

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 2019/20 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 \$40,348.66. The Association's request of **\$14,302.21** from the OHV infrastructure was approved to the amount of **\$11,441.77**. The Municipal level of government, Yarmouth was supportive with **\$4,500.00** contribution and Argyle with **\$5,000.00**. In November 2019, the Association was successful in its application for Communities, Culture and Heritage Trail Maintenance funding for **\$8,700.00**. The Association was able to fundraise for an additional **\$1,837.00** from public donations. **Total funding = \$29,190.42 for 2019/20**. As well the Town of Yarmouth helped with the trail upkeep for the portion within the town limits at a value of \$8300.00.

Over the course of the 2019/20 year, the total expenditure for trail maintenance was **\$31,115.26**. There is still one project left outstanding as for more grading in Argyle. This is planned for April weather permitting.

Association and annual trail insurance costs were incorporated into the project costs. This project was completed by the end of March 5, 2020. See appendix for details.

Sincerely



Danielle Byrne - Treasurer

## Appendix

**2019-20 Project Summary:**

	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Approved funding</b>	<b>Paid invoices totals</b>	<b>Volunteer contribution/donations</b>
Project	\$40,348.66	\$29,190.42	\$31,115.26	\$16,635

**Total value of the project: \$47,750.26**

The majority of 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 on their equipment (50% of the provincial mileage rate) or gas (with receipts). 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. Volunteers are donating 50% of the mileage towards work completed on the trails. The value of volunteer time for this year was \$16,635. This is equal to 1109 hours at a rate of 15.00/per hour regardless of skill level. Yarmouth County Trail Development Association could not run without the support of our volunteers.

This year the Association was nominated for and received the Mayflower Community Cooperation Award from Recreation Nova Scotia to recognize our trail building efforts.

The above time is only for those volunteers who submitted their time sheets and work logs.