

National Trails Coalition Newsletter

March 31st Deadline Is Here!!

Three..Two..One...Deadline!

All NTC trail projects must be completed by March 31st 2010! Most of the projects are tying up some loose ends but some have been in overdrive working round the clock to accomplish their goal. No matter what phase they are in there are few precious hours left until deadline.

The 2009-2010 NTC Program has seen amazing things happen and many people hard at work.

Bridges by far seem to be very popular. Some of them were only a few feet long making trail hikes and bike rides easier while others were major projects that reopened kms of trail that were closed due to unsafe conditions.

Communities through out the entire nation worked hard and joined together to create new trail and breath new life into older ones. The NTC Program partnered with many communities, all levels of government, organizations, groups and associations from Snowmobile, ORM/ATV and Non Motorized to establish strong relationships and

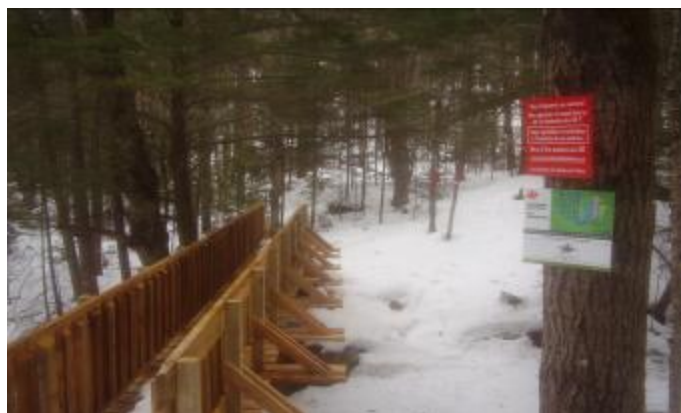
improve the trails and outdoor experiences for Canadians' all across this magnificent country.

Canadian Trails are for everyone to use and a great way to get to know your own community better or learn something new about the community next door. Everyone can enjoy a healthy active life style and play on Canada's trails.

ON-71 Bridge in Minden.



Below is QNM-11 Bridge Project located in Sherbrooke



Positive Education Fosters Responsible OHV Recreation

Being outdoors on a sunny day, riding the trails on your ATV or off-road motorcycle is considered by most enthusiasts a day that couldn't get much better. It is without doubt that the popularity of all-terrain/quad vehicles has grown over the past decade. ATVs and of-road motorcycles have become very popular for families and friends who enjoy adventure tourism, trail riding and camping.

All-terrain/Quad vehicles can offer many hours of enjoyment for the operator and passenger (as per manufacturer's recommendation) if done so in a safe and responsible manner. Individuals including children, operate all-terrain/quad vehicles for various reasons. Probably the most popular use is for recreation, however, utilitarian and competition purposes

are also recognized.

These vehicles are not designed by the manufacturers to be used as toys, although they appear simple to operate and easy to handle. Fine-tuned motor skills, balance, strength, and the ability of the driver to maneuver his/her body



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Special points of interest:

- The National Trails Coalition was formed in 2007.
- The final count of NTC Projects was 477 Nation wide.
- The NTC Program received more than \$60 million in proposals for the \$25 million given to the organization.
- NTC Project Deadline is March 31st 2010!

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Responsible OHV Education Continued

weight while operating an all-terrain/quad vehicle is critical to staying safe.

National and Provincial Rider Federations and the OHV industry believe training and education are vital components that help youth and adults better understand the responsibilities associated with choosing to ride. The objective is to ensure every person who is new to riding an ATV or off-road motorcycle receives training and education appropriate to their age and experience. Every rider should also follow the five guiding principles for Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Development, which are:

Every OHV Rider Must:

*Know how to obtain appropriate training, education and information related to the safe operation of their vehicle. *Know how to reduce the operational impact of their vehicle on the natural environment, other recreational enthusiasts and the community at large. *Know with certainty that they have permission to enter and use every riding opportunity they choose to access. *Know the laws, obligations, and expectations associated with the entry and use of every riding opportunity they choose to access. Know how they have contributed their fair share to the cost of creating and maintaining every riding opportunity they

choose to access. Together, these principles provide a strategic concept for OHV development now and for the future. Be part of the solution, become an active member of your local ATV/Quad Club today. Ride Smart, Stay Safe!

Rick Antaya Regional Trails Coordinator for Ontario

Rick Antaya career had spanned more than 35-years in sport, recreation, culture and tourism. He has worked with municipal councils, First Nation communities, not for profit organizations, government agencies, private corporations and volunteer groups applying a community development framework on the implementation of strategic capital and non-capital projects. He is a graduate of the University of Guelph, has a diploma in Recreation Leadership and during his career embraced personal development



through continuing education. Rick's volunteer involvements included being Past Chair of the Recreation Advisory Committee at Conestoga College, Past Chair of the Ontario Municipal Recreation Directors

Foundation, and Account Executive with the United Way of Kitchener-Waterloo. He is currently on the Board of the North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network. Rick is known for his positive attitude and finding the silver lining in every situation. He is proud of his family and enjoys being involved in the sporting life of his grand"boys".

Denis Sylvestre Regional Trails Coordinator Non Motorized for Quebec



Denis Sylvestre is a man of passion and a dedicated environmentalist. For him, man and nature exist better together. The tourism industry and outdoors has been his passion for more than 30 years. He is the founder and General Manager of Alternative Plain Air Inc. whose mission links outdoor development, social inclusion and environmental education through action learning. He has in his backpack a degree in environmental and outdoor studies and also is a consultant for outdoor organizations. He has worked with rural and urban communities, community bike trails development, has coordinated the development of motorized and non-motorized trails, was responsible for the chair lift for alpine skiing, oversaw operations for organizations canoe kayak and been outdoor guide. Denis also has designed a right of way for the sustainability of trails negotiation method and a memory for public consultation on entitled off-road vehicles "the trails recreational, tourism motorized and non-motorized: A compelling discussion". Denis Sylvestre is an

asset to trails managers. He has the desire to develop their organizational and financial autonomies.

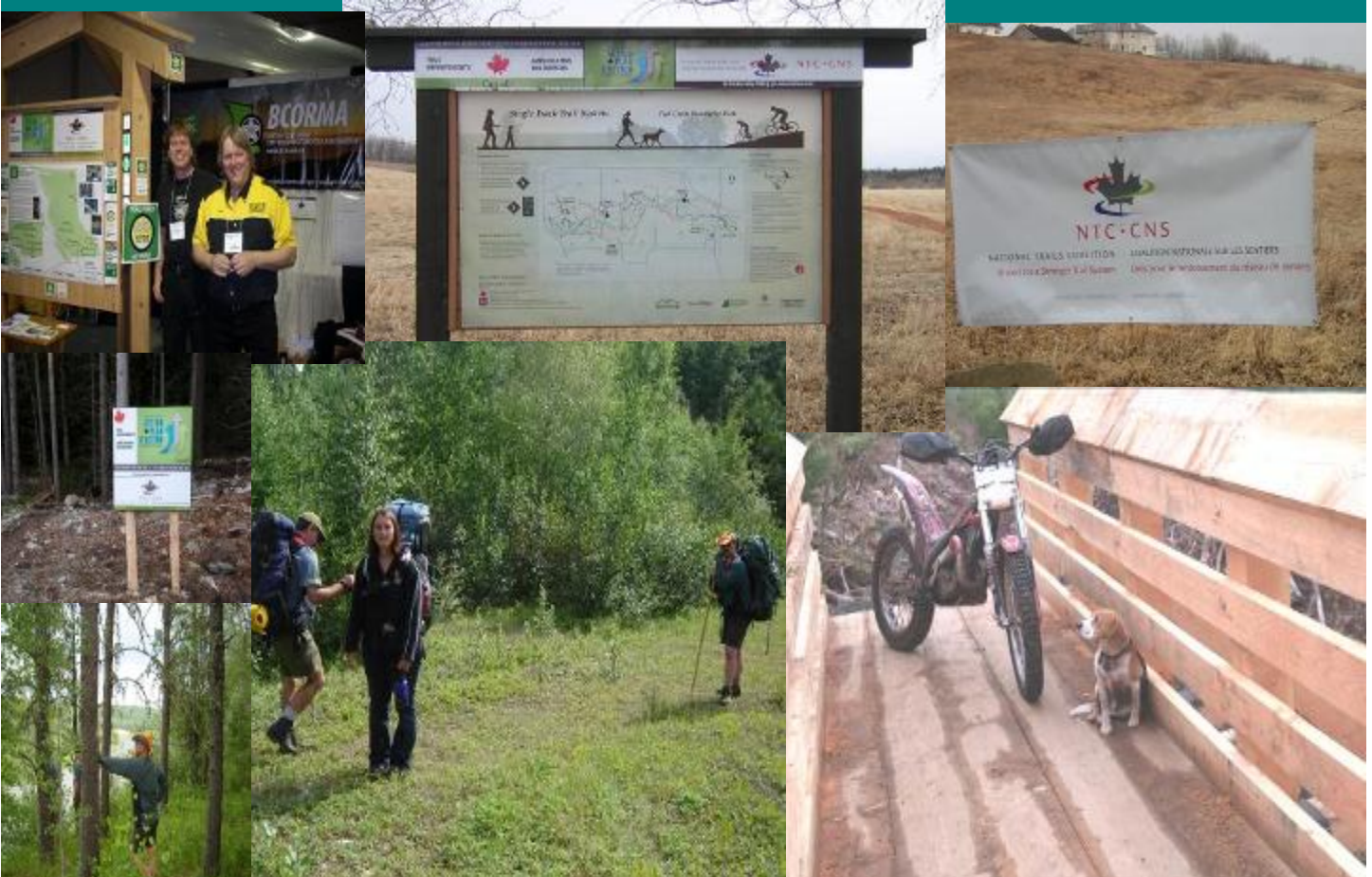
Jean Duchaine Regional Trails Coordinator Motorized For Quebec

Jean is an Architect and Urban Planner, with more than 25 years experience as program manager, mostly in the development of public service companies, associations and/or non-profit organizations, both in Canada and abroad (Oxfam, International cooperation, Director in Benin, Africa, 2007-2009). As a strategy and development expert, Mr. Duchaine is president of his own company, **Phenix Stratégies** since 1987. Being familiar with the specifics of non-profit organizations as well as small businesses in the private sector, he has a passion for volunteer organizations. Jean is the founder of; *Motoneige CANADA / Go Snowmobile Canada* As General Manager from 2000 to 2007, *Go Snowmobile Canada* is a non-profit organization whose mandate is the development, promotion and marketing of winter tourism activities, specifically snowmobile in Quebec and other regions of Canada.

Jean is presently the RTC responsible for Snowmobile (Trail Network of 33,000 km and 208 clubs) and ATV (Trail Network of 24,000 km and 124 clubs) program, 4 millions \$ of grant directed to more than 100 projects in all areas of Quebec.



PROJECT PHOTOS



CROWSNEST PASS PROJECT PROFILE

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The Crowsnest Pass is a high mountain pass across the Continental Divide of the Canadian Rockies on the Alberta/ British Columbia border. The Canadian Pacific Railway built a line from Lethbridge, Alberta to Kootenay Landing, in British Columbia through the Crowsnest Pass between 1897-1898. This opened up the coal deposits in the Elk River Valley which were important to mineral smelting operations and assisted the CPR in its conversion of locomotives from wood to coal. The discovery of coal and the completion of the railroad created five historic coal—mining communities that now make up the municipality of Crowsnest Pass-Bellevue, Hillcrest, Frank, Blairmore and Coleman. The pass also sits on the richest archeological zone in the Canadian Rockies.

The National Trails Coalition (NTC), in partnership with the Government of Canada's Economic Action Plan (EAP) and its \$25 million investment in recreation trails, is pleased to recognize the Crow Snow Riders, the Crowsnest Pass Quad Squad and the Southern Alberta Trail Riders Association on the completion and grand-reopening of several multi-use trails projects in South West Alberta.

A total of \$385,000 in matching funds were used to create jobs, build bridges and revitalize trails in the Crowsnest Pass and the Southern Rocky Mountain area of S.W. Alberta. This area has approximately 1700 km of recreational trails utilized by a number of different recreation trail user groups such as: hiking, cross country skiing, mountain biking, equestrian, ATVing, off-road motorcycling and snowmobiling just to name a few. In fact, this coordinated effort with the federal government, through the NTC, the municipality of Crowsnest Pass and motorized and non-motorized groups in South West Alberta will be enjoyed by everyone with the added benefit of promoting physical activity, environmental awareness and land stewardship by providing a safe, high quality trail network within and adjacent to the community.

