



# WINNIPEG TRAILS ASSOCIATION



[www.winnipegtrails.ca](http://www.winnipegtrails.ca)

WTA continues to work on behalf of all Winnipeg Trail groups. In 2014, we will communicate to you what is occurring in the city, what we are doing on your behalf, and assist you with some of your events. Please refer to the [www.winnipegtrails.ca](http://www.winnipegtrails.ca) web site and to our newsletters for info. If you have any trail related news events that you would like to see published and sent out to over 700 people in Winnipeg and along the Red River Corridor, send them to Sylvie at [info@riverswest.ca](mailto:info@riverswest.ca).

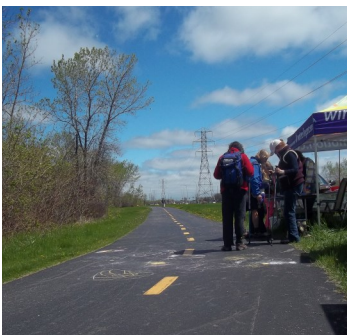
## CREATING PROMOTION AND AWARENESS OF WINNIPEG TRAILS AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

### COMMUNITY TRAIL EVENTS

If your Trail Group is planning a community event this year, **Rivers West will provide five trail associations with a \$75.00 honorarium for a trail leader to lead a walk to increase trail awareness in your community.** Please contact Sylvie at [info@riverswest.ca](mailto:info@riverswest.ca) or (204) 925-2320 ext 108 to express your interest, and the event it will be applicable towards.



**Jane Jacobs Walk Events** are occurring throughout the world. Anyone can host a Jane Jacobs Walk in their community. All it takes is a passion for the places in which you live, work or play. If your trail group is planning on participating in a Jane's Walk this year, **we will provide up to 4 trail groups with a \$75 honorarium for a tour leader to participate in the walk to promote your trail.** If you would like to assist the local organizers of Jane's Walk to improve the even in 2014, go to [www.winnipegtrails.ca](http://www.winnipegtrails.ca) to complete their survey before February 15, 2014. To submit a walk go to [janewalk.org](http://janewalk.org) and take a look at what's happening throughout the world.



### INTERNATIONAL TRAILS DAY - JUNE 07 2014

Thanks to the City of Winnipeg's financial contribution, RW will once again be able to assist Winnipeg trails groups to plan and organize a special event on International Trails Day through promotion and modest financial support. If you are planning on organizing an event this year, please provide us with a brief outline of your proposed activities and monetary request as soon as possible. Submit this to [info@riverswest.ca](mailto:info@riverswest.ca). Funding is limited so act fast.



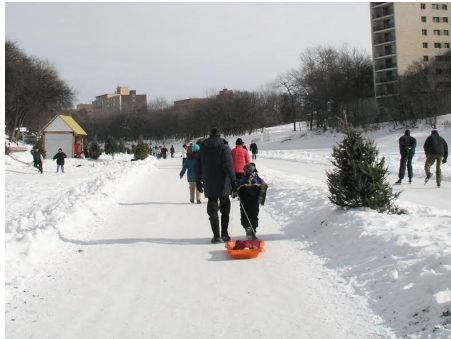
*Developing Manitoba's Red River Corridor as a destination*

*Promouvoir le corridor de la Rivière Rouge, au Manitoba, en tant que destination*



## CELEBRATE MANITOBA'S SECOND ANNUAL WINTER WALKING DAY - February 8th

Calling all Winnipeg winter walkers! Come and join Sharon Blady, Minister of Healthy Living and Seniors, the Winnipeg Trails Association and friends to walk on the Red River Mutual River Trail. Walk and talk with the Minister, check out the architecturally designed warming huts, sip on free hot chocolate and make new winter memories with friends and families. **Meet at the central canopy in front of the Forks Market building at 11:00 am!** [View flyer.](#)



## A WEEK LONG OF CYCLING EVENTS FOR EVERYONE - JUNE 14 to 20, 2014



Please consider becoming involved in Bike Week 2014 if you are not already! There are many ways trail groups can become involved: Host a 'Pit Stop' on the trail, volunteer at local Bike Week activities, help promote local Bike Week events in your community and more.

To learn more about how you can help with Bike Week 2014 in your community, please contact Andraea Sartison at Bike Week Winnipeg 2014: [andraealaurensartison@gmail.com](mailto:andraealaurensartison@gmail.com).

## TRANSCANADA TRAIL DISCUSSION FOR WINNIPEG

On January 6th, Janice, Julie, Kevin and another 20 persons braved extremely cold weather to participate at a meeting organized by Trails Manitoba in partnership with the City of Winnipeg and Winnipeg Trails Association (WTA).

Barb Hutton from Friends of the Harte Trail welcome everyone and provide a brief introduction for the meeting. Kevin then presented Winnipeg AT progress, followed by Trails Manitoba's Melissa Sitter who provided a federal and provincial update on the TCT, followed by the current Winnipeg status.

As the TCT is aiming to have the entire trail completed from coast to coast by 2017, the City, WTA groups and Trails MB must look at ways to ensure the TCT is complete, well signed, and that maps of trails in Winnipeg are up-to-date. Consensus at the meeting was there is a lot of work to be done, and that Trails MB should seek funding to hire a person to undertake the coordination of this project.



# SAVE THE DATE FOR AN EXCITING HOW-TO WORKSHOP

## HOW TO DEVELOP AN ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION MAP OF YOUR COMMUNITY

Thursday, March 13, 2014 in Winnipeg

Location and time to be determined

Maps are the critical tool to engage communities and build Active Transportation awareness. Therefore, RW/WTA is organizing a spring workshop to provide communities guidance on how to go about developing a community map. Winnipeg Trails Association, in partnership with the City of Winnipeg and Green Action Centre, is hosting a workshop on how to develop an active transportation map of your community. The workshop will share steps a community can take towards developing a detailed active transportation map of their neighbourhood.

Recently, south Winnipeg residents of Fort Richmond, University Heights and University of Manitoba completed a walking and cycling map of their community, highlighting every single sidewalk, trail, cut through, crosswalk, bus stop and more! The map details various surface types of trails (asphalt, gravel, bark chip, grass, etc.), it contains the locations of the heated bus shelters, traffic lights, controlled crosswalks, various community amenities (libraries, swimming pools, post offices, medical clinics, etc.). The map even includes community treasure—featuring popular fishing holes, climbing trees, topiary elephants grazing and nuggets of history from years gone past! Development of a community active transportation map is a step towards developing a community active transportation plan. [View the community walking & cycling map of Fort Richmond, University Heights and University of Manitoba.](#)

ALL RED RIVER CORRIDOR STAKEHOLDERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS WORKSHOP.

If you are interested in attending this workshop, please contact Sylvie at [info@riverswest.ca](mailto:info@riverswest.ca) or (204) 925-2320 ext. 108. Further details will be provided when confirmed.



## WALK/BIKE WINNIPEG

Winnipeg Trails Association, a subsidiary of Rivers West is an active participant of the Walk/Bike Winnipeg Pedestrian and Cycling Strategy spearheaded by the City of Winnipeg. The strategies are to encourage walking and cycling as attractive, convenient and accessible transportation choices for people of all ages and abilities in Winnipeg.

The pedestrian and cycling strategies will help shape changes in infrastructure and support programs that will encourage all of us to walk or cycle more. The strategies will provide direction for civic investments in infrastructure and support programs over the short, mid and long-term.

Kevin Nixon (RW board member), Janice Lukes and Julie Turenne-Maynard participated in a invitation-only community consultation held at the Millenium Library in mid-December with over 100 other participants to assist the City in determining important key elements that must be taken into consideration for these strategies. Visit [www.winnipeg.ca](http://www.winnipeg.ca) for more information and to watch for the spring community open houses on the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategy