



THE GREAT
TRAIL



Meet Trans Canada Trail's
TRAIL DEVELOPMENT AND SIGNAGE TEAM

THE GREAT LE GRAND TRAIL SENTIER

MATHIEU ROY

Vice-President, Trail Development and Management



Mathieu is a construction engineer, with over 15 years' experience in the design, construction, management and commissioning of urban, rural and industrial infrastructure for environmental purposes.

As an advocate for sustainable development, he has cultivated strong technical expertise in the fields of soil, water and air, as well as in waste management. He has been involved with the construction of several roads, composting plants, recycling centres and several projects related to waste management and treatment. He has also participated in the rehabilitation of contaminated sites, mainly those of former mines.

Guided by his experience in sustainability, Mathieu leads a passionate team of Trail development managers and signage professionals as they continue to enhance The Great Trail of Canada and engage with communities from coast to coast to coast, not only through funding programs, but also by implementing and leading projects with a focus on inclusivity, safety and active transportation.

Mathieu's schedule is packed pretty tight! He currently sits on Sentiers Sherbrooke Board - a non-profit working for the development, maintenance and promotion of mountain biking trails in the Eastern Township region of Quebec - but he still manages to find time for summer mountain biking and winter fat biking and alpine skiing in Estrie.

Mathieu joined Trans Canada Trail in 2017.

TRISH KAPLAN

Trail Development Manager, Western and Northern Canada



From a very young age Trisha knew that she wanted her work to focus on the outdoors and recreation. Knowing that outdoor activity helps everyone stay healthy, physically and mentally, and helps bring people together, she now works with TCT partners and stakeholders on projects and special initiatives that ensure The Great Trail of Canada offers all users the most enjoyable outdoor experience possible.

In her off time, she loves gardening, trail running, cycling, walking, and reading. Her favourite spot on The Great Trail is the A-maze-ing Laughter sculpture along English Bay in Vancouver, because it's...amazing!

Trisha joined Trans Canada Trail in 2014.

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KRISTEN GABORA

Trail Development Manager, Central Canada



Kristen's reason for getting involved with the development of The Great Trail of Canada is simple: she believes we all need to spend more time in nature. In her eyes, The Great Trail gives us all an opportunity to connect with Canada's natural beauty, while guiding us on our shared journey towards reconciliation.

Kristen loves trails that have historical significance, which explains her passion for her work on an exciting new project with Beardy's & Okemasis' First Nation. When completed, this ambitious new Trail section will provide a greenway trail experience that will showcase the Métis and Cree history of the area, while also providing a link between Batoche, Fort Carlton Provincial Historic Park and Wanuskewin Heritage Park near Saskatoon.

Spending time on the Trail with her granddaughter is one of Kristen's favourite things to do in her downtime, along with camping in the wilderness with her family and snowmobiling in the winter months. When she isn't exploring the great outdoors, you'll find her enjoying a good book.

Kristen joined Trans Canada Trail in 2013.

MICHAEL GOODYEAR

Trail Development Manager, Eastern Canada



For Michael, the biggest perk of working with Trans Canada Trail is the opportunity to help improve communities across eastern Canada. By supporting groups in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes to enhance the Trail, Michael finds there are always exciting projects to work on and ways to make a difference.

Along with the other members of the Trail Team, Michael also works on strategic projects to improve Trail quality and safety across Canada.

Holding a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from York University, Michael brings over 15 years' experience of land and project management and previously worked with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA).

Outside of work, you'll often find Michael hiking or cycling with his two daughters when the sun shines, or playing games or working on art projects with them on rainy days.

Michael joined Trans Canada Trail in 2014.

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HEIDI TILLMANNS

National Signage Manager



Since Heidi is a self-proclaimed “Martha Stewart”, it’s not much of a stretch that our National Signage Manager devotes her time to overseeing design, implementation and funding of The Great Trail signage projects across the country.

With 30 years of experience in the sign industry, Heidi has worked with national companies, such as Loblaws, and international corporations such as Shell International and Rio Tinto Alcan. Her broad range of signage design and project management assists in coordinating and executing Trail signage projects effectively.

Her free time is when the “Martha Stewart” side comes in – Heidi loves to cook, decorate, paint and spend time with her family. When she’s not in her studio dabbling in acrylics or in the kitchen whipping up a new recipe, you can find her exploring the Waterfront Trail or the Hamilton to Brantford Rail Trail in Ontario with her partner, Patrick. You may even spot her at Pier 4 grabbing an ice cream... then possibly climbing the Sherman Stairs to work it off.

Heidi joined Trans Canada Trail in 2015.

CHANTELLE KILBOURN

Trail and Signage Coordinator, Western and Northern Canada



Passionate about environmental land use and taking an integrated approach to achieve a sustainable balance between development and conservation, Chantelle assists Trail groups realize and achieve their Trail and signage goals.

While developing what is now a popular recreation destination in Whitecourt, Alberta known as Hard Luck Canyon, Chantelle worked with a team to create a recreation opportunity that can be used and enjoyed by all. Today, she uses that knowledge at TCT to connect with passionate people to enhance The Great Trail from coast to coast to coast.

Chantelle’s fondest memories as a child were riding her bike along the Athabasca Landing Trail in central Alberta where she grew up. Now living in northern British Columbia, she enjoys exploring the scenic beauty of northern Canada and hopes to explore even more of the northern portions of the Trail with her two dogs and her husband.

Chantelle joined Trans Canada Trail in 2019.

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ANGELA MORIN

Trail and Signage Coordinator, Eastern Canada



Angela has years of experience as a landscape architect where she was involved in planning all aspects of landscape designs, collaborating on and implementing federal and municipal parks, trails and interpretive projects, including Grand-Pré UNESCO View Park, McMaster Mill Historic Park and Town of Wolfville Clock Park. This crosses over into her role at TCT where she provides support to local Trail groups as they implement Trail or signage improvement projects.

In her spare time, Angela can usually be found fine-tuning her home garden, hanging out with her kids, reading, cooking or cleaning the house. She loves exploring the Trail in her own backyard - namely cycling on the Salt Marsh Trail or the Cobequid Trail in Nova Scotia.

Angela joined Trans Canada Trail in 2015.

CHARLES-ANDRÉ ROY

Manager, Geographic Information Systems (GIS)



Charles-André likes maps, computers and programming. He holds a Master's degree in Environment and Geographic Information Science, and is perfectly proficient in cartographic/database software such as ArcGIS, PostgreSQL and ACCESS. He has also mastered the complex art of programming languages including Python, JavaScript, Java and Visual Basic.

Which explains why he's basically our database guru. For the past 10 years, he's been involved in mapping The Great Trail from coast to coast to coast, including managing the back-end of Salesforce and keeping track of ongoing Trail projects.

When Charles-André isn't working, he loves to play sports (hockey and tennis), play guitar, play with his kids, and watch lots of series and movies. Of course, he also loves cycling on his favourite section of the Trail: Le P'tit Train du Nord.

Charles-André joined Trans Canada Trail in 2007.