

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 2024/25 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 **\$98,831.69(includes volunteer value)**.

Provincial Level = \$48,558

For the 2024/2025 funding cycle, the Province of Nova Scotia Off highway Vehicle Infrastructure fund for annual maintenance was **\$13,050 (\$150/km)**. As well, **\$35,508 (\$400/km)** was received for annual maintenance from the three-year commitment from Community Culture, Tourism and Heritage. Both funding sources were received with no holdback.

Municipally Level = \$13,050.00

Municipal levels of government were supportive in matching the OHV amount of \$150/km for their designated kilometers within their respective units. Yarmouth **\$6,000** and Argyle **\$ 7,050**. The Town of Yarmouth also maintained their part of the trail for \$6000.

Federal Level = \$1,000

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 **\$1,000.00**

Private and Corporate = \$2,632.20

Besides the monetary value of donations, the Association received a generous donation of crane equipment and operator lift the Broad Brook Bridge so welding repairs could be completed.

Total monetary funding received by YCTDA = \$65,240.20 for 2024/25

Total Value invested in trail by all partners & volunteers: \$ 70,248.26 for 2024/25

Annual Expenses - Item	Amount
Bench plaques; office Materials	0
Trail Equipment repair (plate packer, Brush saw, chain saw, whipper)	\$843.03
Trail Tractor Expenses (insurance, upkeep, repair)	\$2,239.95
Construction costs (contractor costs, fuel for equip)	\$29,688.68
Milage (haul equipment) 0.50/km	\$1,384.42
Engineering Services	\$12,420.00
Insurance (trail, director)	\$2,077.00
Total	\$48,653.08

Outstanding work: Over the course of the 2024/25-year, Delmar Construction has been assessing the bridges along the trail. We have received 12 of 17 assessment/recommendation reports. 5 bridges remain to be assessed which is quoted to be \$12,000.00. As well, quotes came in for a major trail bed repair in the Burnt Berry Bridge area which is \$20,000 but snow hampered the plan for January trail work. We do have monies left to pay for this planned work.

As you know, we have created a plan and started to apply for funding for 2025/26 season for bridge repairs. We have been successful in receiving \$98,000 ear marked for bridge repairs from the federal and provincial levels of government. Thank you for your letter of support.

Working towards our goals related to Volunteer Capacity, we have recruited 3 new members, enrolled in webinars related to board of directors and volunteer recruitment through Hike NS and organized 2 work parties to engage the community.

Any help relating to Volunteerism which would assist in sustainability of our Association is welcome.

Thank you for your support



Danielle Byrne - Treasurer

Appendix

2024 - 2025 Project Summary:

Proposed	Approved funding	Paid invoices totals	Volunteer contribution/donations
Total Value \$98,831.69 In kind Portion of value \$ 9,100 Cash Outlay \$89,731.69	\$65,240.20	\$48,653.08	\$ 15,595.18

Total value of the project: \$ 64,248.26 (as of March 31, 2024)

Most of the volunteer time is expended whippet snipping around benches and intersections, tree cutting, filling potholes and investigating reported problems. Volunteers are reimbursed for either mileage (0.50/km).

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