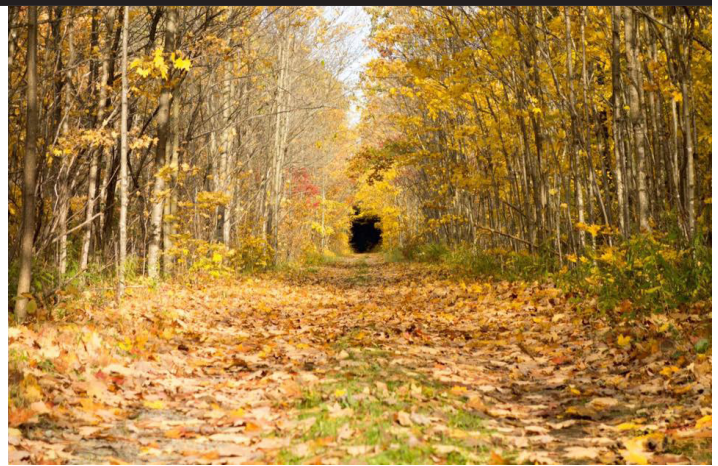


Dear friends of the Cataraqi Trail

The hot and dry summer has made way for the beautiful colours of fall and some amazing scenery along the Cataraqi Trail. We continue to be very busy with work along the full length of trail with lots more in store over the coming year... but we need your help!

We completed a large trail widening and resurfacing project at the east end of the trail going into Smiths Falls last year and we have a similar project west of Harrowsmith underway where approx. 6km of the trail was dozed up this summer and will be receiving a new surface in the next couple of weeks before snowmobile season. A significant amount of brush and trail fringe work has also taken place this fall from Strathcona to east of Yarker in Stone Mills Township. We have also launched a [new website](#) this year with tons of great info and updates on trail conditions as well as an interactive map to plan your excursions. We are also working on new signs with info, maps and directions in and around Chaffey's Lock.

A major focus for the days ahead is the pressing bridge work that needs to be done at Chaffey's Lock. While the structure of the bridge is in good shape, many planks forming the bridge surface need replacing, so this will also be happening in the coming weeks before



snowmobile season starts. We are also in the planning stages for a new gazebo at Harrowsmith for trail users to relax under cover from the sun or inclement weather.

Our Bike or Hike fundraiser in Yarker this past August was a little slower than usual. Between the Tragically Hip show that night and numerous goings-on in and around the country side that weekend, in hindsight, we probably picked the busiest Saturday of the summer. On top of that, we were forced to cancel our fundraiser dinner at The Opinicon in September for reasons completely beyond our control, but we look forward to getting back there with a dining room full of Cat Trail supporters very soon!

The reality is that we have fallen short of our targets to keep moving forward with all the trail projects and maintenance we have planned, so any help you can offer will be gratefully received and faithfully applied to The Trail. There are no administration costs whatsoever with trail improvement projects and a full 100% of your tax deductible donations go directly to The Trail.

We continue to see increased use all along the trail which is very gratifying. All of you that are out enjoying the trail year-round are the reason that the Cataraqi Trail Management Board members volunteer so much of their time to work at improving the trail for hikers,



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joggers, cyclists and horseback riders. Please continue to get out there and enjoy this amazing part of our region!

We continue to wage our campaign of education and enforcement with prohibited motorized vehicles on the trail, particularly with 4 wheelers and dirt bikes. The OPP have been very helpful this past year with giving warnings and tickets and we have cameras and the appropriate signage announcing the presence of cameras at trailhead junctions going in over the coming months.

We would like to recognize Country Traditions Frozen Foods in Napanee and McCormick's Country Store in Camden East for their great support as community minded sponsors and helping us out at our summer fundraiser.

Also the very talented Mr. Chris Johnston took the three photos included in this newsletter along the trail. Thanks very much Chris!

To make a donation to the trail today, please go to: www.cataraquitrail.ca/support/donations

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