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Annual Report 2021 Year in Review

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Treaty 1 (Spruce Woods)

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Land Acknowledgement

The trails in Manitoba are located on the original lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Assiniboine, Dakota and Dene Peoples, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

We encourage all trail users to learn more about the land that they are travelling on.

Message from the President

2021 was a busy and exciting year, even with the ongoing pandemic. We had the inaugural year for our new grant program, which was so successful the Province of Manitoba provided an additional \$2.5 million dollars in top-up funding to help ensure more projects were delivered. Trails Manitoba is very grateful to the Province for their ongoing support.

Manitoba has so many wonderful and beautiful trails to experience and many of those are thanks to countless volunteers and local trail groups who are out there building, maintaining, and grooming them. Thank you to all the volunteers and trail groups for your passion and dedication. Special thanks to the Trails Manitoba staff and Board as well. We are so lucky to have you all.

With the recent Provincial funding, the success of our grant program, and the strength of our volunteers, the future of Trails Manitoba looks very bright.

- Erik



Treaty 1 (Trails MB)

Message from the Executive Director

Adaptability. Resilience.

2021 can be summed up in two words: adaptability and resilience. This past year, we not only experienced a continuation of the COVID pandemic and health related protocols, but faced severe drought conditions and a very active wild-fire season to boot. Back country trail closures, delays in obtaining trail permits, and scarcity in materials also became common story lines, leading way to additional challenges faced by the Trails Community.

Yet even with these challenges, we collectively found a way to adapt and push forward. Recreational trails (when open) have continued to be a haven for people, a place to reconnect and recreate.

If these past two years have taught us anything, it's that the desire to be outdoors, the desire to be active, and the desire to have readily accessible recreational trails is crucial for our personal and community health and well-being.

- Tim



Treaty 3 (Trails MB)

Strategic Plan 2021-2024

TRAILS MANITOBA STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2024



VISION

Our vision is that people in Manitoba will desire and benefit from a fully integrated and supported trail network, linking communities and people throughout the province.

MISSION

To provide the support and resources necessary to promote the development and use of recreational trail throughout Manitoba, thereby improving the overall well being of our communities.

LEADERSHIP:

Be the provincial leader in recreational trails.

- Be the strong voice and advocate for recreational trails.
- Advance the positive impact of trails through relationship building.
- Champion recreational trails as essential to supporting healthy, active, and connected communities.
- Positively contribute to reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.
- Continually improve the province's recreational trail infrastructure.

MEMBER SUPPORT & PARTNERSHIPS:

Continue to grow & enhance our recreational trails community.

- Increase membership & continually improve overall benefits.
- Connect our members to one another and engage them in our Association.
- Be visible and relevant to members.
- Build partnerships that emphasize the value and importance of trails in Manitoba.
- Establish/strengthen relationships with other related trail organizations.
- Establish strong government connections.
- Strengthen our commitment to support volunteer trail associations and other volunteers.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUCCESS:

Thrive & be resilient.

- Embrace continuous improvement.
- Be proactive in securing funds.
- Enhance organizational capability through adequate succession planning.
- Inspire and support excellence in staff.
- Foster and recruit diverse Board members.
- Be proactive in legacy planning.

SUSTAINABILITY:

Be an industry leader in environmental & economic development.

- Make trails more desirable to users.
- Enhance signage, print, and online materials to help trail users explore the trail.
- Promote sustainable use of trails.
- Continue to make positive advancements in environmental conservation.
- Strengthen overall support for trails by reinforcing positive economic and social development.

See [www.trailsmanitoba.ca/about/2021-2024 Strategic Plan](http://www.trailsmanitoba.ca/about/2021-2024%20Strategic%20Plan)

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***NEW* Trails Manitoba Grant Program**

Trails Manitoba is proud to partner with the Province of Manitoba and The Winnipeg Foundation by offering two recreational trail grants: *Trails Grant for Manitoba* and *Trails Grant for Winnipeg*. These two grant programs represent an investment of \$9 million from the Province of Manitoba, for the development and enhancement of recreational trails throughout Manitoba. The grants will assist in making our trails attractive and inclusive destinations for Manitobans and visitors alike, in celebration of the peoples, communities and landscapes that this province has to offer. These grants are designed to advance the trail system to reap both social and economic benefits to Manitobans. The projects funded through these grants will also focus on enhancing the environmental perspective of trail users through intentionally directed educational experiences devoted to the responsible use and conservation of natural resources. Through these grants, Trails Manitoba is dedicated to the use of trails by all people to improve their physical, psychological, and social well-being. This investment will enable our associations, municipalities, and the people dedicated to the stewardship of recreational trails to foster a trail system that will be enjoyed now, and by future generations to come.



Treaty 3 (RM of Riding Mountain West)

Trails Grant for Manitoba

The Trails Grant for Manitoba is an annual grant that will continue indefinitely. It is intended for trail associations, municipalities, or other not-for-profit groups, that have the means to provide continued stewardship of trails. Specific objectives for this grant include:

- * **Provide new recreational trail opportunities** which includes extending or improving existing trails, developing new trails, and addressing trail gaps and barriers.
- * **Improve the quality of the existing recreational trail network** or the user's experience including safety improvements, signage, wayfinding, and barriers to access.
- * **Maintenance of the recreational trail network**, including pruning, repairing holes, trail beautification, normal erosion/drainage repairs, clean-up, usual repairs (signage, barriers, fencing, surfacing) and other maintenance tasks that are undertaken for upkeep of a trail.

Trails Grant for Winnipeg

The Trails Grant for Winnipeg is an annual grant with an approximate allocation of \$500,000 per year. The last intake for this specific grant is set for 2024. This fund is largely intended for trail associations, the City of Winnipeg, or other not-for-profit groups, that have the means to provide continued stewardship of trails. Specific objectives for this grant include:

- * **Increase the length of the greenway trail network.**
- * **Improve the quality of the existing greenway trail network.**
- * **Improve the user's experience.**

"Our government recognizes the increased demand among Manitobans for trail activities and the need for outdoor recreation opportunities. Outdoor recreation is very important and one of the safest ways to support physical and mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic. This investment will help support the development and maintenance of new trails across our province, giving Manitoban's opportunities to engage in activities that are beneficial for their health and well-being while following public health guidelines."

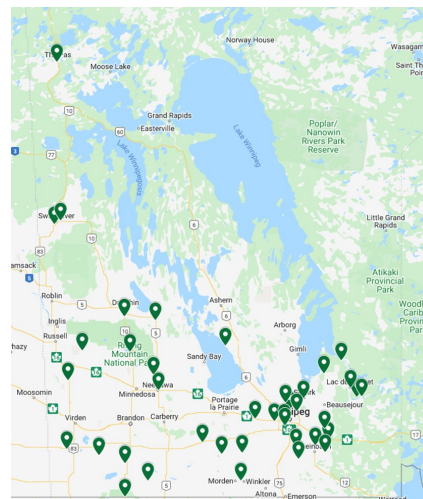
- Hon. Derek Johnson, Minister of Municipal Relations (December 8, 2021)

2021 Trails Grant for Manitoba Approved Projects

* 2021 Maintenance - Pinawa Trail	\$12,000	* Lac du Bonnet Trails Project Cape Coppermine & Blueberry Rock Trail	\$28,740
* Blumenort Penner South Pathway	\$27,790	* LUD of Richer Walking Path Betterment	\$7,000
* Boyne Valley Nature Trail Improvements	\$1,108	* Minto Walking Trail	\$2,000
* Brokenhead Interpretive Trail Loop	\$28,850	* Monominto Hiking and Walking Trail	\$15,000
* Carman Community Pathway Extension	\$22,419	* Morden-Stanley-Winkler Access Trail	\$75,000
* Completing and Enhancing the Northgate Multi-use Trail System	\$75,000	* Parc Carillion Trail Upgrade	\$26,504
* Connecting our Community: Killarney-Turtle Mountain	\$24,583	* Peanut Line Trail Development	\$12,225
* Crow Wing Trail Maintenance	\$6,000	* Pinawa TCT Bridge and Tread Renewal	\$23,080
* East Selkirk Trails - Limestone Treadway & Nature Trails	\$20,000	* Prairie View Municipality Trail Improvement	\$3,400
* Elie Loop	\$6,275	* Regional Trail System Project A: Connecting Stonewall to Stoney Mountain	\$65,366
* Explore the Loop - Powerview Pine Falls	\$40,000	* Rosedale Farm Trail Enhancement	\$2,300
* Extension of Grassmere Road Trail to McPhillips Street Hwy 8	\$75,000	* RSTA Maintenance and Awareness Project	\$7,040
* Glenway to East St. Paul Trail Entrance	\$33,000	* Russell Trail and Bydak Trail Rehabilitation	\$10,000
* Grace Lake Boardwalk and Boreal Trail	\$75,000	* Ski Birch Trail Improvements	\$3,200
* Headingley Grand Trunk Trail Scenic Walking Trail	\$39,200	* Swan Valley Trails Assoc. Brush Mower & Trailer	\$3,000
* Improvements to Langford-Neepawa Winter Park	\$1,700	* Tetraut Park Trail	\$65,000
* International Peace Garden Trail Project	\$25,000	* Thunderhill Trail Concept Plan	\$25,000
		* Turtle River Trails Improvements - Phase 1	\$8,911
		* Upkeep of Trails at Lunder Beach	\$6,206
		* Whitewater Park Interpretive Walking Trail	\$8,750

2021 Trails Grant for Winnipeg Approved Projects

* Assiniboine Park - The Grove	\$50,000
* FortWhyte Alive's Signage and Interpretive Center Pathway Improvements	\$21,000
* North Winnipeg Parkway	\$150,000
* Northwest Hydro Corridor	\$450,000



Trails MB Funded Trail Projects

Centennial Trail - \$3,982

Trail Maintenance

Contracted trail maintenance (MWM Earthworks) was completed on the western section of the Centennial Trail. The project focused on clearing various remote trail sections along the 44km trail to allow for an enhanced user experience. TCT provided signage to Centennial Trail to place along the trail where the work was completed.



North Whiteshell Trail - In progress

Comprehensive Study

This project will deliver a comprehensive study of the North Whiteshell Trail system. The study will focus on the watershed and movement of water near the Trail, with the intent to address areas prone to flooding and marshland protection. In collaboration with Manitoba Parks and other key stakeholders, the project will provide recommendations for Trail improvement, repair and long-term maintenance.

Additionally, the project will deliver an assessment of the Trail through the lens of signage, specifically identification of decision points along the Trail that may be a source of confusion for users and/or where users may become lost.

Scatliff+Miller+Murray has been contracted to lead the study.



Trails MB Funded Trail Projects

South Whiteshell Blue Highway - In Progress *Meeting Hub Development & Interpretive Signage*

This project includes the construction of the meeting Hub and interpretative signage which details local indigenous history, local ecosystem, as well as trailhead signage pertinent to the Trans Canada Trail. These components will be constructed on or adjacent to the Trans Canada Trail.

Located less than 1/2 km from the Caddy Lake Campground and Resort Area parking lot, hikers or bikers would climb the gentle crushed granite switchback trail up, less than 1/2 km, up to the meeting Hub, which is located on a beautiful granite outcrop. At this hub, there will be a kiosk installed, which would include: benches, maps of the area (trailhead signs) and interpretive signage.



South Whiteshell Blue Highway - In Progress *Skills area, Thunderbird Structure & Parking Lot Development*

This project includes a unique mountain bike skills area & family meeting hub with info kiosk, benches, interpretive signage and maps to access hiking & biking on granite outcrops in the pre-Cambrian Shield

Choose your own adventure: Children can play, explore nature, hike a 2.4 km trail/Centennial Trail/TCT/McGillivray Falls, or bike the Blue Highway Route/the beginner skills structure shaped as a Thunderbird (a significant spiritual animal to the Anishinaabe Ride)/ or hike the adjacent 1.3 km Intermediate Skills Loop with fun wood & rock structures.

All components of the project are located less than 1/2 km from the Caddy Lake Campground and Resort area.



Trails MB Funded Trail Projects

Lac du Bonnet - \$2,000 *Trail Maintenance*

This project included brushing and mowing approximately 15 kilometers of various sections of the Bluewater Trail South in the RM of Lac du Bonnet and on Manitoba Hydro right of way. Some portions of this trail also required levelling to fill in ruts and degradation caused by unwanted ATV activity. The Lac du Bonnet Trail Association conducts maintenance twice during the spring/summer/fall season to ensure the trail is in a condition that is hazard-free and attractive to trail users.



Centennial Trail - \$6,600 + PM & Design Services *Signage Improvement Project*

This project consisted of the design, fabrication and installation of 4 kiosks (trailheads), 10 Trail Access signs, 32 Trail Junction signs, and 1636 wayfinding signs that are needed for trail user safety given the remoteness of the Trail. All existing signage along the Trail is being removed as part of this project.



Trails MB Funded Trail Projects

Whiteshell - \$5,000 + PM & Design Services *Kiosk Refurbishment Project*



Trails Manitoba completed a review of the current conditions of existing TCT Kiosks (and associated signage) throughout the Whiteshell Provincial Park in July 2019. This project consisted of renovating/updating 7 of those Whiteshell kiosks.

In addition to the kiosks, the project also completed the design, fabrication and installation of 6 new signs (2 large, 4 small) along the section of trail between Brereton & Jessica Lake.



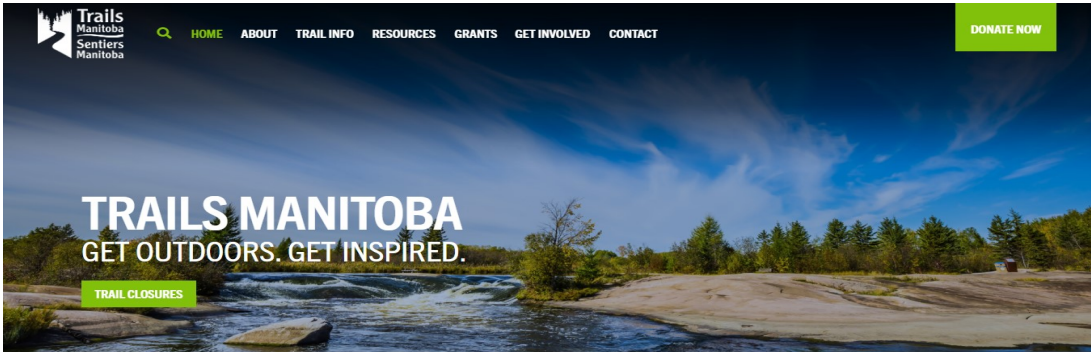
Benchmark Project - PM Services *Pinawa Installation*

Reflection Station by Sophia Tang and Hans-Christian Buhl of Berlin, Germany is a new addition to the Ironwood Trail in Pinawa, Manitoba. Benchmark is an international design competition organized by Storefront Manitoba and the Winnipeg Trails Association to reimagine public space along trail systems in Manitoba.

Reflection Station is made up of four stations that reflect the natural areas of the Ironwood Trail, while simultaneously revealing the many modes of movement along the trail. The stations, which function as exterior furniture and art pieces along the trail, are clad with mirror-finished stainless steel, creating a mirage effect that, at certain vantage points, disappears into its surroundings



New Website - Funded in part by the Digital Manitoba Initiative



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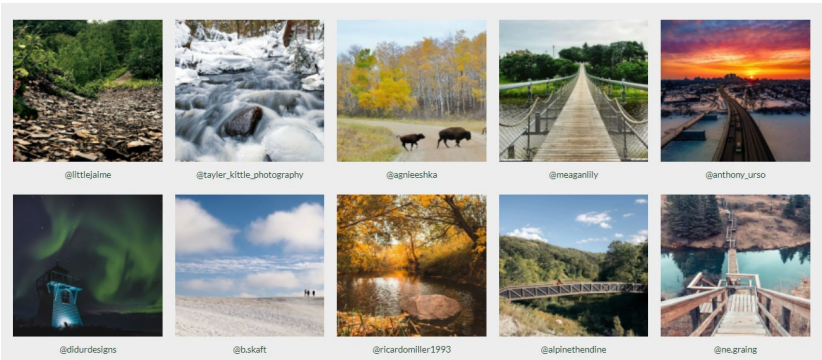
Our mission is to provide the support and resources necessary to promote the development and use of recreational trail throughout Manitoba, thereby improving the overall well being of our communities.

Social Media (Instagram, Facebook)



31.6k Followers

3583 Posts



Trails Manitoba would like to acknowledge Jaime Manness. Jaime has curated the Trails Manitoba Instagram account for the past number of years and continues to do an outstanding job! Through Jaime’s volunteer efforts, she has grown our account to over 31.6k followers. Her professionalism, sense of adventure, and desire to share trail information and experiences, has been truly valuable for the Trails Community.



Thank you!



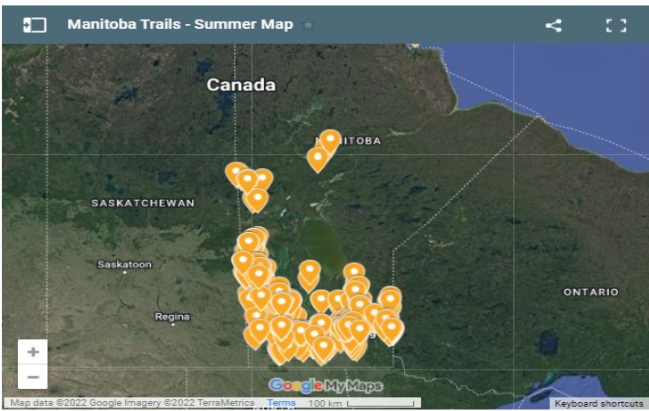
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3,496 Likes

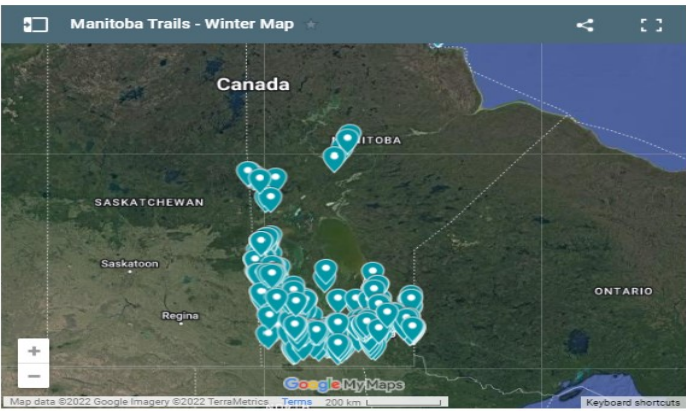
4,260 Followers

New Interactive Online Maps

SUMMER MAP



WINTER MAP



New Hiking Trail Difficulty Scale

Hiking Trail Difficulty Scale based on Terrain Navigability



Level	1	2	3	4
May Include:	Paved, boardwalk or prepared surface	Mildly rooted, small loose rock, gravel or uneven grassy surface	Moderately rooted, loose rock, boggy, sandy or medium sized boulders	Heavily rooted, large boulders, or very uneven and gapped surfaces
	Small inclines or declines	Some moderate inclines or declines may be present	Some steep inclines or declines	Large steep inclines or declines
				Requires climbing on rock surfaces



This does not include natural hazards that may have arisen from tree fall, rock fall or flooding

Summer Employee - Hayley Ward

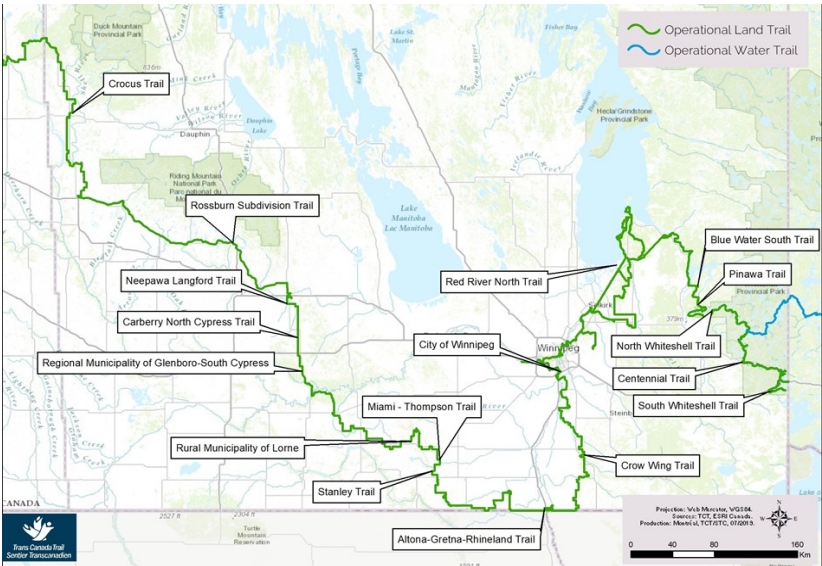
As the Trail Research & Mapping Coordinator, Hayley worked closely with the Trails MB Team to help provide a better online experience for trail enthusiasts across Manitoba. The main focus of the project was to collect data/information on all recreational trails in the province of Manitoba, and to help develop an interactive map for trail uses. Funding provided by the Manitoba Municipal Relations Urban/Hometown Green Team Program.

The Trans Canada Trail in Manitoba

The Trans Canada Trail connects Canadians to nature and to one another. The Trans Canada Trail is a national legacy, a Canadian asset, and a sustainable gift that fosters unity, collaboration and connectedness.

The Trans Canada Trail is represented by provincial and territorial organizations across the country. These organizations work at the regional and local levels to ensure the Trail is planned and built according to the needs and desires of local communities.

Trails Manitoba is the provincial governing body responsible for the Trans Canada Trail in Manitoba.



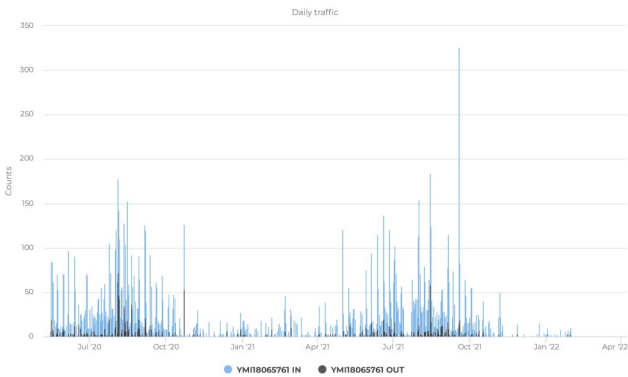
Eco Counters

An eco-counter is installed along the Centennial Trail/Blue Highway trail to help gauge usage, popular dates & times, as well as mode of passage. This counter has been in place since May, 2020.

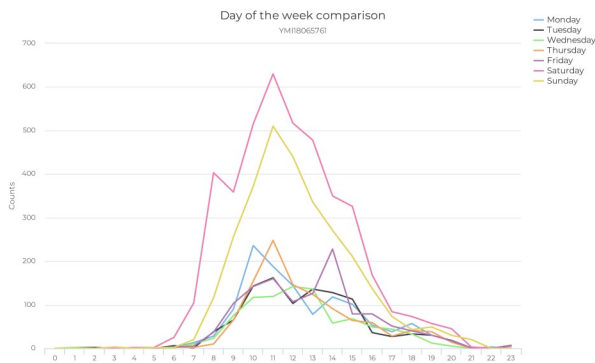
“Bike and pedestrian count data is an essential tool to justify investments, capture seasonal trends, plan future pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, communicate with stakeholders and the public, and much more.”

Period: May 14, 2020 - March 31, 2022 (both table & graphs):

Direction	Total	Daily Avg.	Peak Count
Both	12480	19	326
In	10951	16	311
Out	1529	2	72



**All graphs depict trail traffic at our CT/Blue Hwy site.*



Little Bluestem Architecture & Design (Provincial Trails Project Manger)



Darcy Granove and her team (in particular Taylor and Jane) from Little Bluestem Landscape Architecture have been a fixture at Trails Manitoba for over 8 years. Darcy provided a significant amount of organizational

stability during some turbulent years and was a huge assist to the staff and Board of Trails Manitoba with her institutional knowledge. Over 8+ years Little Bluestem served as Trails Manitoba's Provincial Trails Project Manager on several significant as well as technical projects including the Borders to Beaches Trail, the Cabin Lake and Hanson's Creek (or Red Bridges) projects, and the Centennial Trail Signage and the Whiteshell Kiosk Refurbishment projects. Trails Manitoba was able to celebrate the completion of the Trans Canada Trail across the province in 2017 largely because of the work of Darcy and her team. In the past year we have completed all active

trail building and development projects with Little Bluestem that Trails Manitoba was undertaking, but we are glad to see that they are still working with many Trail Groups, Associations and municipalities to continue to help build the recreational trail network throughout the province. A very big thank you to Darcy, Taylor, Jane, and everyone else at Little Bluestem.

Projects that LBLA have been involved with:

- Border to Beaches Project
- Great Trail Pavilion - The Forks
- 2 x Red bridges (Cabin Lake & Hanson's Creek)
- Centennial Trail Signage Project
- Whiteshell Kiosk Refurbishment Project



Treaty 1 (Little Bluestem LA)



Treaty 3 (Little Bluestem LA)



Treaty 3 (Trails MB)

DARCY GRANOVE & TEAM

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR 8+
YEARS OF DEDICATED
SERVICE!**

Member Trail Group Updates

Crow Wing Trail Association / Chemin Saint-Paul Inc.

Our Association has been going through some big changes in the past year. While we continue working towards implementing our sustainability plan, we are also adapting to increased trail use. Greater attention to detail for us means partnering with local groups and landowners to increase the number of 'eyes and hands' on the trail. We also welcomed a new municipality, the first since the Town of Niverville joined in 2002. The RM of Montcalm is the short gap between the RM's of Emerson-Franklin and Rhineland west of PTH 75. We

will be working together to close that gap! And last but not least, we continue exploring new areas for winter enjoyment. Groomed trails are located in communities while nature trails for walking and snow shoeing are being identified in sheltered areas between communities. 2022 promises to bring new opportunities as well as we delve into student employment, nature trail interpretation and office/storage space. It's a great time for trails!



Left to right: Tim Coffin - Trails Manitoba, Jean Barnabé - RM of Montcalm, Murielle Bugera - CWTA, Paul Gilmore, RM of Montcalm, Tony Dujlovic - RM of Emerson-Franklin and Dolores Thiel - CWTA.



New trail southeast of St-Pierre-Jolys

FortWhyte Alive

FortWhyte Alive's Richardson Interpretive Centre reopened to the public, following a deep energy retrofit, in late 2021. On top of significantly increasing the efficiency of the building by decreasing energy consumption by 36%, we are excited for the increased accessibility with gender-neutral washrooms, access buttons for the doors and a water bottle refill station.

FortWhyte was fortunate that despite the changing public health orders throughout 2021, our trails remained open for important access to nature. Over 57,000 visitors that entered through the admission desk were encouraged to create a connection to the outdoors through bicycle and snowshoe rentals, Alive in the

Woods self-guided programming, self-exploration and a variety of guided experiences. During a time when people were asked to isolate and physical distance themselves from each other, our trails provided a place to engage with the outdoors in a healthy and safe manner.

The commuter access gate through McGillivray Blvd reopened in the second quarter of 2021 and we welcomed cyclists, runners and commuters on our network of trails that connect to The Great Trail.



The Transcona Bioreserve trail is a 2.3-kilometre loop located at 38 Whiteshell Ave in Winnipeg, Manitoba. This former industrial plant site has been revitalized to feature crushed limestone trails and a thriving big bluestem grass field. In the warmer months, the trails are known for the delightful songs of migratory songbirds and the sight of wildflowers and butterflies in the meadows. The trails are accessible to the community year-round and are dog-friendly. FortWhyte Alive is proud to steward these trails for community use.

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Member Trail Group Updates

Friends of the Harte Trail

We re-engaged the Province of Manitoba & the Minister of Infrastructure, in partnership with the Headingly Grand Trunk Trail, to lobby for a direct, safe connection across the Perimeter Highway. Talks continued until more recently with the announcement of the Active Transportation Fund.

We applied for a grant for the completion of the western tree canopy and were awarded, via the City of Winnipeg Land Dedication Reserve, enough funding for 5 years' worth of plants or a total of \$16,000 to plant trees for the

next half decade. The funding will be put towards plant purchase, maintenance, hole digging and watering. The labour consists of community volunteers.

We installed 3 new bulletin boards in replacement of the old ones. The new steel framed, plexiglass bulletin board, with the Harte Trail logo along the top, are fantastic additions to the trail.



The Friends of the Harte Trail team would like to give a massive thank you to Kim Sysa who volunteered to make these amazing road signs for the trail!



With the steady support of hole-making machinery, holes were pre-dug and ready to be filled by eager supporters, who planted future canopy along the stretch of the Harte Trail past the new developments, closer to the Perimeter.

Headingly Grand Trunk Trail

Trail usage continued to grow throughout the year. Support from the RM of Headingly and the TCT Seasonal Grant allowed portions of the trail to be cleared for the second year, creating greater access during the winter months.

A Nature Trail was developed which winds south of the main trail between Alboro St. and Wescana St. through willow and aspen woodland, wetlands and a remnant tall grass prairie. This is part of a larger project which will restore the prairie areas, build a shaded viewing area and interpretive installations. An adventure playground will also be developed in the same area.

The RM of Headingly has approved a Conservation Agreement which will protect the tall grass prairie and nature trail from future development. Prairie tours led by John Morgan will be part of this years programming.

Eight families participated in the “Adopt a Bluebird Box Project” in 2021. We were short on bluebirds but big on enthusiasm as participants monitored each of our 21 boxes along the trail.

The association, along with the Harte trail, had also recently applied to the Federal Active Transportation Planning Fund. If successful, we will receive funding for a study on the feasibility of a safe, direct active transportation across the perimeter between our two trails. This also may lead to funding for the capital costs of this project.

Eastern Bluebird



Mountain Bluebird



Prairie Restoration, Nature Trail and Playground

Member Trail Group Updates

Lac du Bonnet Trail Association

Signage work continued in 2021 along the entire length of Bluewater South Trail. Some of this work involved installing new signage and some involved replacing stolen or damaged signs. Replacement of the old TCT logo with the new one will start in spring 2022. We received grants for maintenance from Trails Manitoba and from Trans Canada Trail; this provided funds for mowing, brushing, and levelling of trail surfaces. The RM of Lac du Bonnet provided some trail improvements through a grant they received from Trails Manitoba. The parking lot at Tower Road was expanded and improved, allowing more vehicle parking. The approach to the Winnipeg

River Bridge on the west side was improved with gravel and levelling, making it safer for pedestrians and cyclists. RM Public Works also helped with maintaining the hiking trail at Blueberry Rock, and with regular grading of the parking lot and garbage removal. We received a seasonal grant for winter activities from TCT, and once again this year we were able to hire someone to pack a section of trail for hiking and snowshoeing and groom another section of trail for cross country skiing. These activities have been very popular and have increased winter trail use.



Bluewater South Trail



Lee River Trail

Pinawa Trail

LGD and TCT completed a full upgrade on the Suspension Bridge. The Suspension Bridge tread boards were repurposed. Steve Sheppard designed and fabricated 15 benches from the old Suspension Bridge boards using as much of the wood as possible. They still have the "stamp" of the bridge cable to remind everyone where they came from! A new Summer Trails Brochure was created and is now available. The Ironwood Trail (entire 3.5 kms) was re-treaded thanks to a grant from Trails Manitoba. The Alice Chambers Trail was patched thanks to the LGD of Pinawa and Volunteers. Willis West (about 1.5 of 2.1 kms) and Seven Sisters (about 2 of 8 kms) were

retreaded. The old Pinawa trail section was also retreaded & 2 new buggies were fabricated. The ECO Counters are still giving good seasonal data at 2 different locations thanks to Pinawa Friends of TCT. The Winter Walking Trail was flagged and groomed by volunteers. To help the Whiteshell Cross Country Ski Club maintain their groomed trails we altered the route of the TCT for winter and created an attractive trail between the Suspension Bridge and the Diversion Dam for walkers, bikes, and snowshoers. A Winter Brochure and signage is in the works.



Benches built from the old SB boards still have the "stamp" of the bridge cable to remind everyone where they came from!



2 new fabricated buggies.

Member Trail Group Updates

Rossburn Subdivision Trail

Flying Eagle Link Trail, the trail connecting RSTA with the Riding Mountain National Park through the Rossburn Municipality moved ahead. Most of the building itself is done, the structures for the signs are mostly set up and trail head signs as well our 15 interpretive signs are designed and ready to be set up. The Pandemic made things slower than anticipated, our officially opening had to be delayed to 2022 and looking at all the snow, a decision on a date will be taken after the spring thaw. TCT, the Province of Manitoba, Rossburn Municipality, Fusion Credit Union and Twin Valley Coop made this project happening, we are so thankful!

Erickson Water Tower project is in the "applied for funding" stage. If approved

we will make use of the foundation of the water tower used originally by the railway to create an additional amenity along the trail. A deck with interpretive signage telling the story of the area with a rest area is planned. The local input and support has been great so far

Canadian Parks and Recreation Association grant opportunity made something possible, we hadn't done other than in the very early existence of RSTA: We were able to hire a student! Waywayseecappo resident Kobe McKee was hired and board member Eric Mentuck took on the mentor position. He helped with the new trail and also practiced his trail building skills with Eric on trails within Waywayseecappo First Nation



Treaty 2

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Stanley Trail Association

The Stanley Trail in southern Manitoba is part of the Trans Canada Trail. 2021 was a big year for our group! In spring myself and several other volunteers established a new 2km section of single track. The work was done over the span of several months and took a total of 170 combined volunteer hours to complete. Some unique features of the trail include a natural log ride and optional rock drop entry.

We also ordered replacement "Trans Canada Trail" signs and resigned the entire trail, plus added some signage in areas that were lacking. Founding members of the association commented on how the trail has never been as well marked as it is now.

We were also able to hire two youth with help from the Project Learning Tree grant, this was a first for our organization and

greatly helped in keeping up with maintenance. Each worker put in roughly 150 hours over the summer on tasks such as, line trimming long grass, "brushing" back hedge type vegetation, replacing and repairing bridges, etc.

Finally, we have also been collaborating with Morden, Winkler and RM of Stanley on some future project ideas which are still in the developmental stages, but significant progress was made to get things off the ground.



Treaty 1

TCT Stanley - Jeff Scott



Treaty 1

Stanley Trail

<https://www.stanleytrailmanitoba.ca/>

Member Trail Group Updates

South Whiteshell Trail Association

2021 was a busy year for the South Whiteshell Trail Association. The year started with winter grooming of the Lost Lake Trail and the Blue Highway Route for snow shoeing and fat tire bike riding. January and February, 2021 were mild and the snow conditions were perfect for maintaining the trails with a new snowmobile towed groomer and a snow-dog groomer. The trails were very well used by fat tire enthusiasts from across the province.

An erosion control blanket, gravel and native grass seed were placed on a steep section of the TCT that has persistent wash-outs. This work was supervised and supported by a Ducks Unlimited biologist. Trail maintenance was performed by volunteers along with equipment and operator support from Parks Operations staff at several other locations on the TCT.

Improved signage and four granite benches were installed along sections of the TCT. A grand opening was held for the Penniac Bay Shoreline Trail, on Sept 10th. It was a beautiful day for a ribbon cutting with representatives from TCT, TM, and the Provincial Government. Prior to the event Brent D'Argis from Dargy's Yard Construction, installed a granite bench and two permanent signs on the bump out in the middle of the shoreline trail. One is an interpretive sign of the gold mining history in the area. The second sign is recognition of all the private and corporate donations that supported the construction of this trail section.



Trail Association of the North Whiteshell

The North Whiteshell Trail is part of the Trans-Canada Trail, it runs from Rennie at the south end to Seven Sisters at the north, connecting major lakes, trails and recreation areas between.

The Trail Association of the North Whiteshell is gradually filling its board positions and volunteer ranks. A big thanks to those volunteers stepping up! A trail audit is currently being undertaken, where by its results will help guide our trail activities

and ongoing maintenance. With the change of trail name (TCT vs. The Great Trail) we are again undertaking the replacement of signage along our trail system to have the correct name. We continue to work closely with Parks and the with the other trail associations in the Whiteshell.



North Whiteshell Trail

Member Trail Group Updates

Transcona Trails

In 2021 Transcona Trails installed stations to hold a second children's book along the Transcona Trail book walk between Hoka Street and Winona Street. "Omar on Ice" and "The Golden Boy in the Case of the Missing Cube" are currently the books on the trail. The book walk signs have graphics that can be easily adapted for other trail groups to use. In 2021 we installed a park bench on the Flamingo Crossing trail and we arranged to have another bench installed on the Transcona Trail in 2022.



Flamingo Crossing Trail, Transcona



Valley Life Recreation (VLR)

VLR spent the first half of the year planning out a large-scale trail park project and then on July 12, 2021, publicly announced plans for the Squirrel Hills Trail Park. This trail park is budgeted for \$658,000 and will be located on the west side and adjacent to highway #10 and #16 where they pass by the Cenovus Energy ethanol plant in Minnedosa. VLR had an aggressive goal to raise \$300,000 before the end of the year for the park. We came very close to

that goal, raising over \$250,000 (mostly in the last half of the year). The VLR Board has been astounded with the local support we have received over the last few months and are feeling very confident about a 2022 trail park build. For those not familiar with the project, the plans may be viewed at www.valleyliferec.ca.



Get Involved

DONATE

Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. o/a Trails Manitoba/Sentiers Manitoba is a Registered Charitable organization. Help support our mission to promote the construction, maintenance and use of recreational trail throughout the Province of Manitoba. A healthy and robust trail network benefits the economy, the environment, and overall human well-being. To donate online visit our website www.trailsmanitoba.ca/Get Involved/Donate.



PayPal Giving Fund Canada

VOLUNTEER

Trails Manitoba is a non-profit volunteer-based organization, that relies heavily on the support of like-minded people. We have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities, for all types of abilities and interests.

If you like to :

- * Be outdoors and explore the vast provincial trail network?
- * Help improve/enhance current trail infrastructure, and amenities?
- * Capture beautiful images through nature photography?
- * Tell stories through imagery, videography, or print?
- * Bring people & communities together through trail experiences?

Then Trails Manitoba needs your help!

Go to www.trailsmanitoba.ca/Get Involved/Volunteer to fill out a form.

MEMBERSHIP

Trails Manitoba is an organization created with a community mindset, connecting people and groups through trails. We rely heavily on our membership to provide organizational guidance and to help realize our mission. Membership is open to organizations and individuals who support our objectives.

Go to www.trailsmanitoba.ca/Get Involved/Membership to sign up.



The Leave No Trace Principles.

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ⇒ Plan Ahead and Prepare | ⇒ Minimize Campfire Impacts |
| ⇒ Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces | ⇒ Respect Wildlife |
| ⇒ Dispose of Waste Properly | ⇒ Be Considerate of Other Visitors |
| ⇒ Leave What You Find | |

If you pack it in ➡ You pack it out!



Centennial Trail

MANITOBA RECREATIONAL TRAILS ASSOCIATION INC.
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31 **2021** **2020**

Assets

Current Assets

Cash and bank	\$ 524,806	\$ 410,071
Restricted cash (Note 6)	96,224	108,127
Accounts receivable	15,101	10,924
Prepaid expenses	-	2,173
	636,131	531,295

Capital assets (Note 3)

- -

\$ 636,131 \$ 531,295

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 4 and Note 7)	\$ 216,464	\$ 37,113
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Deferred contributions (Note 5)

136,574 142,600

353,038 179,713

Net Assets

Local Trail Groups Fund (Note 6)	67,358	71,650
General Fund	215,735	279,932

283,093 351,582

\$ 636,131 \$ 531,295

MANITOBA RECREATIONAL TRAILS ASSOCIATION INC.
Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended December 31 **2021** **2020**

	MRTA and RTB	Local Trail Groups	Total	Total
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 279,932	\$ 71,650	\$ 351,582	\$ 432,581
Deficiency of revenue over expenses for the year	(66,785)	(1,704)	(68,489)	(80,999)
Fund transfers	2,588	(2,588)	-	-
Balance, end of year	\$ 215,735	\$ 67,358	\$ 283,093	\$ 351,582

MANITOBA RECREATIONAL TRAILS ASSOCIATION INC.
Consolidated Statement of Operations

For the year ended December 31	2021		2020	
	MRTA and RTB	Local Trail Groups	Total	Total
Revenue				
Administrative fee	\$ 9,193	\$ -	\$ 9,193	\$ -
Donations	3,996	51,397	55,393	70,047
Grants				
Trans Canada Trail	36,830	-	36,830	147,989
Province of Manitoba	11,391	1,250	12,641	29,130
The Winnipeg Foundation	70,315	-	70,315	55,621
Others	3,045	-	3,045	39
Interest income	742	61	803	3,082
Memberships	3,403	-	3,403	1,460
Recognition of deferred contributions	10,656	-	10,656	104,040
	149,571	52,708	202,279	411,408
Expenses				
Amortization	-	-	-	2,536
Administrative fees	-	9,193	9,193	-
Bank charges and interest	783	304	1,087	1,520
Donations disbursed	-	2,771	2,771	-
Insurance	2,406	-	2,406	839
Licences and memberships	554	-	554	943
Marketing	5,724	-	5,724	1,104
Meetings	404	-	404	339
Millennium Fund expenses	1,000	-	1,000	25,592
Office	6,355	520	6,875	2,416
Professional fees	16,528	-	16,528	18,259
Property taxes	727	-	727	546
Rent	8,496	-	8,496	10,435
Salaries and benefits	111,481	-	111,481	86,031
Telephone and communications	1,849	-	1,849	1,796
Trail construction	57,296	41,624	98,920	338,583
Travel	2,554	-	2,554	1,468
Workshop	199	-	199	-
	216,356	54,412	270,768	492,407
Deficiency of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ (66,785)	\$ (1,704)	\$ (68,489)	\$ (80,999)

MANITOBA RECREATIONAL TRAILS ASSOCIATION INC.
Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31	2021	2020
Cash Flows used in Operating Activities		
Deficiency of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ (68,489)	\$ (80,999)
Adjustments for		
Amortization of capital assets	-	2,536
	<u>(68,489)</u>	<u>(78,463)</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital balances		
Accounts receivable	(4,177)	8,695
Prepaid expenses	2,173	(2,173)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	179,351	23,333
Deferred contributions	<u>(6,026)</u>	<u>25,960</u>
	<u>102,832</u>	<u>(22,648)</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash and bank during the year	102,832	(22,648)
Cash and bank, beginning of year	<u>518,198</u>	<u>540,846</u>
Cash and bank, end of year	<u>\$ 621,030</u>	<u>\$ 518,198</u>
Represented by		
Cash and bank	\$ 524,806	\$ 410,071
Restricted cash	<u>96,224</u>	<u>108,127</u>
	<u>\$ 621,030</u>	<u>\$ 518,198</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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MANITOBA RECREATIONAL TRAILS ASSOCIATION INC.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2021

1. Nature and Purpose of the Organization

Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. ("MRTA" or the "Association") is a registered charity incorporated on February 24, 1993, registration no. 1087386-59. The Association oversees the development of recreational trails for public use. It also manages funds for certain local trail associations, which form part of the umbrella association MRTA. The member funds currently under administration are the Harte Trail Association ("HTA") and South Whiteshell Trail Association ("SWTA").

The Association has formed a subsidiary called the Recreational Trail Builders (Manitoba) Inc. ("RTB"). This entity is a private corporation incorporated on July 8, 2010 to oversee the Border to Beaches Project, which is a key component of the Trans Canada Trail. These financial statements reflect the activities of both entities.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Accounting

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

b) Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Association and its subsidiary, the Recreational Trail Builders (Manitoba) Inc. As a result, figures as at December 31, 2021 include the financial position of the subsidiary and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

c) Fund Accounting

The General Fund accounts for the Association's program delivery and administrative activities. This fund reports unrestricted resources and restricted operating grants.

The Local Trail Groups Fund reports only restricted resources that are to be used for local trail groups expenses.

MANITOBA RECREATIONAL TRAILS ASSOCIATION INC.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2021

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

g) Contributed Services

Volunteers and board members contribute several hours per year to assist the Association in carrying out its activities. Due to the difficulty in quantifying the hours and in determining their fair market value, contributed services are not recognized in the consolidated financial statements.

h) Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates, as additional information becomes available in the future.

3. Capital Assets

	2021			2020	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value	
Equipment - trail counter	\$ 10,142	\$ 10,142	\$ -	\$ -	

4. Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities

	2021		2020	
Payable to eligible recipients (Note 7)	\$ 201,091	\$ -		
Wages and benefits payable	5,477	1,670		
Accrued liabilities	9,896	35,443		
	\$ 216,464	\$ 37,113		

MANITOBA RECREATIONAL TRAILS ASSOCIATION INC. Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2021

5. Deferred Contributions

Deferred contributions represent the net amount of grants received from several organizations such as the Province of Manitoba and Trans Canada Trail, less expenditures authorized by agreements between the Association and the organizations. In general, grants are restricted to trail development and construction, pavilions and markers, interpretive materials, trail signs and project management.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 142,600	\$ 116,640
Contributions received during year	4,630	130,000
Contributions recognized as revenue during year	<u>(10,656)</u>	<u>(104,040)</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 136,574</u>	<u>\$ 142,600</u>

6. Restricted Cash and Restrictions on Net Assets

Local Trail Groups

Any excess of revenues over expenses generated by the local trail groups are restricted for trail development of these sections of the trail. The balance of the restricted funds are as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Harte Trail	\$ 4,649	\$ 4,684
Lac du Bonnet Trail	-	2,588
South Whiteshell Trail - Improvements	50,071	16,138
South Whiteshell Trail - Bike Trail	10,418	19,427
South Whiteshell Trail - Penniac Bay	2,220	19,353
Winnipeg Trail	<u>-</u>	<u>9,460</u>
	<u>\$ 67,358</u>	<u>\$ 71,650</u>

During the year, the Board approved the transfer of \$2,588 to the general fund.

MANITOBA RECREATIONAL TRAILS ASSOCIATION INC.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2021

7. Agreement with The Winnipeg Foundation

During March 2020, the Province of Manitoba made contributions to The Winnipeg Foundation ("The Foundation") to establish Trails Manitoba Operating Endowment Fund, Manitoba Trails Improvement Endowment Fund, Manitoba Trails Improvement Fund-Rural, and Manitoba Trails Strategic Fund. These funds were established through an agreement between the Association, the Province of Manitoba and The Winnipeg Foundation. The ownership of all contributions of money deposited by the Province of Manitoba to the three funds shall vest in The Foundation, and as a result the Association does not control these funds.

Trail Manitoba Operating Endowment Fund

The purpose of the Fund is to generate annual grant making activity to be used at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Association in accordance with the Association's charitable mandate. Income earned on the Trails Manitoba Operating Endowment Fund is calculated in accordance with the Winnipeg Foundation's Spending Policy and is held by The Winnipeg Foundation in the Grant Fund.

Manitoba Trails Improvement Endowment Fund

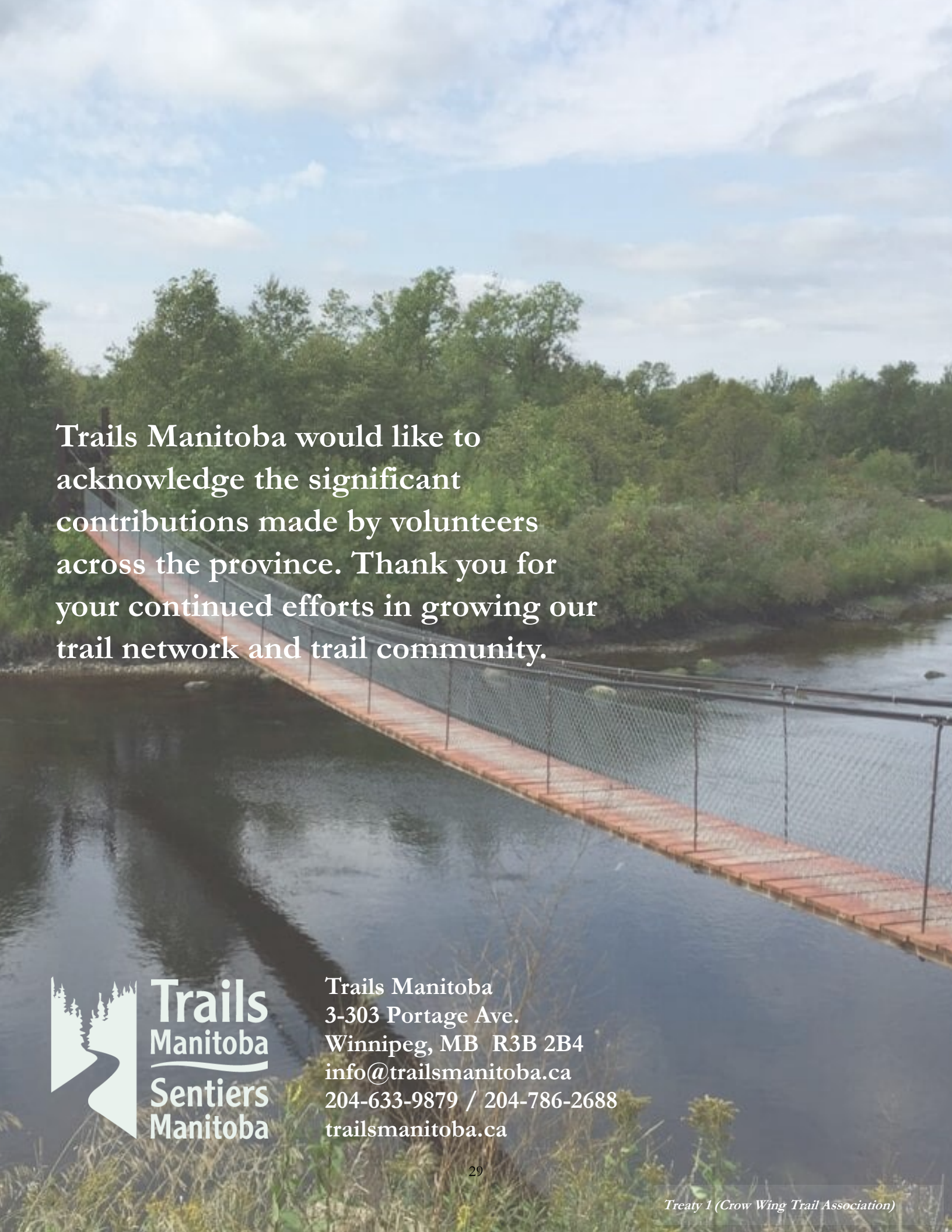
The purpose of the fund is to promote, plan, coordinate and supervise the development of recreational trails in Manitoba as public amenities. The Association serves as the administrator of the granting activities and is not an eligible recipient but may receive reimbursement annually for its actual annual administrative cost in administering the eligible projects under the Schedule of the Agreement. Income earned on Manitoba Trails Improvement Endowment Fund is calculated in accordance with the Winnipeg Foundation's Spending Policy and is held by The Winnipeg Foundation in the Grant Fund. As at December 31, 2021 the Association received funds of \$135,000 from the Foundation.

Manitoba Trails Improvement Fund - Rural

As at December 31, 2021, the Association received \$534,645 to be disbursed to eligible recipients. A total accumulated amount of \$192,691 (\$Nil in 2020) has not been disbursed as at December 31, 2021 and is presented as accrued liability in the statement of financial position.

Manitoba Trails Strategic Fund

The Fund provides funding in two parts: \$500,000 to fulfill The Government of Manitoba's commitment to Trans Canada Trail Projects in provincial parks; and, \$2,000,000 for capital projects that advance recreational trail development within the City of Winnipeg to be distributed as matching grants to eligible recipients for eligible projects within the matching term. The Association is the administrator of the granting activities and is not an eligible recipient, but over the five-year term will receive an annual administration fee of 1.0% of the initial balance of the Fund. As at December 31, 2021, the Association received \$41,582 from the Foundation to be disbursed to eligible recipients. A total accumulated amount of \$8,400 (\$Nil in 2020) has not been disbursed as at December 31, 2021 and is presented as accrued liability in the statement of financial position.



Trails Manitoba would like to acknowledge the significant contributions made by volunteers across the province. Thank you for your continued efforts in growing our trail network and trail community.



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