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## **Item 9.1.1. Active Transportation Grants Program**

Presentation to  
Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Presented on September 15, 2022

## Agenda

1. AT Grants Program Overview
2. Q&A session

Musquodoboit Trailway

- developed and maintained by  
Musquodoboit Trailways Association





## Active Transportation Grant Administration

### Description and Authorities

- Administrative Order Number 2020-011-ADM Respecting HRM's Grant Programs for Active Transportation and Recreational Trails ([Administrative Order 2020-011-ADM](#)), adopted by Halifax Regional Council on September 30, 2019, sets the framework to award AT Grants Program to community associations supporting Active Transportation in HRM;
- **AT Grants Program** includes five separate grants: **Capital/ Recapitalization/Emergency Reinstatement/Education and Promotion** approved through the Capital Budget Process and **Maintenance and Operations** approved through the Operational Budget process;
- **AT Grants Program** online:  
<https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/cycling-walking/active-transportation-grants-program>

## HRM Active Transportation (AT) Grants Program Streams

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;
AT Maintenance and Operations Grant	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;
AT 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;
AT 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; Applications received as incidents occur and awarded after Regional Council approves Capital Budget as long as there are enough funds

## 2022-2023 Capital / Recapitalization Grants Awarded as per Regional Council approval

1. Shubenacadie Watershed Environmental Protection Society - Lake William AT Trail Head and Extension	\$40,000
2. Atlantic View Trail Association - Embankment Stabilization	\$17,000
3. Atlantic View Trail Association - Rocky Run Bridge Pile Cap Reinforcement	\$10,000
4. Atlantic View Trail Association - Repairs to West Marsh Bridge	\$5,000
5. Marine Riders Trail Association - Initiate Renewal on Blueberry Run	\$35,000
6. SATA Trails Society - Gaetz Brook Greenway, Replace Two Box Culverts	\$60,000
7. SATA Trails Society - Gaetz Brook Greenway, Safety Railing Installation	\$8,000
8. SATA Trails Society - Gaetz Brook Greenway, Installation of Two Pit Toilets	\$20,000
9. Musquodoboit Trailway Association - Engineering Study to Inform Bridge Repair/Replacement	\$5,000*
10. Cole Harbour Parks and Trail Association - Salt Marsh Trail Bridge Inspections	\$3,000
11. Cole Harbour Parks and Trail Association - Shearwater Flyer Trail Bridge Inspections	\$2,000
12. B.L.T. Rails to Trails Association - Resurfacing, Ditching, Drainage and Vegetation	\$32,000
13. Second Lake Park and Trails Association - Construction of Two Segments of Great Beech Hill Trail	\$80,000
14. Sackville Rivers Association - Bedford-Sackville Greenway Surface Recapitalization	\$7,000
15. Sackville Rivers Association - Purchase and Install Automatic User Counters	\$6,000

**Total: \$380,000**

\* MTA has another \$15,000 approved from the Capital Budget 2021-2022 in Reservation 16



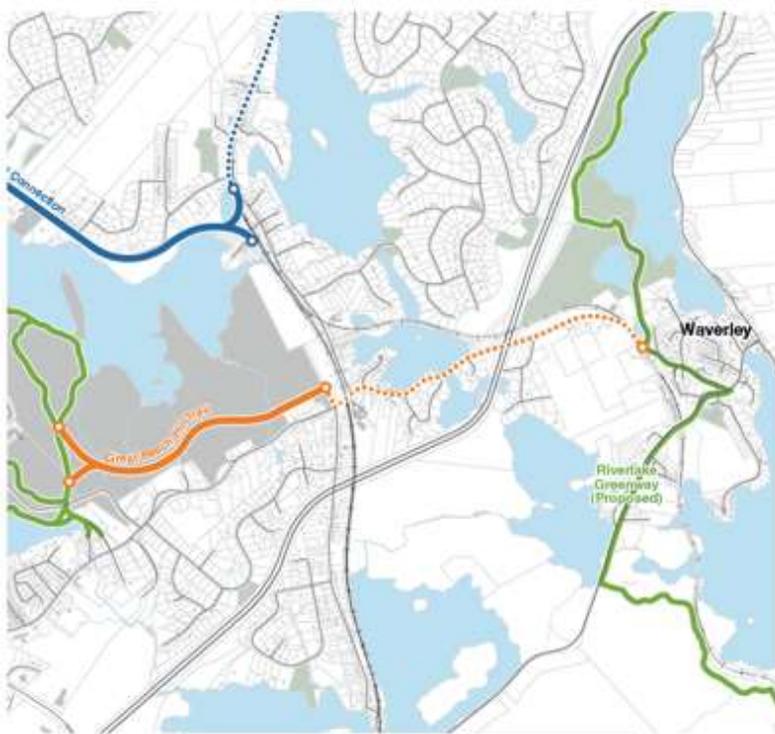
## BLT Rails to Trails Recapitalization

Project scope: ditching, grading, resurfacing, vegetation management



## Great Beech Hill Trail Construction

2.9km corridor from Junction of Sackville Lakes Park trail head and Great Oak Trail to Junction of Cobequid Road and Lakeside Road



**Sackville Lakes Park and Trails Association**

Our new Great Beech Hill trail is under construction with the generous support of the federal government (via ACOA), provincial government, municipal government and Trans Canada Trail. Sackville Trenching is doing the work on this part of the trail with the support of our dedicated volunteers. Thanks also to our local MP, MLA, Councillor and DNRR (our partner in the park) for their ongoing support.



## Blueberry Run Trail Reinstatement

- comprehensive facility recapitalization plan/design, including cost estimates
- tender specification package or packages to support procurement for implementation of the recapitalization plan.
- following completion of the recapitalization plan, and subject to available funding and project readiness, the first stage of recapitalization work to address higher priority safety/accessibility concerns.



## 2023 – 2024 Active Transportation Capital/ Re-Capitalizations Timelines

<b>July – August 2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HRM Issues an “Expression of Interest” to determine preliminary budget needs and anticipate staff support</li> <li>• EOI meetings with HRM staff responsible are recommended</li> </ul>
<b>August 11, 2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HRM issues a ‘Call for Proposals’ for fiscal year ahead with a Proposal Submission Deadline</li> </ul>
<b>September 15, 2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q&amp;A session scheduled in advance to the Submission Deadline</li> </ul>
<b>September 30, 2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital Grants Funding Proposal submission deadline</b></li> </ul>
<b>October 2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital Grants Funding Proposal Reviews by HRM Staff</li> <li>• Request any supplementary info from applicants as needed for evaluations</li> </ul>
<b>November 2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital Grants Funding Proposal evaluations by HRM staff</li> <li>• Submit recommendations to HRM Management and Finance</li> </ul>
<b>December 2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit recommendations to the Regional Council for approval as part of the Capital Budget – Supplementary Sheets</li> </ul>
<b>March – May 2023</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HRM Regional Council approves the Capital Budget</li> </ul>
<b>After Regional Council approves the Capital Budget</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarding documents are signed by Grant Recipients and HRM</li> </ul>

## 2022-2023 Maintenance and Operations Grants Awarded

Group Name	Maintenance	Operational expenses	Total Awarded	Carry over from 2021-2022	Amount to be paid by TPW in 2022-2023	Facility	Property Owner
Atlantic View Trail Assoc.	\$9,350.00	\$2,000.00	\$11,350.00	\$ -	\$11,350.00	Atlantic View Trail	Prov.
Carrolls Corner Community Centre	\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00	\$ -	\$3,500.00	Carroll's Corner Mastodon Trail	HRM, Prov.
Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Assoc.	\$10,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$11,500.00	\$30.72	\$11,469.28	Shearwater Flyer, Salt Marsh Trail, Heritage Trail	Prov.
Chain of Lakes Trail Association	\$ -	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$ -	\$0.00	Chain of Lake Trail	HRM
Friends of First Lake Society	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$5,535.99	\$5,464.01	First Lake Greenway / Glen Slauenwhite Trail	Mostly HRM land; some Province
Musquodoboit Trailways Assoc.	\$8,150.00	\$1,000.00	\$9,150.00	\$1,179.00	\$7,971.00	Musquodoboit Trailway	Prov.
SATA Trails Society	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$ -	\$11,000.00	Gaetz Brook Greenway	Prov
Sackville Lakes Parks & Trails Assoc.	\$4,000.00	\$725.00	\$4,725.00	\$ -	\$4,725.00	Main AT corridor through lands of Second Lake Provincial Park	Prov.
Sackville Rivers Assoc.	\$8,500.00		\$8,500.00	\$1,146.00	\$7,354.00	Fort Sackville Walkway and Bedford Sackville Connector Greenway	HRM, DND
St. Margarets Bay Area Rails To Trails	\$10,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$ -	\$12,000.00	St Margaret's Bay Area Rail to Trail	Prov.
SWEPS	\$4,950.00	\$2,000.00	\$6,950.00	\$ -	\$6,950.00	Shubenacadie Greenway AT Corridor from Shubie Park in Dartmouth to MacDonald Sports Park in Waverley/Fall River;	HRM, Prov.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$78,950.00</b>	<b>\$12,225.00</b>	<b>\$91,175.00</b>	<b>\$7,891.71</b>	<b>\$83,283.29</b>		

## 2023 – 2024 AT Maintenance and Operations Timelines

February 1, 2023	HRM issues a 'Call for Proposals' for Maintenance projects and organizational expenses between June 2023 and March 31, 2024
February 15, 2023	Optional for applicants: Q&A session scheduled in advance to the Submission Deadline
<b>March 3, 2023</b>	<b>Maintenance Proposal Submission Deadline</b>
March – April, 2023	Maintenance Proposals evaluations by a Staff Committee in HRM – Public Works
Mid-April – May, 2023	HRM Council approves the operational budget for maintenance of AT Facilities projects
May – June, 2023	HRM Staff finalizes awards and signs awarding documents with successful grant recipients

## HRM's Active Transportation Grants

### Education and Promotion Grants

#### Project types:

- **Small Community project grant under \$1,000:** smaller projects (localized) in one or more communities in HRM
- **Large Community project grant of \$1,001 - \$5,000** (up to 50% of the project costs): larger project or event (requiring significant logistics efforts) meant to reach a broader audience in communities across HRM;
- **Major project grant over \$5,001** (up to 50% of the project costs): large project with significant logistics, partnerships, and duration efforts with an intended reach across the municipality

#### Projects may include:

- Safety and skills training programs
- AT promotions and marketing programs
- AT education and engagement
- Transportation Demand Management programs
- AT related events

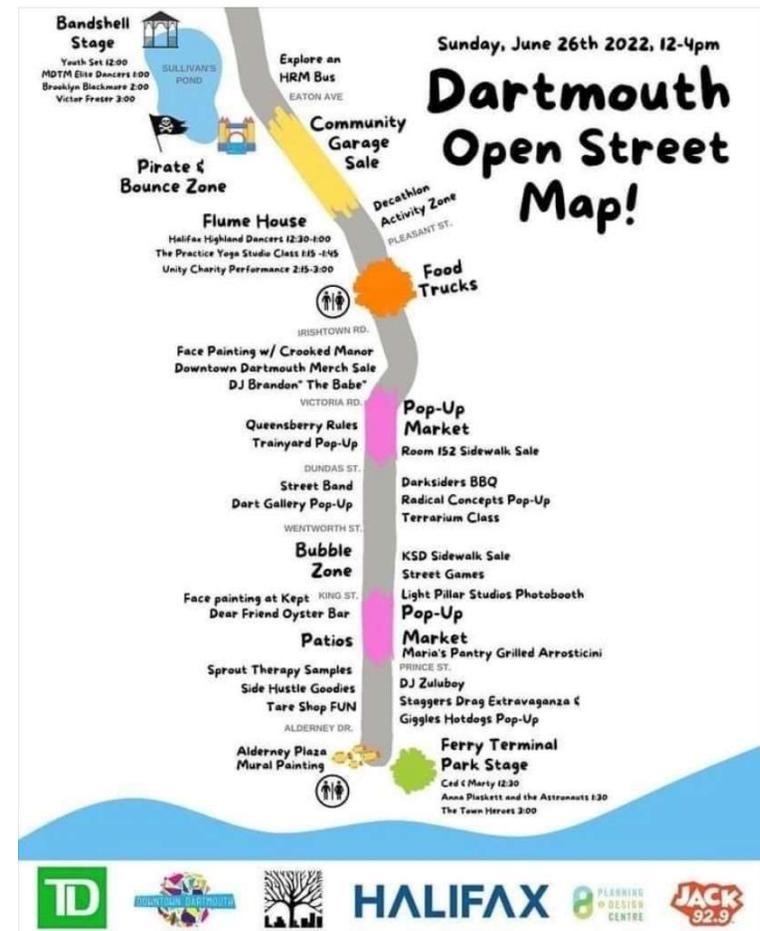
## 2022-2023 AT Education and Promotion Grants Awarded Spring- Summer Intake

Community Organization	Amount approved	Project Title	Dates
BLT Rails to Trail Association	\$920.00	Trail- User Safety Education (Walkers and Cyclists)	July 1st to end of Fall
Dartmouth Downtown Business Commission	\$ 5,000.00	Open Streets Sunday Dartmouth	26-Jun-22
Halifax Cycling Coalition- Urban Cycling 101	\$6,958.60	Urban Cycling 101 Course	June 1, 2022 to September 24, 2022
Halifax North West Trail Association	\$1,000.00	"On Your Left"-Use your voice or a bell for safety on our trails:	13-Aug-22
Sackville River Association	\$ 500.00	Family Safe Biking Event	June 18 (19), 2022

Note: Halifax Cycling Coalition was unable to deliver the project and requested to have its Grant cancelled

## Dartmouth Open Streets

- Opened Portland St and Prince Albert Road from Alderney to Hawthorne exclusively to pedestrians and cyclists to enjoy concerts at both ends and activities along the street
- Community groups and businesses activated the event
- Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission reported a participation of approx. 10,000 people.



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## 2022-2023 AT Education and Promotion Grants Awarded Fall – Winter Intake Timelines

September 6, 2022	HRM launched the Fall-Winter AT Education and Promotion Grants
September 15, 2022	Optional for applicants: Q&A session to clarify application and terms
<b>September 30, 2022</b>	<b>Submission deadline for Fall- Winter AT Education &amp;Promotion Grants</b>
October 17, 2022	Proposals review and approval by HRM Staff
Nov 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023	Award recipients will sign awarding documents, deliver the projects awarded and report outcomes

## HRM Supports Community Trail Associations (CTAs) Beyond AT Grants

- HRM reduced administrative burden for CTAs: allowed sole sourcing and making grant disbursements immediately after awarding for low- cost projects (under \$5,000)
- HRM is creating a forum of discussions, training and mentor/coaching opportunities on topics such as: planning, construction, maintenance and recapitalization, and organizational development
- HRM, NS Province, NS Trails and TCT are supporting Marine Riders Trails Association to reinstate Blueberry Run as an active transportation corridor (type of supports: scope identification, tender support, project management support, organizational development support to enhance capacity and membership from the community at large)
- HRM is the Municipal representant to the [NS Trails Strategy Coordinating Group](#), group mandated to implement the Shared Trails Strategy recommendations (e.g. create technical resources for Trail Association; promote benefits of trails and enhance users' experience; develop effective funding base for trails), details at: <https://nstrails.com/trails-strategy/>

## Recreational Trails Grants Program

- Administrative Order Number 2020-011-ADM Respecting HRM's Grant Programs for Active Transportation and Recreational Trails ([Administrative Order 2020-011-ADM](#)) also sets the framework to award Recreational Trails (RT) Grants Program
- **RT Grants Program** include three separate grants: **Capital/ Recapitalization/ Maintenance and Operations**
- **RT Grants Program** online:  
<https://www.halifax.ca/parks-recreation/parks-trails-gardens/recreational-trails-grants-program>

## **2022 – 2023 Recreational Trails Capital Grants Awarded**

### **Friends of First Lake – First Lake Greenway - \$50,000**

- Construction of next phase of First Lake Greenway, located in First Lake Regional Park in the Chandler Drive and Johnson Crescent area. This phase includes building approximately 500 m of new trail and adding a crusher dust surface to approximately 1 km of trails that were previously constructed to the type 1 gravel layer.

### **Woodens River Watershed Environmental Organization – Bluff Trail Boardwalk Replacement - \$25,000**

- Replacement of approximately 107 meters of wooden boardwalk on the Bluff Wilderness Hiking Trail, located in District 12.

## 2022-2023 Recreational Trails Maintenance and Operations Grants Awarded

Recreational Trail(s)	Trail Association Recipient	Carry over from 2021-2022	Grant Approved
Cole Harbour Heritage Park (not including the AT Heritage Trail)	Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association		\$9,000.00
First Lake Greenway (South Side) Trail - Recreational	Friends of First Lake Society	\$867.53	\$1,132.47
The Old Coach Road Trail Park	Halifax North - West Trail Association		\$2,500.00
Mainland Common Park	Halifax North - West Trail Association		\$2,500.00
McIntosh Run Singletrack Trails	McIntosh Run Watershed Association		\$4,900.00
Musquodoboit Wilderness Trails of the Trailway	Musquodoboit Trailways Association		\$9,150.00
Recreational Trails of Sackville Lakes Park	Second Lake Park and Trails Association		\$10,725.00
The Bluff Wilderness Hiking Trail	Woodens River Watershed Environmental Organization	\$1,503.00	\$8,497.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$2,370.53</b>	<b>\$48,404.47</b>

**Thank you. Questions?**

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Lake William Trail and Bridge developed by Shubenacadie Watershed Environmental Protection Society