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## Nomination Form

**Deadline:** 4:00 p.m., Thursday September 18, 2014

*Please attach all additional pages to this cover sheet when submitting your nomination.*

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<b>Date Project or Practice Initiated:</b>	2008 and ongoing
<b>Date Project or Practice Completed:</b>	Ongoing Development of Trails

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## **General Questions**

### **A) The Practice**

#### **1. What was the issue that inspired the nominated project or practice?**

The community of Humboldt identified a need to create accessible pedestrian routes for safe and active healthy living in the City of Humboldt. A volunteer Community Trails Committee was formed in 2008 and the committee has created partnerships to identify a plan and develop the project.

#### **2. What has this project or practice done to address the issue?**

- a) Through extensive community consultation a Community Trails Master Plan was completed in July 2013. This plan identified the existing and future routes within and around the City of Humboldt for hiking, running, and biking, as well as costs associated with these routes. The Trails Master Plan targeted over 20 kilometers to be completed in the next 5 years at an estimated cost of \$1.2 million.
- b) The Committee has organized an annual fun run event for the past 4 years to create awareness and opportunities for partnerships and fundraising. On average the runs have had over 100 participants each year and raised over \$50,000.00 towards trail development.
- c) In 2011 the committee established a partnership with Duck Unlimited to install interpretative signage along the trail within the City of Humboldt's Water Ridge Park.
- c) In 2013 the Committee was successful in securing a CN EcoConnexions Grant to complete a 5 block trail linking our downtown to Centennial Park. The Park area includes: the new High School; the community College; the Uniplex (Arena; Aquatic Center; Curling; Convention Center) the Ball Diamonds; and a Skate Board Park. Increasing safe pedestrian routes for citizens to access these important community facilities was extremely important as there was previously no sidewalk or walkway. The development of this trail included Partnerships with CN, Communities in Bloom, Tree Canada, the City of Humboldt; the Humboldt Murals Committee and our Schools.
- d) Also in 2013 the Committee partnered with a number of business to create safe links along Highway #5 for pedestrians. One link was from 21<sup>st</sup> Street to Peck Road, providing a trail for residents to a newly establish commercial sector. The other link along Highway #5 was between Glenn Hall Park and the tourism Booth/Campground. These trail links provided an easier and safer access for residents and visitors to our community in areas where no sidewalks or walkways were available.

e) In 2014, the committee has partnered with the Wildlife Federation to secure a grant through the Community Green Space Program. This grant will provide funds to upgrade the 4km wildlife trail from the City boundaries to the Vintage Club and Kloppenburg Wildlife reserve located in the RM of Humboldt. The wildlife trail is an abandoned rail line that was transferred for trail development through the Trans Canada Trails Program. This work involves providing a 3 meter wide gravel surface, culvert upgrades, signage, and access barriers. This work is to be completed by October 31, 2014.

f) The Committee continues to establish partnerships to complete trail development for future years.

## **B) The Process**

### **3. What was the role of the municipal council and/or municipal staff in this project or practice?**

The Mayor, council reps and city staff participated in the SPRA Trails Development seminar. The City then established a Volunteers Communities Trails Committee with a Terms of Reference and mandate. Since 2008 the committee has meet monthly and has worked closely with the Community and Leisure Services Committee. A member of council sits on the committee.

### **4. Were other groups were involved in developing this project or practice? If so, who were they and what role did they play?**

The Committee has partnered with business, corporations and organizations to complete trail development in the community: Ducks Unlimited; Wildlife Federation; Community Schools; Communities In Bloom Committee; CN; In-motion; Conexus; and many others with common interest in trail development in the community. These groups have provided financial support and / or participated in the planning process.

### **5. What resources were involved?**

The Committee has worked closely with the City of Humboldt Community and Leisure Services Department to complete the community Trails Master Plan, apply for grants, fundraising and trail development. The City provided funds to retain the services of a consultant to complete the community Trails Master Plan. The City has also provide reserve funding to match grants for trail development. The majority of funding has been provided through fundraising efforts of the committee.

### **6. How was the project or practice developed?**

Under the guidance of the Community and Leisure Services committee of council, the Trails Committee developed a plan and undertook implementation of the project. Extensive community input has highlighted the importance the community has placed on the development of the trails program.

## **C) The Results**

### **7. What effect did this project or practice have on the community?**

The Community has supported and partnered to establish the identified trails within the Community Trails Master Plan. The importance of trails and the support for ongoing work on the trails plan has been identified as a priority by the community in the City's recent Strategic Planning process called "Our Humboldt". Discussions focused on how important it is to make our city an active, healthy, safe community and the trails are viewed as an important component of that.

### **8. Was a formal evaluation done after the project or practice was completed?**

There was no formal evaluation but the community is accessing and appreciating the new trails to provide better access for the community. Feedback through our strategic planning process has been very positive.

### **9. Describe any challenges faced.**

The Committee has a large goal to complete \$1.2 Million in trails over the next 5 years. With the support of the City council, the community at large, partnerships with other organizations, and accessing grants to support the trails program, the Committee believes this is very obtainable.

## **D) Lessons Learned**

### **10. What lessons were learned and what would you recommend doing differently?**

- a) The establishment of the Community Trails Committee with representatives from City council and staff provided valuable community connections and partnerships.
- b) We found it very important to have the committee linked with the Community and Leisure Services department to ensure that the goals and efforts of the City are in line with the committee and community.
- c) The development of a longer term Master Plan is essential and well worth the expense and effort. Do this early in the process.

- d) Community consultation is critical. The consultant did a good job of bringing people together to look at what should be in the plan.
- e) Resources of the SPRA, Trails Canada, other communities etc are very helpful in formulating the trails plans and project details.
- f) Community support is really enhanced when they see the importance of trails to safety and to everyone in the community - families, children, seniors etc. In the beginning the wider community did not necessarily see the trails as important to everyone. Our local newspaper helped a great deal by covering the events and activities of the Trails Committee.

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***Thank you for submitting a nomination for the 2014 Saskatchewan Municipal Awards.***



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## City of Humboldt Terms of Reference Community Trails Committee

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### 1. Name

The name of the Committee will be the *City of Humboldt Community Trails Committee*

### 2. Mandate and Purpose

The Community Trails Committee will assist in the planning & development of Trails & Walking Paths in the Community of Humboldt.

### 3. Duties and Responsibilities

The Community Trails Committee:

- Provide input in the development of a Community Trails and Walking Path Plan.
- Assist in the development of Trails and Walking Path in the Community.
- Work closely with the Leisure Services Department.
- Provide recommendation to the Leisure Services Committee.

### 4. Membership

#### a) *Composition*

The Committee will consist of up to (7) community members ensuring a multi dimensional perspective

#### b) *Members*

The Committee will be made up of Community members that have a key interest in the development of trails and walking paths in the community. Representation should be diverse and include volunteers and practitioners that have a vest interest.

#### c) *Appointment of Members*

Individuals will be appointed by the Leisure Services Committee.

#### d) *Term*

The term of members on the Committee will be for two (2) years. One half the members will be appointed in even number years, and one half the members will be appointed in odd numbered years.

#### e) *Appointment of Chair*

The Committee will select a Chair for the Committee. The role of the Chair shall be to:

- Chair Committee Meetings
- Assist the Director of Leisure Services in the Development of an agenda
- Proactively seek input from members unable to attend the meeting.

### 5. Compensation

Committee members will not receive remuneration while sitting on the Committee.

**6. Meetings**

- a) *Frequency*  
Minimum Quarterly meetings shall be held each calendar year. To enable recommendation to be address in a timely manner, it would be recommended that meeting be held a week before the Leisure Services Committee on the Third Tuesday of the month. Special meetings may be held at the call of the Chair, as required, provided that sufficient notice for such meetings is provided.
  - b) *Attendance*  
Committee members that miss three (3) consecutive meetings, without cause, shall be deemed to have resigned from the Committee.
  - c) *Quorum*  
A quorum will consist of a majority of the members present at any meeting.
  - d) *Consensus*  
The Committee will strive for consensus whenever possible, however when a consensus is not possible, a simple majority vote will be used.
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**7. Reporting**

- a) All discussion items will be recorded in formal minutes.
- b) The minutes shall be produced and forwarded to members within one week of the meeting date.
- c) The Committee will work with the Leisure Services Department and provide recommendations to the Leisure Services Committee.

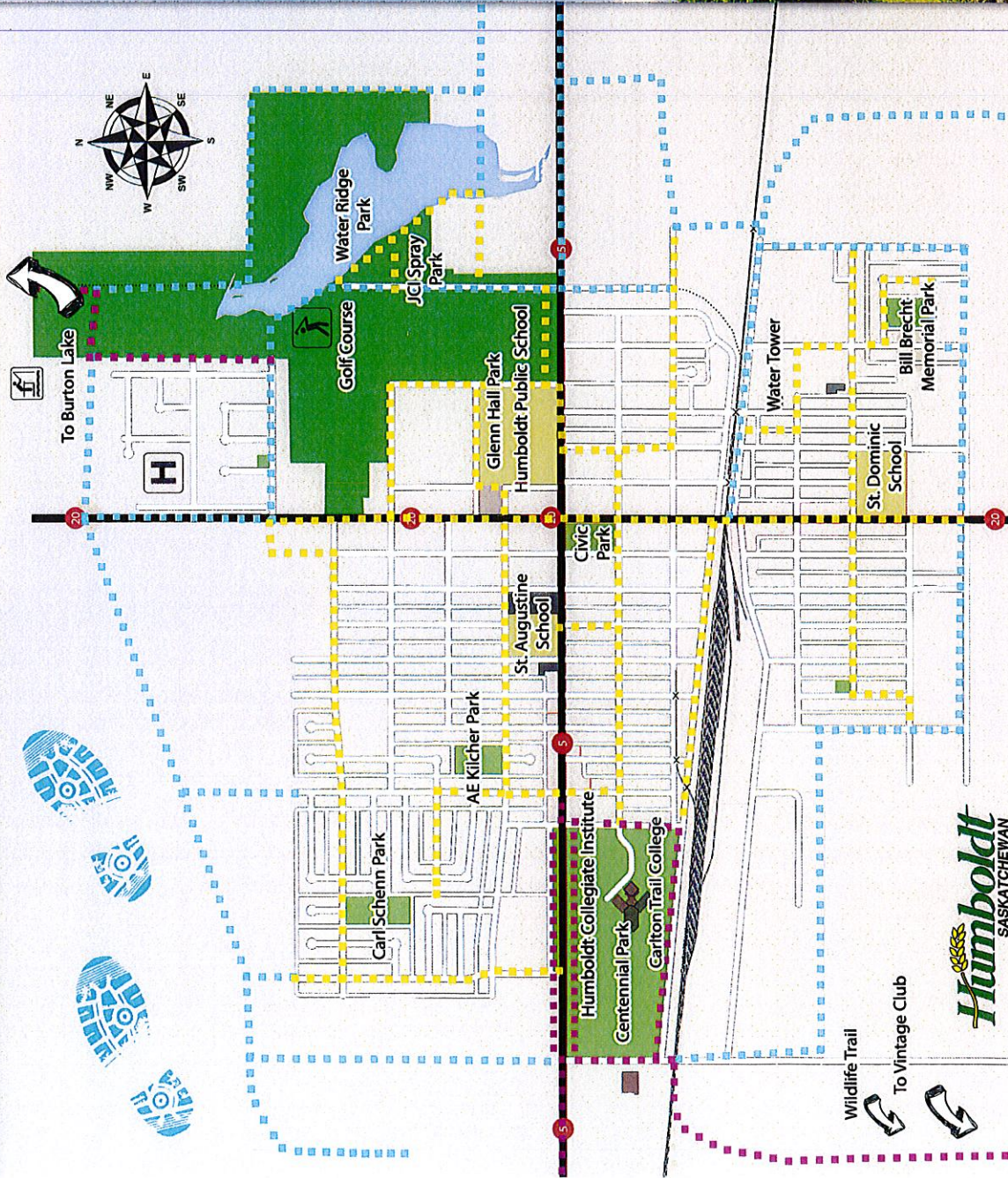


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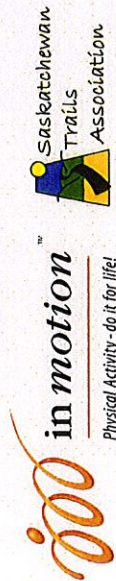
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Wildlife Trail  
To Vintage Club



# HUMBOLDT Community TRAILS

[humboldt.ca/trails](http://humboldt.ca/trails)



## DONOR OPTIONS

**FRIEND OF THE TRAILS**  
\$20 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP  
TRAIL UPDATES, ACTIVITIES

**TRAIL BLAZERS**  
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TAX RECEIPT & WEBSITE RECOGNITION

**1K CLUB**  
\$1,000 = 1KM TRAIL MARKER  
TAX RECEIPT, PUBLIC SIGN ON THE TRAIL,  
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DARRELL AT 682-2597

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CITY OF HUMBOLDT - TRAILS.

HUMBOLDT COMMUNITY TRAILS  
BOX 640, HUMBOLDT, SK S0K 2A0.

## DEDICATED TRAILS FOR HEALTHY LIVING

- Walking, jogging, biking and more
- Safe routes for non-motorized traffic
- A network of trails connecting green spaces, schools & shopping
- Country trails linking to our city
- Promoting active living
- Thought provoking educational and interpretive points of interest



## SUPPORT THIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BY

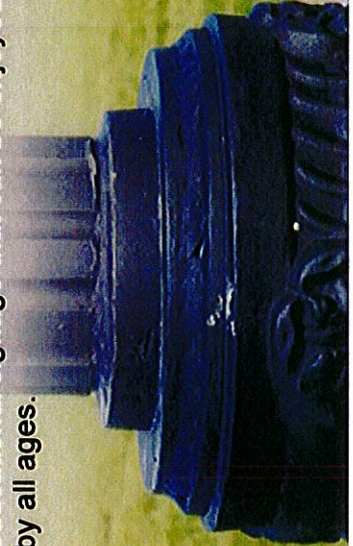
- Becoming a Friend of the Trails
- Supporting and/or Participating in our annual fundraiser "The Sizzler Strut"
- Choosing a Donor Option



## WHAT IS THE HUMBOLDT COMMUNITY TRAILS COMMITTEE?

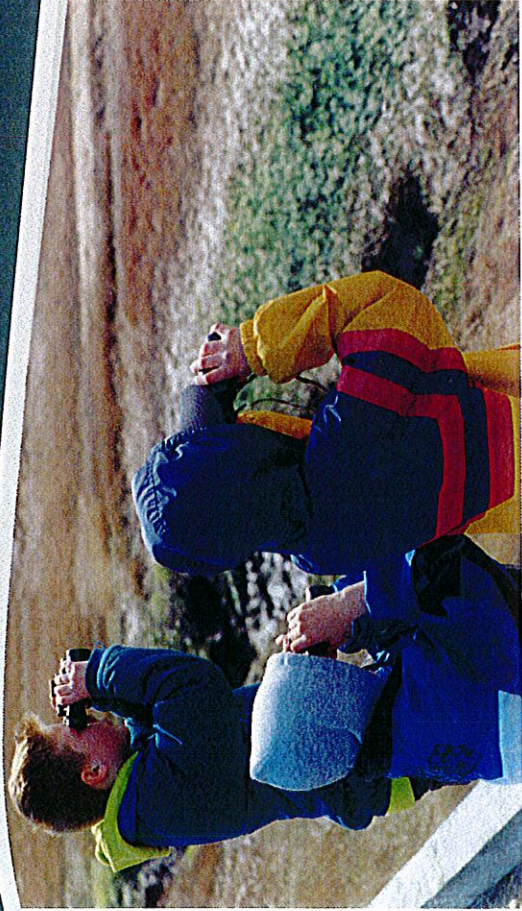
The Humboldt Community Trails (HCT) Committee, a registered non-profit volunteer organization, was established in 2008 with the mission to create accessible pedestrian routes for safe and healthy living in the City of Humboldt. A consultant was hired, and with the direction from community forums and the HCT, a Trails Master Plan was completed in July 2013. The Trails Master Plan identifies the existing and future routes within and around the City of Humboldt for hiking, running, and biking, as well as costs associated with these routes.

Within the Trails Master Plan we are now targeting over 20 kilometers to be completed in the next 5 years at a cost of \$1.2 million (identified as "priority trails" on our map). The plan incorporates not only new trails, but takes advantage of existing walkways. Integrated into the plan are enhancements to the trails such as pocket parks, benches, points of interest and educational signage that can be enjoyed by all ages.



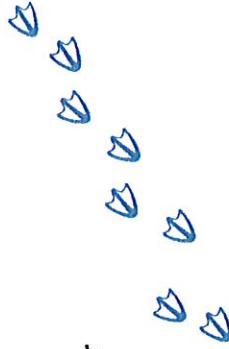
# Water Ridge Park is a Special Place — We need to take care of it!

*Water Ridge Park is not only vital for wildlife. It is a special place for people too.*



## We invite you to

- Explore the park looking for birds and butterflies.
- Enjoy walking the trails.
- Learn to identify animal tracks.
- Spend some quiet time together as a family.



## Make sure you are park friendly

- Keep your pets on a leash so they do not disturb the wildlife.
- Stay on the trails and do not litter.
- Do not introduce new species of plants or animals.
- Please do not take any plants or animals home with you
  - leave them for others to enjoy too!



Funding for the production of these signs provided by the Ducks Unlimited Canada Humboldt Committee.

# Humboldt Ducks Unlimited Canada Committee

The 25th anniversary of the Ducks Unlimited Canada Humboldt Volunteer Committee was celebrated in 2010

Since 1985, citizens from the Humboldt area have been contributing to conservation by volunteering on the Humboldt Ducks Unlimited Committee.

- The Humboldt Ducks Unlimited Committee has raised over \$ 400,000 for conservation since its inception
- Hundreds of children in our area have been involved in our 'Greenwing' and 'Project Webfoot' youth education programs.
- Within 50 kilometers of Humboldt, Ducks Unlimited Canada has:
  - Spent nearly \$ 5.7 million on conservation
  - Committed to 210 conservation projects
  - Protected nearly 23,000 acres of habitat



CITY OF HUMBOLDT



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From the Ground Up

COMMUNITY TRAILS  
LAUNCH EVENT &  
'THE RAILROAD'  
MURAL DEDICATION

**MAY 13, 2013**

ON 5th AVENUE,  
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**11:30 AM**

'The Railroad' Mural  
Dedication

**12:00 NOON**

BBQ Lunch

*Lunch generously  
sponsored by CN*

**12:30 PM**

Greetings & Event

Acknowledgements

Humboldt Community

Trails Tree Planting

As a successful funding recipient of the CN EcoConnexions 'From the Ground Up' program, the City of Humboldt thanks CN and all program partners. This event will celebrate the beginning of the Humboldt Community Trails project and help introduce the Trails campaign.

A special thank you to CN, as well, for their support of 'The Railroad' mural, marking Humboldt's renowned rail history.



5<sup>th</sup> Ave Trail

CN EcoConnexions Launch Event May 13  
City Mayor, CN President, Local School Kids  
Start of Planting 125 trees for trail

# Rough plan for Humboldt-wide trail developed

BY PAT PECKOVER

JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

You tend to see more cars than pedestrians or bikers on the streets of Humboldt, but the city is working to change that.

Humboldt city council crated a Community Trails committee last fall and the members have been working since then to create a preliminary official, city-wide

trail plan.

A very rough plan was presented at the Leisure Services committee meeting on May 19, said Darrell Lessmeister, director of Leisure Services.

The trail utilizes existing trails, future trails, community green space, and some sidewalks and back alleys.

"There are still some gaps in

the plan," he noted. "But as the city develops and the plan develops, those will disappear."

As well, the committee has been working with the Humboldt Golf Club on the trail plan.

"The golf course is key to the trail system," Lessmeister stated. "The trails in and around the golf course and Water Ridge Park are very important."

Now that the committee has a rough plan, they are looking at what type of trails need to be incorporated into the plan and at accessibility issues.

"We need to think about non-motorized vehicles and foot traffic," Lessmeister explained.

"Whether it's motorized scooters or bikes or skateboards." The committee will also start

looking at linking various parts of the city, he said. "Overall, we're very pleased with what the committee has accomplished," Lessmeister noted. "They've done a lot of research and looked at what's in place in other communities."

The preliminary plan will be shown to the community and city council for approval.

# An inspiring tale of Humboldt's future trails

BY CATTIE MCRAE  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Patti Durand is pretty excited these days.

"This is just great," she said with a smile.

"It's a long time coming."

Durand is talking about the progress the Humboldt Community Trails committee, of which she's been the chair since its founding in 2008, has made in establishing trails around the city.

In a recent media release, the committee said their objective is "To create accessible routes in the City of Humboldt for non-motorized traffic for both safety and healthy living."

A worthy goal and an ironic one at that.

Humboldt sits in a vast sheet of fields, hills and land, the ideal landscape that would draw in any avid runner or committed hiker. But until the committee was formed, the turf remained unconquered.

"We have a very active community here, so I was surprised there weren't more trails," Durand said.

It's not that the interest and need wasn't there — Durand mentioned that the local running group and other fitness enthusiasts had been vocal for years about setting up trails — but sometimes it takes a village.

And that's what has happened. With the generous help of organizations and the City of Humboldt itself, the committee's goal of raising \$1.2 million is far from being a pipe dream.

Just a few months ago, the committee received a munificent \$25,000 grant from CN EcoConnections, its first partnership for the trails, with the city matching funding as well.

On June 13, Humboldt Community

Trails hosted a barbecue fundraiser at Civic Park, in yet another partnership, this time with the local RBC branch.

But the charitable banking staff didn't just donate their time to flip burgers: a cheque for \$1000 was presented to the committee's trails effort.

The group, and about 120 additional joggers, fitness buffs, leisurely walkers or just those with a charitable heart, participated in the third annual Red White and Run event this past Sunday during Summer Sizzler.

All funds raised will go towards the initiative, which is anticipated to be a fairly sizable contribution since the event has raised \$20,000 in its past two years of existence.

Sweating it out for a good cause, the participants were walking or running in hopes that by this time next year, their sneakers can hit the pavement along a brand new trail.

So far, the committee has made a noticeable dent in the city's landscape; Water Ridge Park and the Kloppenburg Wildlife Refuge, and the grant from CN went towards a trail along 5th Avenue, named in their honor.

But don't stick a fork in them yet — the committee has its sights set on three other areas that are prime real estate for their objective.

The group hopes to set up a two-kilometre trail that would loop around the Uniplex grounds, as well as setting up trails near Glenn Hall Park and along the Burton Lake railroad bed.

Mayor Malcolm Eaton was also pleased to hear that the committee plans to add educational and interpretive opportunities, including historical points of information along the trails. Eaton said when he was visiting



Over 120 runners participated in the Red, White and Run event on June 23 in order to raise money for the Humboldt Community Trails Initiative. Above: Two runners cross the finish line.

photo by Braedon Clark

his son a few weeks ago in Campbell River, a coastal city in British Columbia, the city's various hiking trails were dotted with informative plaques and signage with tidbits of trivia and information.

"It was really neat actually, some of the stuff the signs would tell you. It's nice to see that the committee is focusing on the same thing," Eaton said.

He's talking about enhancements to the trails like the Ducks Unlimited interpretive stations set up at Water

Ridge Park. For future trails, the committee plans on involving the Humboldt & District Museum & Gallery to display military pieces and other historical artifacts, along with informative station.

The progress the committee has achieved is undoubtedly beholden to the Humboldt community and those wishing to make a monetary donation can find information on how to do so at [www.humboldt.ca](http://www.humboldt.ca) or at [facebook.com/HumboldtCommunityTrails](http://facebook.com/HumboldtCommunityTrails).



# Community comes together to plan trails

BY RHONDA COOPER  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

It was a meeting of the minds when approximately 35 people attended the Community Trails Master Plan Open House in Humboldt the evening of Wednesday, January 9.

"We had an excellent cross-section of people in attendance," said Darrell Lessmeister, Director of Community and Leisure Services for the City of Humboldt.

Stakeholders were invited to write down ideas regarding the development of a trail system in the City of Humboldt by answering a series of eight questions and adding any other requests, comments, or concerns about the project on the last page of a questionnaire.

Aerial maps of the city were also at each table and participants were encouraged to identify current walking patterns and potential routes within the city. A number of tables looked at different ways to link various proposed pathways in order to offer a variety of options for those who will use the trails.

"People really got into it," said Lessmeister. "It was good to hear the various needs identified by the city, schools, organizations and businesses. They fed back when discussing various aspects of the trails, and drawing the maps gave people an opportunity to visualize possible routes."

Lessmeister noted input has always been forthcoming from local walkers and runners, but by combining their feedback with that of other organizations and businesses, will create an even more attractive amenity for the city.

Representing Humboldt and District Community Services (HDSC) at the open house were program manager Nicole Frank and office manager Lisa Selinger.

"Our goal is for the trails to be wheelchair accessible," said Frank.

The pair noted how a couple of years ago during a local run, runners found it very difficult to push a wheelchair participant on one of the existing trails, as the surface was not suitable.

"Accessibility is a key issue for us," commented Frank.

Frank is also responsible for the Community Inclusion Support Service and runs a summer program for youths with disabilities.

"There is no safe access to the mini-golf," said Frank. "We would like to see that resolved at some



Suggestions of all kinds were generated at the Master Plan Open House last Wednesday evening. A variety of ideas were solicited about every aspect of trail construction including types of surface, locations, incorporation of historical elements, inclusion of adjacent facilities, safety and accessibility.

photo by Rhonda Cooper

point."

Patti Durand, trails committee chair, pointed out accessibility is an issue in a few spots around the city.

"St. Mary's Villa is almost like an island," she said. "There really isn't any safe access to it."

Frank and Durand agree curb cuts are a must to ensure all, including tots in wagons, rollerbladers and those in scooters or wheelchairs have a safe place to access intersections, sidewalks and/or trails.

Communities in Bloom (CIB) members Janice Ruedig, Cori Norman and Sheila Nordick see the addition of a trail system to the city as a means of adding another positive amenity to the community.

"When I attended the national CIB conference it was shared with us that when people are looking at a community, they want places for children to play and places to walk," said Nordick.

"The trails would be another way to draw people to Humboldt," said Ruedig. "It is also a way to promote healthy living, which is another aspect of CIB. Many people think we're just about the flowers but in fact we are involved in all areas of the community. Green spaces are part of our mandate, but it extends well beyond that."

"We would also like to see washrooms as part of the system," said Norman. "There are no (public) washroom facilities downtown."

The CIB members noted a neat and tidy community makes for a good first impression and is one of

the elements that may influence people to choose Humboldt as home.

Presently Humboldt has two developed trail systems. One is a 400m loop at Water Ridge Park and the other is the Kloppenburg Trail, of which five of the 10 km is completely developed and maintained. The goal is to incorporate these into the new city-wide trail system.

The next step is to post that evening's questionnaire on the city's website for more input from individuals or groups who were unable to make the open house. That information will be forwarded to the project's consultant who will compile the information to create a preliminary plan for the project.

According to Lessmeister this plan will be presented to the Community Trails committee on February 19. The next public stakeholders meeting is scheduled for March 13.

"At each stage, input will be gathered and changes will be made as needed," he said.

The goal is to have the plan completed and presented for approval at the April 8 meeting of city council.

"The most important thing is making sure we do this right," stated Lessmeister. "By working together, taking into account the various needs of the many individuals who will make use of the trail system we can build something that will enhance the lives of the citizens of Humboldt and area."

# Potential Community Trails plan unveiled for City

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They are trying to make it easy to walk around Humboldt.

Trevor Tunnach, a consultant working on the Community Trails project for the City of Humboldt, unveiled the potential trails plan for Humboldt during an open house on March 19.

"We've looked at doing a series of circuits within the City of Humboldt," explained Tunnach.

The plan has a series of different routes throughout the city, one running around the perimeter and others branching off to private reserves like Burton Lake and Kloppenberg Trail.

"These are both existing rail beds that allow you to do very minimal construction to bring them up to a walking and riding type of pathway," said Tunnach.

The external trail is about 11 kilometers long, to mostly be used by more serious runners.

Basically what you see on the plan right now is the exterior circuit running not necessarily around the City but to provide a running, walking and biking pathway around the City," said Tunnach.

In addition to the external 11-kilometre trail, there are a number of different circuits within the city planned as well.

"They are broken into internal routes and almost a secondary internal route," said Tunnach. "What that does is some of those internal routes are major roadways and access points to facilities like the hospital, schools and to some of your green spaces."

The plan will connect commercial areas, the Centennial Park area, hospital, Water Ridge Park and many other important community facilities.

"Ultimately we would love to be able to focus

a path on every street, but obviously the funding budget-wise isn't realistic," said Tunnach.

Since Humboldt's road infrastructure is mostly on a grid system, he explained it is not necessary to create a trail system on all of the roadways.

"It is to move people throughout the city," said Tunnach. "What it is, is trying to prioritize the movement of people in these areas and allow for not only focusing and localizing traffic in these areas but also allowing the City to be able to provide operating and maintaining budgeting in their plans."

He explained having a plan will help the City budget for not only creating the trail system, but for operating and maintenance cost in the future.

"It really does give the City some focus on how they can work towards the future," said Tunnach.

They are looking at three-metre pathways for new trails, but will use existing infrastructure, which are sidewalks between 1.2 and 1.5 metres, for many internal trails. A three-metre-wide trail would allow for a combined walking/running and biking path.

Since existing sidewalks are too narrow, they are looking at other options for bikers.

"It may not be combined walkway and bicycle path but it may be a walkway with an adjacent area for biking along some of these streets," said Tunnach. "One option that could be used to deal with that, which has to be explored and discussed with the City, in some of these areas where there is little to no street parking, there may be the option to have a bike lane on the street. It may be an option but we haven't taken it any further."

He said if the plans receive good feedback, they will start providing more detailed planning for sections of what the trails could look like.

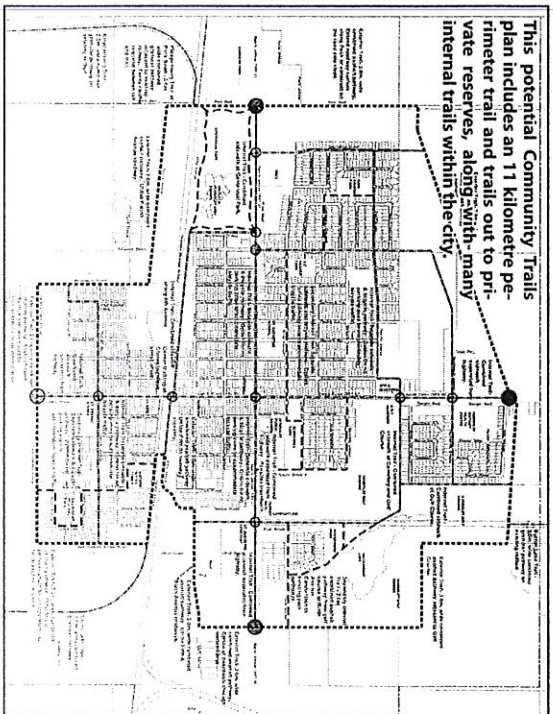
"We will take it to the next step where we provide more detailed sections of what the roadways and pathways can look like and then more hardlined cost breakdown of certain sections to help allow for budget donations and sponsorship," said Tunnach.

Some of the trails were chosen because the space cannot be used for anything else including an area over a Saskatchewan line that is north of the city.

"If you can't build on it, why not put a pathway on it where it is going to have little to no disturbance on it and it can benefit the community?" asked Tunnach.

Although the initial plan has been created, there is no price tag on the project yet, since it all depends on what trails the City decides to build at what time and what type of materials they will use.

"It will be more defined in upcoming plans," said



This Potential Community Trails plan includes an 11 kilometre perimeter trail and trails out to private reserves, along with many internal trails within the city.

Tunnach. "I think we need to stay away from the cost of the overall project. You are a community of 6,000 people — whether it be granular or asphalt, you would be hard pressed to do a project of this size all at once."

One important issue when creating a trail plan for the City was safety when crossing busy roadways.

"There are a number of things that can happen on some of those," said Tunnach.

The outer trail will cross both Highways 5 and 20 in two places. They hope to create some good safety features for pedestrians.

He hopes with these spots there can be an overhead structure put in place.

In addition, many internal trails also have to cross the highways.

Although some of them are in good shape, like the corner of Highways 5 and 20, others, like the corner of Hwy. 5 and 17th Street are difficult for pedestrians to cross.

"The extension of 17th Street and Hwy. 5 there are no traffic lights or pedestrian lights... There might be opportunities to put pedestrian lights there," said Tunnach.

In addition to the option of pedestrian lights, the City could also opt for traffic bulbding, which is extending the pathway into the street and narrowing the driving surface at corners.

"We have to look at some of those now in respect to whether they are feasible in cases in regards to truck traffic and things like that," Tunnach explained. "They not only decrease the amount of walking surface where pedestrians have to go on the street, they also force traffic into a narrower driving location, forcing them to slow down. It is dual purpose."

He said one of the major issues people in the city have is with the post office corner.

"I think there might be opportunities there for either rerouting or realignment of the street or there could be some bulbding that might help that issue right now," said Tunnach. "I know that one is a particular bone of contention that has been brought up a couple of times."



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5<sup>th</sup> Ave Trail at 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
Looking East towards Downtown



5<sup>th</sup> Ave Trail at 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Looking West at High School in Centennial Park



Highway 5 Trail  
From 21<sup>st</sup> Street to Peck Road  
Looking West, Highway #5 on South Side and PAMI on North Side



Trail in Front of Glenn Hall Park  
Connecting to Highway #5 Trail to Tourism Booth/Campground  
Looking East





Highway #5 Trail  
Looking West to Glenn Hall Park



Highway #5 Trail  
Looking East to Tourism Booth/Campground  
Golf Course on Northside and Highway #5 on Southside



Highway #5 Trail

At Tourism Booth/Campground

Trail extending to Golf Course Road to Water Ridge Park



Highway #5 Trail

Looking East to Tourism Booth/Campground

Golf Course on Northside and Highway #5 on Southside



Highway #5 Trail  
Looking West to Glenn Hall Park  
Golf Course on Northside and Highway #5 on Southside



Wildlife Trail  
Close to City of Humboldt  
Looking Northeast at Centennial Park/Uniplex/High School/College

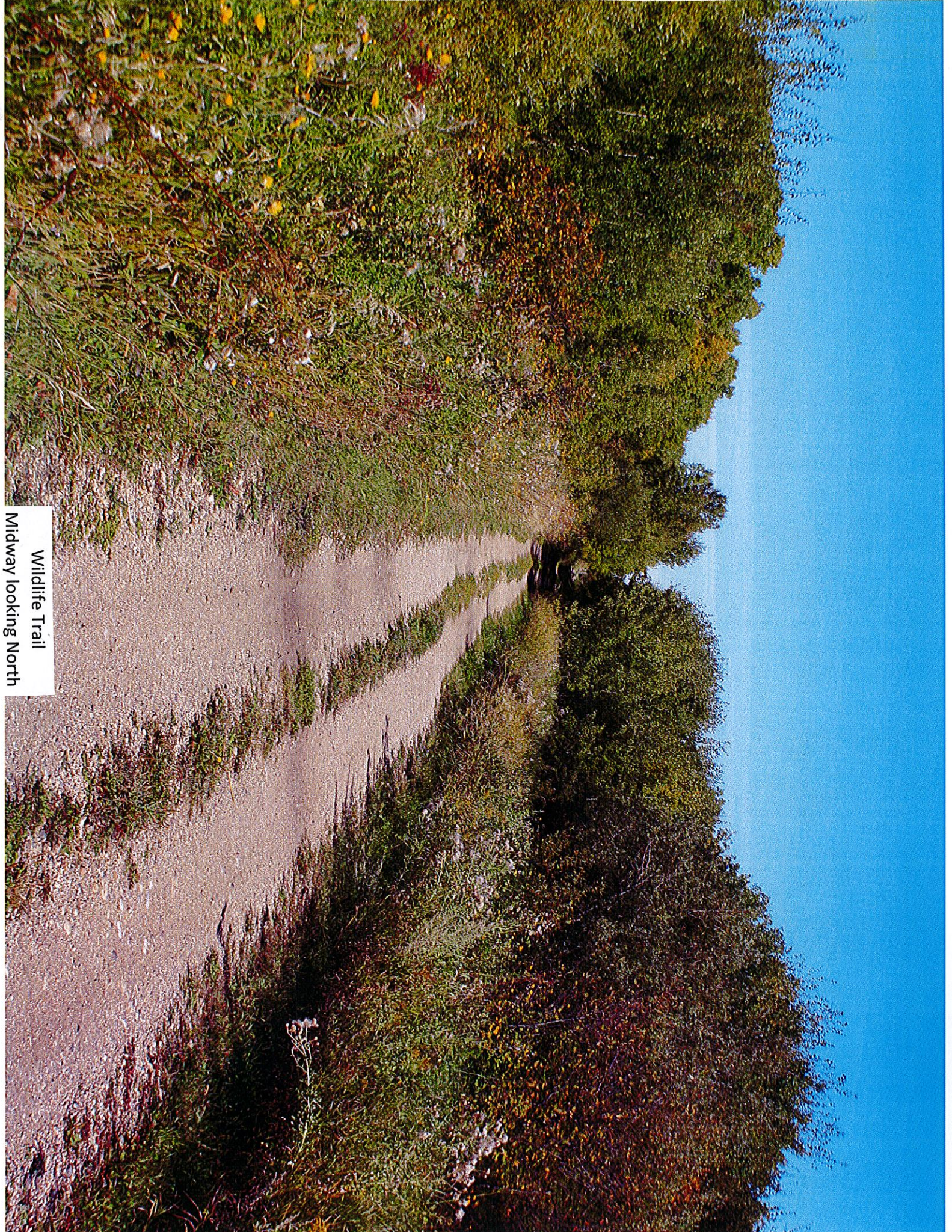


Vintage Club  
At the South end of Wildlife Trail



Vintage Club Entrance  
Next to Peck Road





Wildlife Trail  
Midway looking North



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