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An e-update from the Trans Canada Trail

## CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

### Honorary Trail opening at Rideau Hall and 24 Sussex a resounding success



The plaque unveiling at 24 Sussex on May 24, 2013. In the back row, Valerie Pringle (Trans Canada Trail Foundation Co-Chair), Mrs. Laureen Harper (Honorary Chair of the TCT Chapter 150 Campaign), His Excellency Governor General David Johnston (TCT Honorary Patron), Hartley Richardson (Trans Canada Trail Foundation Co-Chair), Her Excellency Sharon Johnston (TCT Honorary Patron), Deborah Apps (Trans Canada Trail President & CEO), and Paul LaBarge (Trans Canada Trail Chair). Photo by Blair Gable

A new honorary section of Trans Canada Trail was officially opened on

TCT volunteers celebrated for their outstanding work in Manitoba



Deborah Apps, Linda Morin, Ilse Ketelsen and Ian Hughes (President Manitoba Trails) at the medal ceremony.

Long-time Trans Canada Trail volunteers Linda Morin and Ilse Ketelsen were presented with Diamond Jubilee Medals during a small ceremony that was held overlooking the Trail at the Manitoba Legislative Building in Winnipeg on May 7.

Along with many other volunteers, Morin and Ketelsen have been instrumental in planning, building, signing and maintaining the TCT in Manitoba. Morin is a former

Friday, May 24, on the grounds of Rideau Hall and at 24 Sussex by Their Excellencies the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, and Mrs. Sharon Johnston, TCT Honorary Patrons, and Mrs. Laureen Harper, Honorary Chair of the TCT Chapter 150 Campaign.

Almost 100 Canadians, including Boy Scouts and members of the Trans Canada Trail board, were present.

Starting at the Visitor Centre at Rideau Hall, the honorary section of TCT is approximately one kilometre, with a shorter section at 24 Sussex, directly in front of the prime minister's official residence. This new honorary section of the Trans Canada Trail is symbolically linked to the rest of the Trail, which will be fully connected from coast to coast to coast by 2017.

During the official opening, His Excellency thanked volunteers for their tireless work and welcomed visitors to discover the Rideau Hall grounds by walking the new section of Trail.

"Without pioneers, both past and present, the Trans Canada Trail would not exist, nor would our country be what we recognize it to be today," he said. "That is the gift we continue to enjoy, which is the reason why the completion of the Trail by Canada's 150th birthday in 2017 is such a worthy goal."

The honorary section of TCT takes visitors along the MacKay Walk and passes the Canadian Heritage Garden and the Pool of Unity to the front of the Residence around the Fountain of Hope, which is dedicated to Terry Fox. The Trail returns down the main driveway and past commemorative trees planted by visiting heads of state and dignitaries, towards the Visitor Centre.

"The Trans Canada Trail is a gift from one generation of Canadians to another," Deborah Apps, TCT President & CEO, said. "This honorary section of Trail at Rideau Hall and at 24 Sussex is a testament to our collective love for our land and its importance to who we are as a nation. On behalf of all Trail volunteers past and present, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Their Excellencies and Mrs. Harper for their steadfast support and recognition of the Trans Canada Trail."

The Trail is nearly 17,000 kilometres long and is 72 per cent connected. Currently, 124 volunteer Trail projects are in progress as part of the TCT's goal to connect the Trail from coast to coast to coast by 2017. Once fully connected, the Trail will stretch almost 24,000 kilometres and will include urban, rural and wilderness trails in every province and territory.

board member of Trails Manitoba and Ketelsen is a current member and a volunteer for the Rosburn Subdivision Trail Association.

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## INTERNATIONAL TRAILS DAY

### TCT proudly supports Saskatoon's International Trails Day events

The Trans Canada Trail is proud to support the many activities and events schedule to celebrate International Trails Day in Saskatoon.

Meewasin Valley Authority, Trans Canada Trail and the Parkland Trails Association have invited organizations and groups to hold events at the Meewasin Trail on Saturday, June 1.

Teachers and their classes are also invited to take part on Friday, May 31.

For more information about this two-day celebration, visit the [Meewasin Valley Authority page](#), Trans Canada Trail blog or see this [PDF](#) of the event.

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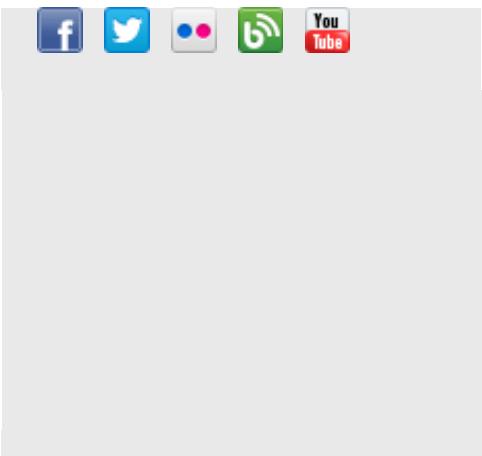
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