



MANITOBA TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION

Someone recently asked me what the Manitoba Trappers Association does for trappers. This caused me to reflect on the accomplishments the MTA achieved while I served as President. Listed below is a summary of many of the MTA's accomplishments over the past several years. I would like to thank the Directors, volunteers, and the MTA Office Manager that helped the MTA achieve these accomplishments.

Significant Accomplishments (2017-2021)

- Increased membership by 24%
- Reduced administrative costs by approximately \$10,000 per year
- Increased office hours
- Maintained office operations throughout the Pandemic
- Moved Trap Sales to a new location and continue to provide reasonably priced traps to trappers
- Successfully hosted the Thompson Fur Table 3 of the 4 years. The event was cancelled in 2020 due to restrictions put in place because of the pandemic. The MTA still provided trappers with buyer contact information to ensure they had a market for their furs harvested in the 2020 season
- Consistently provided information to our members through The Trapper magazine (Thanks Becky)
- Introduced new proposed By-laws
- Increased Problem Predator funding from \$30,000 per year to \$60,000 per year
- Increased fees paid to Problem Predator trappers
- Developed minimum criteria for new Problem Predator Trappers
- Participated in the Manitoba Livestock Predator Protection Working Group
- Facilitated several Problem Predator Trapping workshops throughout the province
- Consistently met the requirements of the Manitoba Funding Agreement contract
- Developed and formalized the current trapper education course curriculum
- Developed minimum criteria for Trapper Education Instructors
- Established a Trapper Education Instructor Review Committee and Instructor Application Review process
- Added 9 new MTA approved Trapper Education Instructors recognized by the Province
- Provided Trapper Education training to almost 400 individuals
- Increased fees paid to Trapper Education Instructors
- Developed and delivered first virtual trapper education course approved by Manitoba
- Assisted in the delivery of the Oak Hammock Youth Trapping Program
- Delivered virtual trapper education courses to schools in 3 northern communities (Churchill, Norway House, and Nelson House)
- Provided trapper education instruction every year for Frontier College students
- Delivered trapper education training to Renewable Resource Management students attending University College of the North
- Provided train the trainer seminar related to trapping for Manitoba Resource Management Technicians

- Assisted in the Wildlife Federation's Becoming an Outdoors Women program. Delivered a basic trapping seminar to participants
- Delivered first all-women's trapper education course in Manitoba
- Lobbied Manitoba to develop a Conflict of Interest Policy related to Conservation Officers trapping on and applying for Registered Trap Lines
- Increased trapping opportunities for all open area trappers in the province by lobbying Manitoba to remove the Oak Special Trapping Area designation.
- Successfully lobbied the Province to maintain the right to trap in most of the Pembina Valley Provincial Park
- Provided Manitoba with Trapper feedback related to the Manitoba Fur Bearer Policy and recommendations related to the vacant RTL advertising, scoring, and awarding process
- Continue work on the development of a formalized Manitoba Fur Bearer Policy
- Communication Lead for the Manitoba Bill C21 Firearms Committee that provided recommendations to the Province of Manitoba regarding the Federal government's proposed firearms legislation
- Updated website and developed a new logo

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