

Yarmouth County Trail Development Association
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Alain Muise
Chief Administrative Office
Municipality of the District of Argyle
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Dear Mr. Muise:

Enclosed is the final report for Yarmouth County Trail Development Association Project 2021/22 to maintain the current trail bed by improving site lines at intersections, brush cutting, mowing grass, replacing safety signs/posts and maintenance repairs on trail's bridges. Initial project expenditure estimates for the original application were calculated to be \$50,211.62. The Association's request of \$19,061.62 from the OHV infrastructure was approved to the amount of \$19,108.00. We received an 80% advance in the amount of \$15,286.40 and \$2,288.35 from a 20% hold back from the previous year (total = **\$17,574.75**). At the Municipal level of government, Yarmouth was supportive with **\$5000** contribution and Argyle with **\$4,000.00**. Over the year we have been successful in applying for Federal Funding from the Trans Canada Trail Spring and Fall Clean up initiative for a total of **\$2000.00**. The Association was able to fundraise for an additional **\$1,865.00** from public donations. **Total funding = \$30,439.75 for 2021/22.**

Over the course of the 2021/2022 year, the total expenditure for trail maintenance was **\$31,190.17**. Finding heavy equipment companies that are available to complete work on the trail in a timely fashion has been our biggest challenge this year.

Association and annual trail insurance costs were incorporated into the project costs. This project was completed by the end of March 31, 2022. See appendix for details.

Sincerely



Danielle Byrne - Treasurer

Appendix

2021 - 2022 Project Summary:

Proposed	Approved funding	Paid invoices totals	Volunteer contribution/donations
Total Value \$50,211.62 In kind Portion of value \$ 6450.00 Cash Outlay \$43,761.62	\$30,439.75	\$31,190.17	To date = \$693

Total value of the project: \$31,883.17 (as of April 12)

Most of the volunteer time is expended painting barricade rocks and posts, lubricating post locks, whipper snipping around benches and posts, tree cutting. Volunteers are reimbursed for either mileage or gas (with receipts).

For 2021, volunteers claimed 3080 km of milage on their personal vehicles (ATV, trucks) to move equipment (mowers), haul garbage and debris to the dump, trail inspection, fallen tree removal, beaver dam/water level maintenance, follow up on complaints, and sign instillation and repairs. Provincial rate (2021 0.525 x 3080 km = \$1,617) – Trail compensated rate (0.30 x 3080 = \$924) = Donated milage costs \$693

Since the Association does not operate a petty cash, volunteers pay for the supplies first then are reimbursed by submitting an expense claim with receipts. The Association is not able to calculate the volunteer time as members have not handed in their logbooks yet.