sign is 36"x24". The project will include printing the signs on to an all season, all weather product, such as diabond, purchasing or constructing the structures to house the signs and final installation of the structures and signs at 17 locations along the 1350 km. stretch of Manitoba's Trans Canada Trail (TCT).

The Project Manager will work with the MRTA Interpretive Committee and all other stakeholders. He/she will help finalize panel design (after a review with the Interpretive Committee), issue the contract for building panel supports, issue the contract for panel support installation (this contract could be combined building and installation), and oversee installation according to the contract. Submit all documents and invoices as required to fulfill NTC Agreement

The Project Manager position reports to the MRTA Interpretive Committee who in turn reports to the MRTA Board of Directors.

Timelines

These projects must be completed by no later than March 31, 2010.