

HALIFAX

Update on Active Transportation Grants Program

Presentation to
Active Transportation Advisory Committee

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Agenda

1. Summary of new directions for HRM support for Community Associations
2. AT Grants awarded in 2021-2022



Gaetz Brook Greenway
- Construction finished in 2020 by
SATA Trails Society

Regional Council – Sept 30, 2020

- Adopted the Administrative Order Number 2020-011-ADM Respecting HRM's Grant Programs for Active Transportation and Recreational Trails (**Administrative Order 2020-011-ADM**) which sets the framework to award Grants Programs to community associations supporting Active Transportation and Recreational Trails in HRM;
- Endorsed eight proposed updates and approaches to the Municipality's ongoing development and promotion of active transportation facilities and recreational trails in HRM, including the collaboration with community associations and other key stakeholders.

Implications from New Administrative Order 2020-011-ADM on HRM's Active Transportation and Recreational Trails Grants Program

Terms	Implications
Grant Funding Program Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative Order 2020-011-ADM provides the framework for HRM Grants Programs and directs HRM staff to accept application, determine eligibility, evaluate and award grants • HRM staff is responsible for the AT Grants Program (TPW) and Recreational Trails Grants Program (Parks and Recreation) administration
Applicants' Eligibility Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding eligibility will have core requirements for recipient associations such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – broad/ diverse mandate and by-laws supporting HRM objectives for walking, cycling, and accessibility; – the general membership is broadly representative of the community; – composition of board and members at large can encourage and promote walking and bicycling and can bring issues to be addressed in board meetings; and – local community engagement and consultations where members of the community and board members have provided input regarding the proposed project. • Eligible recipients do not have to be members of HRTA - not all applicants who have responsibility through their organizational objectives for active transportation (or recreational trails) are members in HRTA;
Projects' eligibility Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HRM will continue to contribute matching funding for capital and maintenance of the HRM AT Network located on Provincial Crown (or other lands with public easements), subject to conditions such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – accessibility (trail surface); – proper management plans in place to reduce ATV damage (e.g. spring restrictions, effective and actively present enforcement on AT facilities); – maximum 50% leveraged funding; and

HRM Active Transportation (AT) Grants Program Streams

Active Transportation Grants Program – typically, annual budget of \$250,000- \$1,000,000- as approved yearly by Regional Council	
Grant Categories	Description
AT Capital Grant	Awarded to assist with the costs associated with planning, design, construction and related capital costs to support new MUPs and their associated structures and amenities;
AT Re-capitalization Grant	Awarded to assist with the costs associated with engineering studies, engineering redesign, tendering packages and mandatory structural inspections and construction to support projects that re-instate or upgrade MUPs and their associated structures and amenities;
Maintenance and Operation	Awarded to assist with the costs associated with maintaining existing MUPs and their associated infrastructure and amenities to an accessible and/or safe standard for public use;
Education and Promotion Grants	Awarded to assist with the costs associated with the Municipality’s Active Transportation objectives, including, but not limited to: safety programs, education/skills, training programs, community-based Active Transportation plans, etiquette programs, promotional/engagement/marketing programs, and transportation demand management programs;
Emergency Repairs Grants	Awarded to assist with the costs associated with emergency maintenance required as a result of natural disasters, vandalism, failure of structures on existing MUPs and their associated infrastructure and amenities.

2021-2022 AT Capital Grants - Total Awarded: \$63,000

Grant Recipients	Description	Awarded	Project costs
Atlantic View Trail Association	Trail concept connecting from the Atlantic View Trail near Lawrencetown Beach to the MacDonald House.	\$11,000	\$22,000
Sackville Lakes Park and Trails Association	Sackville Lakes Provincial Park : Great Beech Hill Trail (2.7 to 2.9km corridor from Junction of Sackville Lakes Park trail head and Great Oak Trail to Junction of Cobequid Road and Lakeside Road - Phase 1: Base Clearing and Preparation for Construction	\$27,000	\$520,260
Sackville River Association	Sackville Greenway - Section A Functional Plan: 3.5 KM connection starting from Fultz House Museum at 33 Sackville Drive following Sackville Drive to 12 Mile Lane – Gates of Heaven Cemetery and then following the Little Sackville River (on the Halifax Water right-of-way) to Sackville Cross Rd, from there following the HRM sidewalk to just west of CIVIC 659 on Old Sackville Rd	\$25,000	\$40,000

2021- 2022 AT Recapitalization Grants – Total Awarded: \$160,500

Grant Recipients	Description	Awarded	Project Cost
B.L.T. Rails to Trail Association	Reinstate 4 kms of the BLT Rails to Trail, between Glengarry (KM5) to the Cranberry Lake Bridge (KM9) to accessibility and safety standards as per current HRM and Provincial guidelines.	\$17,500	\$34,500
Cole Harbour Park and Trails Association	Salt Marsh Trail (SMT) sections between 0.5 and 1.0 km from Bissett Road not completed in FY20/21 for embankment and the final 15% of the causeway work - sections from 1.0 km to Flying Point for re-rocking.	\$107,000	\$340,000
	Engineering design to support the SMT embankment work	\$6,000	
	Reinstate signage project on various AT corridors	\$500	\$1,600
Musquodoboit Trailway Association	Musquodoboit Trailway: Truss Bridge Recapitalization Study: Hire engineering services to develop an Engineering study: Detailed structural analysis of truss bridge, detailed design and drawings of repair details, construction support, field review of repairs (and contingency).	\$15,000	\$30,000
SATA Trails Society	Gaetz Brook Greenway: Culvert Engineering Inspection and Replacement Plan: Hiring engineering services to inspect two box culverts, assess requirements and costs, work with the Department of Environment to determine a replacement plan and develop tender documents	\$14,500	\$28,750

2021-2022 Active Transportation Maintenance and Operations Grant

Grant Recipients	AT Facility	Awarded
Atlantic View Trail Association	Atlantic View Trail	\$8,637.50
Beechville Lakeside Timberlea Trail Association	B.L.T. Rails to Trail	Did not apply
Carroll's Corner Community Centre	Carroll's Corner Mastodon Trail	\$4,000.00
Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Association	Cole Harbour Heritage Park- Heritage Trail, Salt Marsh Trail, Shearwater Flyer	\$11,960.00
Friends of First Lake Society	Glen Slauenwhite AT Trail	\$10,000.00
Musquodoboit Trailways Association	Musquodoboit Trailway	\$8,396.00
SATA Trails Society	Gaetz Brook Greenway	\$7,493.00
Sackville Lakes Parks & Trails Association	Second Lake Provincial Park – AT corridors	\$215.00
Sackville Rivers Association	Bedford Sackville Connector	\$3,674.00
St. Margaret's Bay Area Rails to Trails Association	St. Margaret's Bay Area Rails to Trail	\$10,000.00
Total Awarded		\$64,375.5

Spring- Summer 2021 AT Education and Promotion Grant – Total to be Awarded: \$30,602.26 (1)

Grant Recipients	Description	Awarded
Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association (CHPTA)	Safe and Informed Active Transportation: Promote the continued use of Salt Marsh Trail, Shearwater Flyer and Heritage Trails by building a Trail Steward program and organize informal open houses and facilities pop-up events;	\$1,040
Dalhousie Office of Sustainability	Active Transportation for All: Create and execute a communications campaign encouraging and promoting the use of active transportation options by groups not traditionally represented in this space (BIPOC, those with accessibility needs); Host safe cycling workshops;	\$750
Ecology Action Centre	easyride: encourage the transportation mode share from single occupant vehicles to electric bicycles for employees within the HRM;	\$2000
	Making Tracks: A Leader in Every School- delivers safe cycling and pedestrian program to ages 8 and up and trains free of charge Making Tracks Leaders (MTLs) to ensure that communities have local AT champions and easy access to safe cycling education programming	\$2,415
	Community Cycling Activation Program (Pop-Up Bike Hub) new program aiming to expand cycling opportunities and resources to under-served communities in the Halifax Regional Municipality. The program is centered around the Pop-Up Bike Hub – a mobile DIY bike repair trailer: providing access to bike tools, basic repairs, and safe cycling education programming.	\$9,845

Spring- Summer 2021 AT Education and Promotion Grant (2)

Grant Recipients	Description	Awarded
Friends of First Lake Society	Stewardship program: professional printing of educational "rack cards" for distribution along the AT trail as well as an online promotion via social media and a community clean-up day with students from Sackville High School	\$999.33
Halifax Cycling Coalition	Urban Cycling 101 Course: Online and hands-on practical course dedicated to teaching skills for cycling in an urban setting;	\$5,314.93
Maritime Race Weekend Association	Summer Warriors: Help sedentary people become more active, challenge them to start walking or running within their community instead of using their vehicles (walk to friends, run to the store); encourage participants to shift from recreational walking and biking to utilitarian walking and biking	\$2,500

Spring- Summer 2021 AT Education and Promotion Grant (2)

Grant Recipients	Description	Awarded
SATA Trails Society	Stewardship program: create, print and distribute Gaetz Brook Greenway promotional brochures to stakeholders in Porters Lake and surrounding communities on the Eastern Shore to increase support and volunteering; promote the value of active living moving through AT	\$1,000
Walk and Roll Safety Halifax Association	Construction Temporary Sign Placement Training: Provide training to the individuals responsible for planning, designing and implementing temporary sign placement for construction projects that would enhance the safety of people who have partially sight or blindness;	Requested \$999 – approved, not yet awarded
Women Addressing Violence on the Eastern Shore (WAVES)	Walking with WAVES: monthly moonlit women's walks on the Gaetz Brook Greenway; develop safe practices and comfort in using the trail, support an increase in activity and in using active transportation in the community, provide education and awareness regarding trail usage	\$989 approved, not yet awarded

Update on Supports for Community Associations Beyond Capital/ Maintenance Grants

- Working with other funders (Provincial Government, TCT) to reduce red tape and administrative burden related to accessing funding and create a possible “one-stop shop” funding source for AT (and possible RT) Facilities Grants
- Working with Provincial Government to support the sustainability of AT facilities beyond funding (e.g. Shearwater Flyer consultation; HRM responsibilities in Rails to Trails corridor report; Blueberry Run sustainability project)
- HRM changed terms and conditions:
 - tender for small jobs can be sole sourced up to \$5,000; recommended tender above \$5,000
 - No funding agreements for projects under \$5K
 - Maintenance grants payment of 100% upfront for grants under \$5,000 and 70% for those over \$5K
- Determining opportunities for HRM technical staff to mentor/coach volunteers on projects related to construction, maintenance and recapitalization, such as: technical assessments, planning major structural work; provide templated designs for common facility elements (e.g. signage, gates, amenities);
- Provide funds for specialized volunteer training through the Education and Promotion and initiatives such as: trail monitoring and promotion, stewardship programming and safety;
- Supporting community associations meeting their Letter of Authority responsibilities to address unplanned repairs and restore facilities after extraordinary events by providing year-round Emergency Repairs Grants.
- Re-aligning volunteerism roles and responsibilities with capacity and capability and providing meaningful opportunities for “supporters” groups to engage with their members and public and to promote AT facilities in their community;

2021-2022 Recreational Trails (RT) Grants Awarded

- HRM will prioritize projects proposed on HRM owned land and will fund them at 100%; Maintenance and Operation Grants will be continued for those Provincial Parks connected to HRM owned land (park, AT facility, HRM owned recreational destination)

2021- 2022 Capital Grants- Total Awarded: \$190,000		
Grant Recipients	Description	Award
McIntosh Run Watershed Association	Recreational trail, single track (Type 2 and 3) Scope: New trail connections at Norawarren Drive Neighbourhood Park and Angler Drive Community Park, recapitalization (upgrades) of adopted trails in McIntosh Run Regional Park, new boardwalks.	\$50,000
Friends of First Lake Society (FOFL)	Construction of approximately 1.3km of trail in First Lake Regional Park. New phase of previous trail extension projects. Trail type: Recreational crusher dust trail (Type 2)	\$50,000
Penhorn Lake Area Trails Association (PLATA)	Construction of approximately 800m of recreational trail type 2 in Penhorn Lake Park. Trail project will complete a loop around the lake, in conjunction with the HRM AT trail extension.	\$90,000

2021-2022 RT Maintenance and Operations Grant - Total Awarded: \$36,764.00

Grant Recipients	Awarded
Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Association	\$4,415.00
Friends of First Lake Society	\$1,300.00
Halifax North -West Trails Association	\$4,050.00
McInstosh Run Watershed Association	\$4,900.00
Musquodoboit Trailways Association	\$8,000.00
Sackville Lakes Parks & Trails Association	\$9,430.00
Wooden's River Watershed Environmental Organization	\$4,669.00

Thank you. Questions?