



**Recommendations from
Committee of the Whole Meeting
January 9, 2025**

Community Support Letter for Trail Project Application

It was moved by Councillor Phil Mooney, seconded by Councillor Daniel Muise to recommend to Regular Council that a letter of support be provided to the Yarmouth County Trail Development Association regarding their trail project application and to preapprove \$2,300.00 from the Grants to Organizations 2025-2026 program subject to receipt of a completed application pursuant to Grants Policy G-068-09.

Motion carried.

Victoria Brooks

From: D Byrne-Surette <byrnesurette@icloud.com>
Sent: January 8, 2025 11:19 AM
To: Alain Muise; Victoria Brooks
Cc: Ronald Day
Subject: Need Community Support letter for Trail project application

Happy New Year Alain and Victoria

Yarmouth County Trail Development Association is busy getting the application ready for the Trans Canada Trails (TCT): Trail Infrastructure and Major Repairs Stream and Capital grants from the Off Highway Vehicle and Community Culture, Tourism and Heritage Infrastructure funding. While other volunteers are working on getting quotes, I have been asked to fill in the application. Upon re-reading the guidelines I noted that we were suppose to have made contact with our community partners to seek support for the project in writing. I know the deadline is January 10 so I am sorry for the very short notice in reaching out.

With the last accountability report for the funding received in 2023, I attached the quote for the engineering services to assess the bridges. This work is ongoing and bridge assessment reports are being completed. Below is the brief description of the project I sent to TCT. On a municipal level we would request the following:

- 1) letter of support for the major repairs of the bridges within each of your respective districts
- 2) consideration of additional funding beyond the \$150.00/km requested each year to help fund the bridge repairs.

I'm in the process of tabulating the quotes and materials submitted by the volunteers needed for the project so I should have a better estimate of actual project costs by the end of the day. I am available to talk by phone or email to answer your questions about the project.

Our Project:

Situation: The Trans Canada Trail section in Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia has 17 bridges which allow the users to travel over brooks, streams, rivers and estuaries. These bridges are in need of major repairs.

Background: In 2009 - 2010 the bridges were refurbished as part of the initial development of the 87km railway corridor in Yarmouth County. Since then, minor repairs of the bridges were undertaken as part of annual maintenance funding.

Assessment: Engineers from Delmar Construction have assessed 12 of the 17 bridges between June - December 2024. Based on their findings major work is needed to reinforce abutments, weld cross braces to steel beams, replace deteriorating 8" x 10" marine grade decking and wear strips.

Request: These major bridge repairs are beyond the annual maintenance funding and volunteer capabilities, therefore we need to access more funding to engage a welder, heavy equipment contractors and crane operators. If repairs are not done in a timely fashion then the Association will have to consider closing bridges until such a time monies are raise.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Victoria Brooks

From: D Byrne-Surette <byrnesurette@icloud.com>
Sent: January 8, 2025 10:34 PM
To: Alain Muise; Victoria Brooks
Cc: Julie Atkinson; Ronald Day
Subject: Re: Need Community Support letter for Trail project application
Attachments: Trail Link Restoration Cost.pdf; Untitled attachment 00025.txt

Good Evening Alain and Victoria

We will certainly apply for grants during the regular channels as per the funding calendar for council to consider. I wanted to lay ground work incase either of you have suggestions for other funding options that we might not have considered.

Victoria, I have reached out to the TCT rep related to the deadline of Jan 10. A general extension was already granted from Dec 20, 2024. Chrissy did say to reach out if items were not falling in place.

Attached is the estimated costs for each bridge and what we are proposing for the request. According to TCT guidelines, project cost between \$25,001 and \$75,000 may be funded up to \$15,000 so there will probably be a deficit. We do assign a portion of our annual maintenance funding to help with minor bridge repairs that will cover a some of the deficit. As well, we can prioritize which bridges are restored first especially if there is a safe route around incase we have to close a bridge.

Thank you for your time
Danielle

Summary of Bridge Restoration Costs			
Bridge #	Bridge Name	Estimated cost	Notes
1	Norwood	\$ 3,593.10	
2	Black Bog Brook	\$ 8,670.35	
3	HWY 101	\$ -	DOT is accountable for bridge
4	Hebron	\$ -	No structural issues
5	Sand Beach Ditch	\$ 2,574.20	
6	Broad Brook	\$ 5,440.00	
7	Arcadia Church stream	\$ -	No structural issues
8	Chebogue River	\$ 2,272.90	
9	Annis River	\$ -	Assessment not completed
10	Tusket	\$ -	Assessment not completed
11	Belleville Brook (North)	\$ 3,873.70	
12	Kayak Brook	\$ 13,624.55	
13	Belleville South Stream (back woods)	\$ 794.00	
14	Arygle Head	\$ -	Assessment not completed
15	Frost Pond stream	\$ 702.00	
16	Wine Brook	\$ 7,884.90	
17	Pubnico Head	\$ -	Assessment not completed
18	Frenchman's Brook	\$ -	Assessment not completed
	Total	\$ 49,429.70	

Potential Sources	Request	Funding percent
\$ 22,550.55 Yarmouth Municipality	2300	4.7%
\$ 26,879.15 Argyle Municipality	2700	5.5%
YCTDA	2500	5.1%
CCTH/OHV	21000	42.5%
TCT	21000	42.5%
	\$49,500	

Totals	
Materials	\$ 31,481.25
Labour	\$ 15,295.00
Milage	\$ 1,500.00
Tipping fees at dump	\$ 1,153.45