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An e-update from the Trans Canada Trail

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Year-end GIFT giving

THOUGHTS TURN TO GIVING AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.

Whether you're thinking about gifts for your friends and family or support of the charitable programs you care about - consider the **Trans Canada Trail**.

Your contribution will be used for the continued development and promotion of the world's longest and grandest Trail - a gift for all Canadians. Click

[here](#) to become a member, give a symbolic gift of a metre of Trail, or make a year-end donation.



BECOME A GOVERNORS PROGRAM DONOR BY DECEMBER 31 AND WE'LL MATCH YOUR GIFT!

The Trail's volunteer Fund Development Committee members have generously pledged \$75,000 to be used for matching any Governors Program contributions of \$1,000 or more received by December 31. **Turn \$1,000 into \$2,000** for the Trail today! Click [here](#) to donate to our Governors Program or contact [Gail Urquhart](#) for details.

Governor General honours Trail founders

VIEW

OUR NEW TRAIL VIDEO

Your Trail. Your Journey.



Winter is a great time to get out and enjoy the Trail. Click [here](#) to find the Trail near you.

From all of us at the Trans Canada Trail, we wish you

Trans Canada Trail founders, Dr. Pierre Camu and the late William (Bill) Pratt, were honoured at a reception at Rideau Hall, hosted by Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada.



Over 100 people attended the September event. The Governor General spoke passionately about the importance of the Trail to Canadians. "The Trans Canada Trail is a path cutting across fields, a bridge spanning a river, a trail through the heart of a forest or skirting the foot of a mountain, a lake crossed by paddle stroke. It is a range of diverse breathtaking landscapes. And it is so much more. It is a chain of solidarity. It is a collective endeavour. It is a source of national pride."

Valerie Pringle, Trans Canada Trail chair, announced the naming of the Trail pavilion in Calgary, AB after William Pratt and the Trail pavilion in Gatineau, QC after Dr. Pierre Camu. "We are delighted to honour these two remarkable Canadians who shared the bold vision of building a trail from coast to coast to coast and creating a magnificent legacy for all Canadians," she said.



Mrs. Lauren Harper (front centre) led a fall walk on the Trans Canada Trail from the Trail pavilion in Gatineau, QC to Ottawa's Bytown Museum. Trail Board members and provincial/territorial partners, seen with her here, enjoyed the spectacular views of many famous Ottawa landmarks from the Trail.

Trail welcomes Olympic Torch

and your family, a very happy holiday season.

Masthead photos (left to right): Sentier des Caps de Charlevoix, QC; Trail in Yukon (Government of Yukon photo/C. Archbould); Toronto Waterfront Trail; Trail in Alberta.

The Olympic Flame has visited

13 Trans Canada Trail pavilions since it began its journey across Canada on October 30. Volunteers and friends have proudly welcomed the Torch Relay caravan and celebrated their local contributions to Canada's Trail at each point along the way.



Trans Canada Trail thanks RBC Foundation for their contribution to these special Olympic moments, which will be remembered through legacy inscriptions in the 25 Trans Canada Trail pavilions visited during the Relay. Northwater Financial has also been a generous supporter of our Torch Relay activities.

Join us at upcoming [Torch pavilion events.](#)

New Trail projects

It has been a year of trail-building achievements. The Trans Canada Trail is now 70.5% complete, with 15,500 kms of trail. Millions of Canadians and international visitors are using the Trail to get active, explore Canada's diverse landscapes, and discover our rich history.

In 2008-09, Trans Canada Trail added close to 1000 kilometres of trail, registered 12 new trail sections, opened seven new Trail pavilions, and approved funding of \$1.6 million for 27 trail projects.

► **Kinsol Trestle.** Trans Canada Trail is providing \$250,000 to help rebuild BC's Kinsol Trestle. It is a vital link on the Cowichan Valley Trail and an important heritage site.



Designed by engineers but built by local farmers and loggers starting in 1911, the Kinsol Trestle is one of the largest and most spectacular timber rail trestle structures in the world. At 614 feet in length and standing 145 feet above the Koksilah River, the Trestle brings history to life in a powerful way. Last used by trains in 1979 and closed for decades to foot passengers, this is a multi-million dollar project which is generating enormous community support. The Trestle is expected to open in spring 2011 and will be a must-see feature on the Trans Canada Trail ([more](#)).

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Important new Trail partners

Globe and Mail - our national media sponsor

► Trans Canada Trail is pleased to announce that the Globe and Mail is our new National Media Partner. Starting in April, ads and stories about the Trail will appear regularly in Canada's national newspaper. The first [ad](#) appeared in the Globe in November, along with an article about the Trail.

New partnership with Parks Canada

► Trans Canada Trail and Parks Canada have formalized an agreement to work together to further recreational trail planning, development, management and promotion in Canada. Chair Valerie Pringle and President and CEO Deborah Apps signed an agreement with Canada's Minister of the Environment Jim Prentice in November. ([more](#))

Thanks to RBC Foundation

► A generous \$250,000 pledge from RBC Foundation was recognized at the Trail's September AGM and conference in Ottawa. Mr. Andrew Arnott, VP, RBC Commercial Financial Services, Ottawa Region expressed RBC's pride in partnering with the Trans Canada Trail and thanked volunteers for the many ways the Trail brings value to communities across the country.

Your Trail. Your Journey.

From coast to coast to coast, the Trans Canada Trail is one of Canada's truly great endeavours. Experience Canada's legendary wilderness, explore provincial and territorial capitals, canoe the routes of early explorers, visit national and provincial parks, commute to and from work, cycle historic rail trails. With the Trans Canada Trail, the possibilities are endless!

Since 1992, more than 100,000 Canadians, hundreds of community partner organizations and all levels of government have contributed to the Trail. Help us complete our journey and be part of a dream almost as immense as Canada itself.

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- Become a [member](#)
- Make a [monthly donation](#)
- Join our [Governors Program](#)
- Have your [name or the name of a loved one inscribed](#) in one of 86 Trans Canada Trail Pavilions.

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