



# TrailTech

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The Trans Canada Trail Foundation recently changed their policy on grant funding eligible expense categories. Please note that projects may receive up to 20% maximum funding upon approval by the TCT. All projects submitted from June 2008 forward will be reviewed using the new rules. Each eligible item refers to costs related directly to an approved trail project.

**The following items are still eligible for funding:** Material costs, Labour costs, Equipment rental, Regulatory/safety signage, Work on bridges

**The following items are now eligible for funding:** Feasibility studies, Engineering studies, Economic impact studies, Trail amenities (rest stops), Look-outs, gazebo, Parking lots, Trail promotion (opening event), Interpretive signage, Information kiosks and trail heads, Licenses/permits (for construction), Property taxes on TCT designated lands prior to development, Project coordinator and site office, GST/PST on eligible expenses

**The following items are still ineligible for funding:** General administration costs, Contingencies, Trail maintenance, Personnel contracts for and PR people etc.

## Did You Know...

that 80% of Canadians now live within 30 minutes of operational Trans Canada Trail.

that the TCT is an 18,000 km recreation corridor that goes through every province and territory, linking 800 communities along its route

*"Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## New Trans Canada Trail President and CEO

The Board of Directors of Trans Canada Trail has announced the appointment of Deborah Apps as President and CEO, effective immediately.

Ms Apps is a senior professional with more than 25 years of experience in health care, education, the arts and the not-for profit community. She previously served as Senior Vice-President of Communications and Community Relations for the Calgary Health Region, President and CEO of the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation and Executive Director of the University of British Columbia Alumni Association.

"The Trans Canada Trail is delighted to welcome Deborah Apps as President and CEO," said Valerie Pringle, Chair of the Trans Canada Trail Board. "She is well-known for her leadership in non-profit management, successful fund development campaigns, strategic communications and fostering collaborative relationships with key stakeholders. Her experience and skills are exactly what we need as we move forward in building the Trans Canada Trail. Deborah has been a member of the Board for the last three years and she is passionate about the Trail as an important Canadian legacy project."

## Government of Canada delivers for Alberta workers and communities

March 28, 2008

### *Training and investment to assist those affected by international economic volatility*

Ottawa... Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Premier Ed Stelmach announced today that Alberta will receive \$104 million as part of the new national Community Development Trust.

The Government of Canada created the trust to help provinces and territories assist communities and workers suffering economic hardship caused by the current volatility in global financial and commodities markets. The Trust will be funded with \$1 billion from the projected 2007–08 federal budget surplus and has a three-year lifespan.

“The Community Development Trust was a commitment by Ottawa to help the hard-working families and communities of our country influenced by international economic instability, and I am pleased Alberta is taking advantage of this opportunity,” said Prime Minister Harper. “The Trust complements a number of federal initiatives designed to ensure a healthy Canadian economy for years to come.”

Premier Stelmach acknowledged the Prime Minister’s leadership in establishing the Trust, noting certain Alberta sectors are not immune to international economic volatility.

“Alberta is fortunate its economy is strong and most sectors are on solid ground,” said Premier Stelmach. “However, industries like forestry and livestock are experiencing some turbulent times. This funding allows us to target those communities affected by changes in the global marketplace.”

The Alberta government will use funding from the Community Development Trust in a variety of areas, including:

- Training and skills development assistance for workers affected by recent adjustments in the economy.
- Assist greater Aboriginal participation in Alberta’s labour force.
- Investments aimed at strengthening communities reliant on Alberta’s agriculture and forestry sectors, and assisting those communities affected by the Mountain Pine Beetle.
- Investing in research and innovation to develop new and value-added opportunities.
- Developing and strengthening targeted infrastructure to foster economic transition.

The Alberta government has agreed to administer the funds that it receives and to comply with Canada’s obligations pursuant to the North American Free Trade Agreement, the Softwood Lumber Agreement and its membership in the World Trade Organization. For more information phone (613) 957-5555.

### **Grouard - Peace River Trail Net Society’s Annual “Trail Day” July 5, 2008**

This special celebration was for the completion of approximately half, of the Trans Canada Trail that the Grouard - Peace River Trail Net Society was requested to find and construct in this area of Alberta. This fifty some odd kilometers of trail is located from the hamlet of Grouard eastward to Big Point and the north shore of Lesser Slave Lake in northern Alberta. This Trail is truly an outstanding hiking experience for lovers of nature and the great outdoors. This celebration was held at Hilliard’s Bay Provincial Park on **Saturday, July 5, 2008** at the Old Park Office site. Guided hikes and refreshments were offered during the afternoon.



## Trail Insurance and Special Events

Events such as trail relays and bike races can present many serious control and risk management issues. Here are some things to consider when you are planning your next special event:

- Check Participant fitness levels prior to acceptance (signed statement or doctor's approval).
- Obtain signed Release Forms that are legally adequate (Note: parents/guardians cannot waive a minor's rights to sue).
- Ensure that participants use only their own equipment (horses, bikes, etc.) not equipment provided by the trail group
- Ensure that participants using horses have liability insurance in place (available through each provinces Equine Association)
- Provide provision for supervision and qualified emergency response staff over the course
- Review accommodation, food and fluids along the route for both people and horses (if applicable).

Information provided by David Cline, Capri Insurance

### Triathlon Attracts International Attention - July 19th

Inspired by Athabasca's triathlon, Shannon Loutitt is re-running her great-grandfather Billy Loutit's legendary 100 Mile Journey. Starting from the Edmonton Legislative grounds at 10am July 18<sup>th</sup>, Shannon plans to arrive at Athabasca's River Landing at 10am on Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Joining Shannon en route will be ultra-marathoner Ray Zahab and Linda Rainville Wagar (author and editor of *Canadian Marathon Stories*). The public is invited to join Shannon for part of her run.

Come cheer for Shannon at the Athabasca Riverfront on Saturday morning, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Special Pasta Dinner at Multiplex Saturday Night July 19<sup>th</sup>  
Guest Speaker ultra-marathoner Ray Zahab (the man who ran across the Sahara Desert in 111 days).  
Dinner tickets available before July 11<sup>th</sup> at Value Drug Mart and Old Crow (\$14). Speaker only—by donation.

Visit <http://www.thenewmessenger.ca/> or call 780-675-3587 for more information. Billy Loutit Triathlon: see <http://www.billyloutit.ca/> or call 780-675-5078.



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