

## Trans Canada Trail Ontario Welcomes Northern Ontario Trails Coordinators

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The Board of Directors of Trans Canada Trail Ontario has announced the appointment of the MCS Group as Northern Ontario TCT Trails Coordinators effective April 1, 2015.

The MCS Group are private land use planning consultants consisting of three individuals residing in Thunder Bay. Collectively they have more than 100 years of experience in land management in Northern Ontario. MCS is committed to the goal and vision of completing the TCT across Northern Ontario. The trail will be a mix of land and water and an important Canadian legacy project and tourism product for the north. Over the last four years , MCS have completed a number of TCTO projects related to land and water TCT connections and are quite familiar with what is need to connect the TCT in Northern Ontario.

## MCS Group consists of:

lain Mettam, primary and lead contact. Iain has over 33 years with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources as a Planning Manager for Northwest Region. Iain has provided leadership in many significant land use and resource management initiatives.

Jim Cameron – partner. Jim has over 34 years with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, as District Planner for Thunder Bay. Jim has extensive knowledge of GIS and GPS technologies with extensive field work experience.

Evan Simpson – partner. Evan has over 33 years with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, as Land Use Planner with emphasis on protected area strategies.

Trans Canada Trail Ontario is delighted to welcome the MCS Group, said Al MacPherson, Chair of the Trans Canada Trail Ontario Board. "The MCS Group has had many years of experience dealing with land matters in Northern Ontario, especially collaborative relationships with key stakeholders. Their expertise and practical knowledge are exactly what the TCTO needs as we move forward in connecting the TCT across Ontario by 2017."

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The Trans Canada Trail is the world's longest recreational trail—when fully connected, it will wind almost 24,000 kilometres from the Atlantic to the Pacific and the Arctic Oceans. Over 5,000 kilometres of the Trail will connect Ontarians. In 2017, in time for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation, the Trail will link almost 1,000 communities and Canadians from coast to coast to coast.