



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **ATHABASCA TO COLINTON TRAIL OFFICIAL OPENING ON OCTOBER 18**

The Official Opening of the Athabasca to Colinton Trail takes place on Saturday, October 18, 2014, 1:30-3:30 pm, at the trail head in Colinton. Presentations are from 2:00 to 2:30 pm, and will be followed by refreshments, and free horse and wagon rides provided by the Western Canadian Wagon Train.

Everyone is welcome to attend this celebration marking the completion of this segment of the Athabasca Landing Trail (ALT). The trail route is registered as part of the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) in Alberta and is an important link in the TCT northern land route to Canada's Arctic Ocean.

The ALT project is led by the Athabasca Landing Trail Steering Committee whose goal is to develop a non-motorized recreational trail that follows the path of the original historic route wherever possible. This trail, dubbed 'The 100 Mile Portage', played a key role in the transporting of goods, services and settlers between Edmonton and Athabasca in the late 1800s. The re-created trail will offer recreational and tourism opportunities for Albertans and visitors, interpret and preserve the human and natural history along the trail, and support the development of new economic opportunities in the area.

Trans Canada Trail and its provincial and territorial partners share the goal of connecting the TCT across Canada in time for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations in 2017. The completion of the Athabasca to Colinton trail is an important step in achieving this goal as well as that of connecting Canadian communities from coast to coast along the TCT.

The Athabasca Landing Trail Steering Committee has representation from the Town of Athabasca, County of Athabasca, Westlock County, Sturgeon County, City of Fort Saskatchewan, Athabasca Recreational Trails Association, Western Canadian Wagon Train, Rainbow Equitation Society, Alberta TrailNet Society and Government of Alberta. [www.athabascalandingtrail.com](http://www.athabascalandingtrail.com).

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