

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 2022/23 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 \$73,127.25 (includes volunteer value).

Provincial Level = \$28,530.40

For the 2022/2023 funding cycle, the Province of Nova Scotia Off highway Vehicle Infrastructure fund changed its funding formula to \$150/km. For the Association's 87km this meant the maximum amount requested for annual maintenance was **\$13,050** which was received with no hold back. We received **\$2860.40** from a 20% hold back from a previous year and was successful in applying for emergency funding for flood damage from the winter rains in early 2022 (**\$3920.00** – 80 % of 4,900). As well, **\$8700** (\$100/km) was received for annual maintenance from Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage.

Municipally Level = \$5000

At the Municipal level of government, Municipality of Yarmouth was supportive with a **\$5000** contribution directly to the Association. The Association had put in a request to Argyle for a \$5000. Instead, Municipality of Argyle supported the Association by applying for major funding from ACOA and managing the project. We would like to acknowledge this significant contribution to the trail in Argyle as this proactive funding will build a stronger trail bed with the major gravelling projects planned over the next 5 years. This year's investment was \$203,357 for gravelling 8 km. As well, trail head signage and a bike repair station were installed (\$862). The Town of Yarmouth also maintained their part of the trail for \$6000.

Federal Level = \$5900

Over the year we have been successful in applying for Federal Funding from the Trans Canada Trail Spring Clean-up initiative for a total of **\$1000.00** and Emergency Relief Grant for flood damage **\$4900**.

Private and Corporate = \$6520.02

Besides the monetary value of donations, the Association received a generous donation of equipment to use a company's plate packer (value \$1200) and another company donated excavator time to ditch (value \$1500).

Total funding received by YCTDA = \$45,950.42 for 2022/23

Total amount invested in trail by all partners: \$278,238.12 for 2022/23

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Annual Expenses - Item	Amount
Bench plaques; office Materials	\$14.00
Trail Equipment repair (plate packer, Brush saw, chain saw, whipper)	\$3,267.77
Trail Tractor Expenses (insurance, upkeep, repair)	\$2,429.04
Construction costs (contractor costs, fuel for equip)	\$43,641.30
Milage (haul equipment) 0.50/km	\$1,225.11
Insurance (trail, director)	\$2,079.15
Total	\$52,656.37

Over the course of the 2022/23 year, the total expenditure for YCTDA trail maintenance exceeded the available funding for the year, however we had a surplus from the year before as contractors were not available within the funding timelines for reporting.

Our biggest challenge this year is thinking about the sustainability of the Association. Our dedicated group has been active for 20 years with our oldest member being 85 years of age. Finding new people to mentor and for them to invest their time in maintaining this community asset will be necessary for the group's future.

Association and annual trail insurance costs were incorporated into the project costs. This project was completed by the end of March 31, 2023. See appendix for details.

Sincerely



Danielle Byrne - Treasurer

Appendix

2022 - 2023 Project Summary:

Proposed	Approved funding	Paid invoices totals	Volunteer contribution/donations
Total Value \$73,127.25 In kind Portion of value \$ 11,700 Cash Outlay \$61,427.25	\$45,950.42	\$52,656.37	\$ 15,362.75

Total value of the project: \$68,019.12 (as of March 31, 2022)

Most of the volunteer time is expended painting barricade rocks and posts, lubricating post locks, whipper snipping around benches and posts, tree cutting, filling potholes. Volunteers are reimbursed for either mileage (0.50/km).

Since the Association does not operate a petty cash, volunteers pay for the supplies (gas, paint, brushes) first then are reimbursed by submitting an expense claim with receipts.