

## **Item 9.1.1.**

## **Active Transportation Grants Program**

## **Overview and Awards**

**Presentation to**

**Active Transportation Advisory Committee**

November 16, 2023

# Agenda

1. AT Grants Program Overview
2. 2023-2024 Grants Awarded
3. 2024-2025 Timelines
4. Q&A session

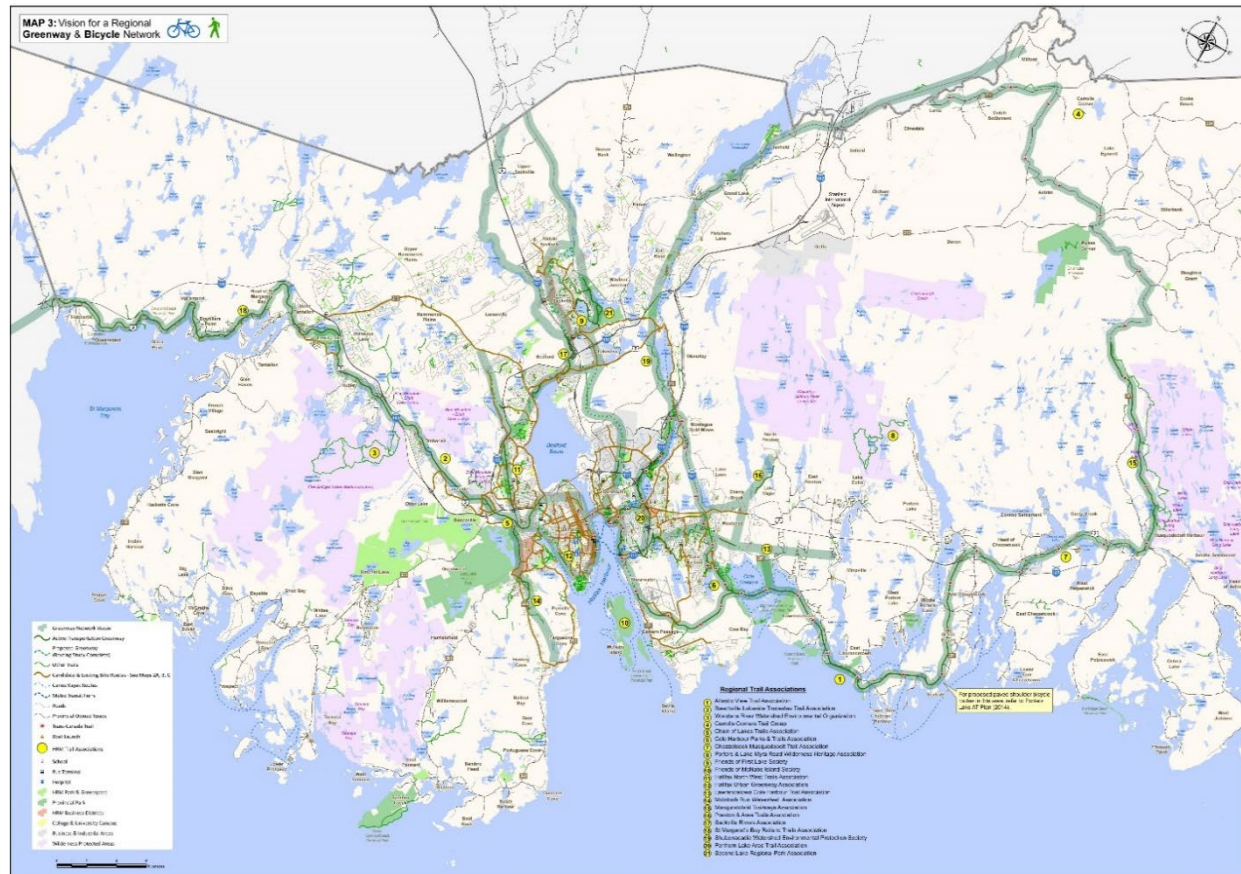


Musquodoboit Trailway  
Maintained by the Musquodoboit Trailway Association

## HRM's Target MUP and Bikeway Network

Larger format located at:

[https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/transportation/transportation-projects/Map\\_3\\_VisionforaGreenwayandBikeNetwork\\_Version8.pdf](https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/transportation/transportation-projects/Map_3_VisionforaGreenwayandBikeNetwork_Version8.pdf)



## 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 support new MUPs and their associated structures and amenities (planning, design, construction and related capital costs).
AT Re-capitalization Grant	Awarded to support projects that re-instate or upgrade MUPs and their associated structures and amenities (engineering studies/redesign, tendering packages and mandatory structural inspections and construction).
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; also supports organizational expenses associated with trail maintenance.
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 are received as incidents occur and are awarded after Regional Council approves Capital Budget, as long as there are enough funds.

## 2023-24 Capital Grants Awarded as per Regional Council approval

**Total Awarded: \$244,000**

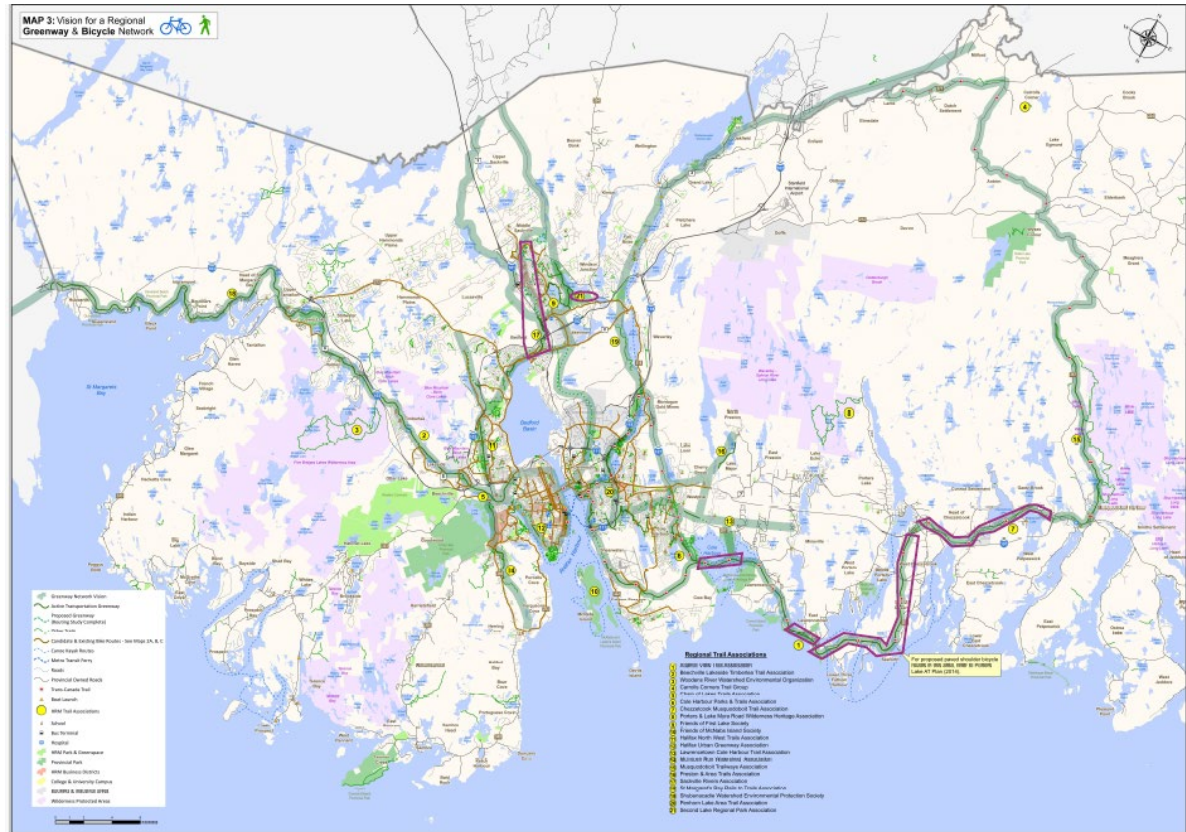
<b>Active Transportation Facility</b>	<b>Capital Project</b>	<b>Trail Association Recipient</b>	<b>Grant Approved</b>
Atlantic View Trail	Install amenities (benches)	Atlantic View Trail Association	\$10,000
Gaetz Brook Greenway	Install Amenities- Vault Accessible Toilet and safety fencing and barriers	SATA Trails Society	\$22,000
Great Beach Hill Trail in Sackville Lakes Provincial Park	New AT corridor construction First Lake Dr to Windsor Junction	Sackville Lakes Park and Trails Association	\$205, 000
Fort Sackville Walkway	Install amenities- benches	Sackville Rivers Association	\$7,000

## 2023-24 Re- Capitalization Grants Awarded as per Regional Council approval

**Total Awarded: \$184,000**

<b>Active Transportation Facility</b>	<b>Re-Capitalization Project</b>	<b>Trail Association Recipient</b>	<b>Grant Approved</b>
Salt Marsh Trail	Embankment stabilization to mitigate erosion control	Cole Harbour Parks and Trail Association	\$40,000
Atlantic View Trail	Trail Reinstatement- widening, resurfacing, regrading	Atlantic View Trail Association	\$53,000
Blueberry Run Trail	Reinstatement Plan Phase 2 – Construction Plan and Tender	Marine Riders Trail Association	\$30,000
Blueberry Run Trail	Construction Phase 1- Vegetation removal	Marine Riders Trail Association	\$50,000
Gaetz Brook Greenway	Mandatory Bridges Inspection	SATA Trails Society	\$5,750
Fort Sackville Walkway	Refurbish two display boxes	Sackville Rivers Association	\$6,000

# 2023-2024 Capital and Re-capitalization Grants on the Vision Map

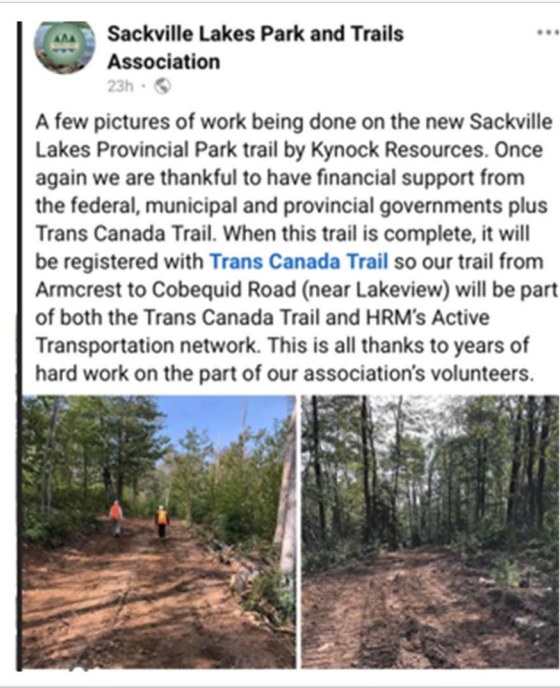
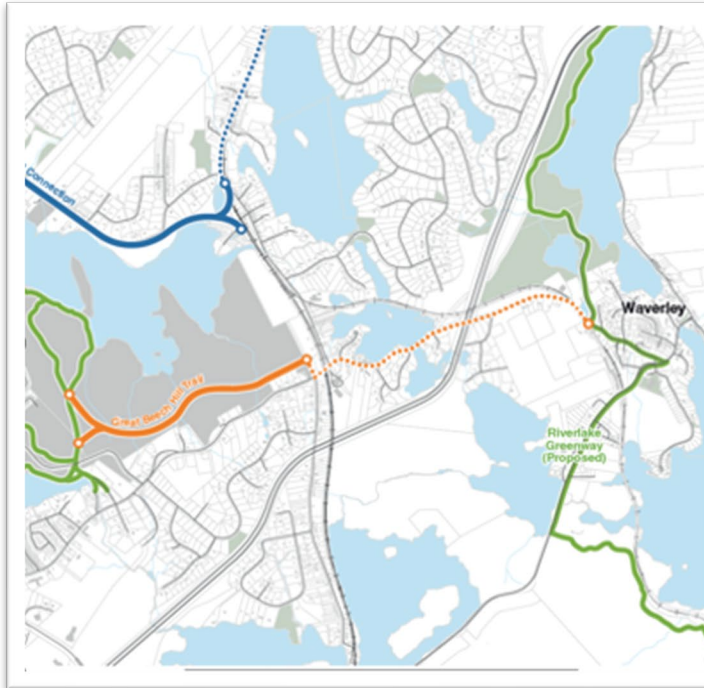


\* The markings indicate approximate location of the projects not the actual boundaries of a specific Regional Greenway



# 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



## Atlantic View Trail Capital & Re-Capitalization Projects

- Benches were installed along the corridor to improve accessibility
- Sections of trail are being widened and resurfaced – phase 1 in progress phase 2 planned for 2025-2026



# Blueberry Run Trail Reinstatement Planning and Construction – Phase 1

- WSP was hired to develop a comprehensive facility recapitalization plan/design, including cost estimates
- A construction plan and tender for implementation of the recapitalization plan are being finalized.
- The first stage of recapitalization work to address trail widening and vegetation removal is being completed.



# Gaetz Brook Greenway Capital Projects

- Amenities installation – Accessible Vault Toilet
- Safety barriers and fencing in various locations to redirect users away from vehicular traffic



## 2024-2025 Active Transportation Capital/ Re-Capitalizations Timelines

<b>July – August 2023</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 25, 2023</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, 2023</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q&amp;A session scheduled in advance to the Submission Deadline</li> </ul>
<b>October 2, 2023</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital Grants Funding Proposal submission deadline</b></li> </ul>
<b>October 2023</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 2023</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit recommendations to HRM Management and Finance</li> </ul>
<b>December 2023</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 2024</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 in 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarding documents are signed by Grant Recipients and HRM</li> </ul>

## 2023-24 Active Transportation Maintenance and Operations Grants Awarded

**Total Awarded: \$105,230.00**

Active Transportation Corridor	Trail Association Recipient	Carry over from 2022-2023	Grant Approved
Atlantic View Trail	Atlantic View Trail Association	\$0.00	\$9,670.00
Mastodon Trail	Carrolls Corner Community Centre	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Cole Harbour Heritage Trail	Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Association	\$0.00	\$17,500.00
Salt Marsh Trail	Friends of First Lake Society	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
Glen Slaunwhite Trail	Marine Riders Trail Association	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Shearwater Flyer	Musquodoboit Trailways Association	\$527.19	\$8,160.00
Blueberry Run	SATA Trails Society	\$0.00	\$6,800.00
Musquodoboit Trailway	Sackville Lakes Parks & Trails Association	\$0.00	\$5,150.00
Gaetz Brook Greenway	Sackville Rivers Association	\$0.00	\$8,500.00
Sackville Lakes Provincial Park – AT Corridor	St. Margarets Bay Area Rails to Trails Association	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
Bedford – Sackville Connector, Fort Sackville Walkway	Shubenacadie Watershed Environmental Protection Society	\$0.00	\$6,950.00
St. Margarets Bay Area Rails to Trails			
Shubenacadie Canal System of trails outside the Shubenacadie Park			

## 2024 - 2025 AT Maintenance and Operations Timelines

February 5, 2024	HRM issues a 'Call for Proposals' for Maintenance projects and organizational expenses between June 2023 and March 31, 2024
February 19, 2024	Optional for applicants: Q&A session scheduled in advance to the Submission Deadline
<b>March 4, 2024</b>	<b>Maintenance Proposal Submission Deadline</b>
March – April, 2024	Maintenance Proposals evaluations by a Staff Committee in HRM – Public Works
Mid-April – May, 2024	HRM Council approves the operational budget for maintenance of AT Facilities projects
May – June, 2024	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



## 2023 - 2024 AT Education and Promotion Grants Awarded

### Spring- Summer Intake Total Awarded: \$24,000

Organization	Project	Grant Awarded
Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association	Trail Users Engagement and Etiquette and Safety Campaign	\$1,000
Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission	Open Street Dartmouth	\$5,000
Ecology Action Centre	“Share the Road” Car Magnets	\$2,500
Cycling Nova Scotia	NS Bike Summit in Halifax	\$5,000
Halifax Cycling Coalition and NS By Bike	Cycling Awareness and Education 2023-2024	\$9,500
Lucasville Greenway Society	Lucasville Greenway Society (LGS) 3rd Annual LGS Walk and Fun Day Event	\$1,000

## 2023 - 2024 AT Education and Promotion Grants Awarded

### Fall – Winter Intake: Total Awarded: \$34,320.00

Organization	Project	Awarded
Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association	Enhancing Trail Management with Propulso Data	\$1,000
DalTRAC- Dalhousie University	“Share the Road” Campaign	\$5,000
Deanery Project Co-operative Ltd.	Bike Hub @The Deanery - Revitalizing a Community Resource in Ship Harbour	\$5,000
Ecology Action Centre	Revamp & Ride: Bike Again Community Upgrades	\$2,150
Ecology Action Centre	Skill up: Bike Repair Workshops	\$2,170
Halifax Cycling Coalition and NS By Bike	Winter Cycling Experience	\$7,000
Halifax Cycling Coalition	Halifax Cycling Guide (approved- pending legal review of agreement)	\$5,000
Musquodoboit Trailway Association	Step into Winter- promotional campaign of Musquodoboit Trailway (pending conditions’ approval by MTA)	\$1,000
North End Business Association	Agricola Holiday Open Street	\$5,000
SATA Trails Society	Halloween on the Gaetz Brook Greenway for all ages and mobilities	\$1,000

# Nova Scotia Bike Summit

- 80 participants from various organizations in Nova Scotia
- 3 Panels with discussion topics: Provincial AT Strategy, AT Projects Implementation; AT Trails Community
- Community Organizations Fair to showcase AT work, programming, pamphlets
- AT Community Trail Cycling and Walking tours
- AT breakout conversations

**BIKE SUMMIT**  
OCTOBER 23, 2023  
Captain William Spry Community Centre

**9:00-9:30 AM** Arrival  
Light refreshments

**9:30-10:15 AM** Opening Welcome

**10:15-10:30 AM** Break

**10:30-11:30 AM** Panel  
Provincial AT Strategy

**11:30AM-12:30 PM** Lunch - Conference Rm 3  
Fair - Conference Rm 2

**12:30-1:45 PM** Panel  
Community Implementation

**1:45-2:00 PM** Break

**2:00-3:15 PM** Panel  
Community Trail Work

**3:15-4:00 PM** Break Out Sessions/  
Bike Ride/ Walk

**4:00-4:30 PM** Wrap Up & Fair

**Opening Welcome**  
Councillor Patricia Cutteli- HRM  
Brittney Maclean- Cycling NS  
Mike Todd- Cycling NS  
Ethan Maloch- Cycling NS  
Jessica Spooner- Cycling NS  
Anika Riopel- Ecology Action Centre  
Simone Mutabazi- Ecology Action Centre

**Provincial AT Strategy Panel**  
Christine Eisen- NSDPW  
Dwayne Cross- NSDPW  
Gabrielle Riley Gallagher- DNRR  
Natasha Warren- NSH  
Elaine Shelton- CCTH

**Community Implementation Panel**  
Veronica Dena- New Glasgow  
Brent Pierric- Wogmatcook First Nation  
Marlene Melanson- Antigonish County  
David MacIsaac- HRM

**Community Trail Work Panel**  
Greg Young- Trails NS  
Brad Goetz- SATA Trails Society  
Andrée Crépeau- Coal Town Trail  
John Young- Lucasville Greenway Society

**Group Bike Ride (McIntosh Run Trail)**  
Led by Lawrence Plug- McIntosh Run  
Watershed Association

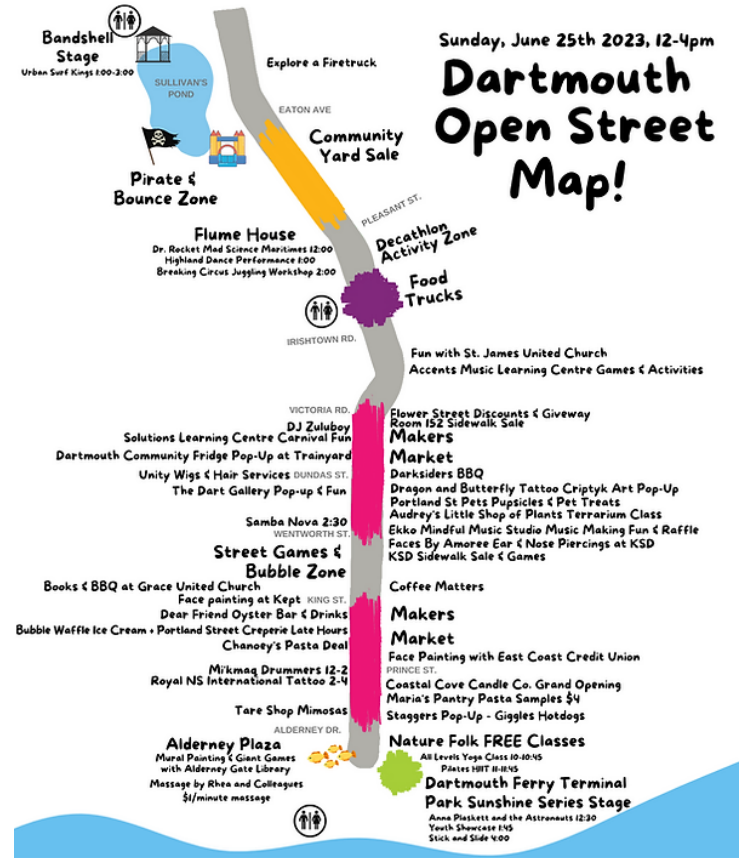
**Group Trail Walk (McIntosh Run Trail)**  
Led by Jessica Spooner- Cycling NS

**Break Out Session- Community Room**  
Led by Anika Riopel- EAC, and  
Brittney Maclean- Cycling NS

**Sponsors:** BIKE ROUTE, CYCLING NOVA SCOTIA, HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, Ecology Action Centre

# 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. 5,000 people.



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## Walk and Fun Day on Lucasville Rd.

- opportunity for residents to gather, have fun, and foster an even deeper pride in the heritage, history, and development of their community.
- The work of the dedicated volunteers at LGS continues to advance a safe walking trail for the people living in Lucasville Community.



Lucasville Greenway Society

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Walk & Fun Day Fundraiser Event

Sat. June 10, 2023

10 am – 4 pm

@ The Wallace Lucas Community Center  
596 Lucasville Road

Opening Ceremony and Walk at 10 am



Balloon Artist/Face Painting/Children's  
Games/ Silent Auction/Door Prizes/BBQ /  
Cake/ Music & More



Come Celebrate the Day with Us



All Welcome

See updates on Facebook

@LucasvilleGreenwaySociety

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=269418022255806&set=g.713097082187463>

# 2024-2025 AT Education and Promotion Grants Timelines

Spring – Summer Intake Timelines project start June 1, 2024

February 19, 2024	HRM launches the Spring - Summer AT Education and Promotion Grants
March 4, 2024	Optional for applicants: Q&A session to clarify application and terms
April 8, 2024	Submission deadline for Spring - Summer AT Education & Promotion Grants
Mid-April – May 2024	Proposals review and approval by HRM Staff
After Council approves budget, not earlier than May 15, 2024 to March 31, 2025	Award recipients will sign awarding documents, deliver the projects awarded and report outcomes

Fall – Winter Intake Timelines project start October 15, 2024

August 19, 2024	HRM launched the Fall-Winter AT Education and Promotion Grants
September 5, 2024	Optional for applicants: Q&A session to clarify application and terms
September 23, 2024	Submission deadline for Fall- Winter AT Education & Promotion Grants
End of Sept - October 2024	Proposals review and approval by HRM Staff
October 15, 2024 – March 31, 2025	Award recipients will sign awarding documents, deliver the projects awarded and report outcomes

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

- HRM allows for 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 details at: <https://nstrails.com/trails-strategy/>
- HRM Parks Operations supported those groups maintaining HRM trails with disaster relief work that was too complex for groups to handle

## 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>



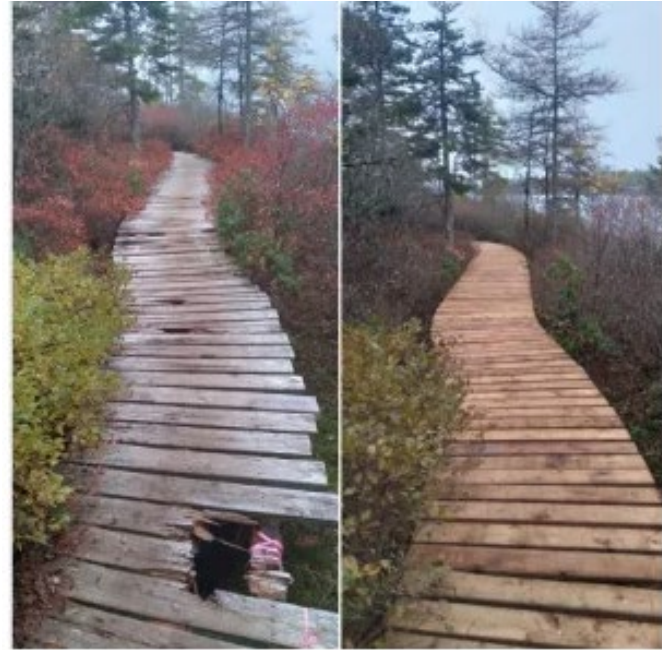
## 2023 - 2024 Recreational Trails Capital Grants Awarded

### New:

- \$5,000 to Atlantic View Trail Association towards a detail design project for Porters Lake Canal Trail, an approximately 500m crusher dust trail connecting between the Atlantic View Trail and Porters Lake

### Carried over from previous years:

- \$25,000 to Wooden's River Watershed Environmental Organization Boardwalk replacement in the Bluff Wilderness Trail
- \$40,000 to MacIntosh Run Watershed Association – Single Tracks Mountain Bike and Hiking Trail building
- \$50,000 to Halifax North West Trail Association for a trail system in the Mainland North Common



Boardwalk repairs completed in the Bluff Wilderness Trail by Woodens River Watershed Environmental Organization

## 2023-2024 Recreational Trails Maintenance and Operations Grants

**Total Awarded: \$50,475 (including carry-over of \$8,305)**

Recreational Trail(s)	Trail Association Recipient	Carry over from 2022-2023	Grant Approved
Cole Harbour Heritage Park (not including the AT Heritage Trail)	Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association		\$9,300
Crawbar Lake Trail	Crowbar Lake Wilderness Association		\$9,300
First Lake Greenway (South Side) Trail - Recreational	Friends of First Lake Society		\$2,000
The Old Coach Road Trail Park	Halifax North - West Trail Association		\$2,500
Mainland Common Park	Halifax North - West Trail Association		\$2,500
McIntosh Run Singletrack Trails	McIntosh Run Watershed Association	\$2,900	\$2,000
Musquodoboit Wilderness Trails of the Trailway	Musquodoboit Trailways Association	\$5,405.00	\$2,095
Recreational Trails of Sackville Lakes Park	Second Lake Park and Trails Association		\$8,780
The Bluff Wilderness Hiking Trail	Woodens River Watershed Environmental Organization		\$12,000

## Thank you. Questions?

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Agricultura Street  
Holiday Market  
An Open Street Event

Live Music | Hot Drinks | Food | Local Artisans | In-Store Specials | Santa Claus

Sunday, November 12th, 2023  
12:00 - 5:00pm  
*Rain date: Nov. 26, 2023*

n<sup>o</sup>rthend BUSINESS ASSOCIATION | PLANNING by DESIGN CENTRE | OSO planning + design | CARLO AUTO SERVICE | HALIFAX

The poster features a light beige background with decorative snowflakes and stars scattered around the text. The title 'Agricultura Street Holiday Market' is in a large, elegant serif font, with 'An Open Street Event' in a smaller, red serif font below it. The event details, including the date, time, and rain date, are presented in a clean, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is a row of logos for the event's sponsors: n<sup>o</sup>rthend Business Association, Planning by Design Centre, OSO planning + design, Carlo Auto Service, and Halifax.