Many Users - One Trails

The Iron Horse Trail began as a short 23 km trail from Elk Point to Heinsburg when a gravel pit and the rail line was abandoned in 1980. In 1993 this section was acquired by the County of St Paul.

When the abandonment of the line from Waskatneau to Elk Point and to Cold Lake was announced in 1999 an organized trail group was looking for a way to extend the original Iron Horse Trail. As all 10 municipalities and many user groups got involved, construction of the trail was started, and the trail was officially opened in 2003.

Figure 7. Staging Areas

Both TCT and the TC Snowmobile Trail on the Iron Horse Trail

In 2004 it was made part of the Trans Canada Trail which stretches 28400 km across Canada.

Trans Canada Trail (All Season)

In 2005 it became part of the Trans Canada Snowmobile Trail which stretched 18000 km across Canada, part of the 130,700 km of snowmobile trails across Canada.

The map below is the winter only snowmobile trails (in blue) and the Iron Horse Trail (in red) which links them all. Many of the trails are groomed each winter by the Iron Horse Trail Grooming Foundation and local clubs.

Local Club Trails (Winter Only) and the Iron Horse Trail