



Dear Trail Supporter

This newsletter is to thank you for your past support of the Cataraqi Trail and to tell you of our plans for 2015. Donations from private supporters provide about a third of the money needed to maintain and improve our trail. The remainder of the money comes from municipalities, the snowmobile clubs and funding programs of the Federal and Provincial governments.



Great snowmobiling on the trail in 2015.

### 2014 Trail Improvements

In late 2014, 1.5 kilometres of trail at Portland was resurfaced with white crushed marble from Harlem Road to just east of Station Road. Many thanks to Omya from Perth for donating and transporting 600 tonnes of crushed marble stone to the Cataraqi Trail in Portland. The marble was then spread on the trail by Terry French Construction. Please let us know what you think of this type of surface. In addition, the old abandoned dug well at Portland Station was sealed to prevent any hazard to people and the aquifer.

In South Frontenac Township, the Township public works crews replaced old culverts in five locations between MacGillivray Road and Sydenham. In early 2014, the trail was partially blocked by a rock fall from a cliff near Stonehouse Lake. The South Frontenac public works department cleaned any loose rock from the rock face with a backhoe. This will lessen the chances of future rock falls at this location.

### 2015 Plans for Trail Improvements.

In 2014, the Federal Government announced \$10 Million in funding for trails across Canada as part of the Economic Action Plan. The work has to be completed before the end of 2015 and is administered by the National Trail Coalition (NTC). In October, the Cataraqi Trail Management Board applied for funding on a larger \$200,000 improvement project on 18.5 km of trail in Rideau Lakes Township and the Town of Smiths Falls. The NTC evaluated our application and gave the trail a \$25,000 grant. This will help fund trail improvements between the start of the trail in Smiths Falls and Golf Course Road. The Township of Rideau Lakes has committed \$34,400 to the project and we are awaiting budget approval from the Town of Smiths Falls as to their contribution.

As in previous years South Frontenac Township is helping with trail improvements in their township. A high priority for improvement is the trail drainage and surface between Norway and McFadden Road. There are nine bridges on the trail and they are all to be inspected this year. On some bridges, the timber decking is worn and may need replacement.

### New for this year

Volunteers have been building new information boxes to be installed along the trail. Look for these blue boxes to start popping up in the spring.

We are also working with Birds of Canada to have bird nesting boxes placed along the trail.



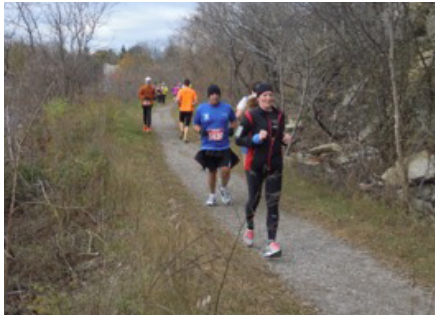
Volunteers building bird nesting boxes

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2015 Fundraisers

We are planning a fundraiser dinner at the Opinicon Lodge dining room in Chaffeys Locks on Friday, June 19 2015. The Bike or Hike fundraiser will also be in Chaffeys Locks on Saturday, August 19 2015. Please check our website and Facebook page for news on these and other events.



Sydenham Fall Run 2014

A special thanks to our event supporters.

We wish to thank the following business for their support to our fundraisers in 2014: Len's Bakery, Napanee • Abrams Bakery, Newburg • McCormick's Country Store, Camden East • Quinn's Meats, Yarker • Waterfall Tea Room, Yarker • Desert Lake Gardens, Sydenham • Hillside Coffee Co., Sydenham • Jim's Gourmet Fries, Sydenham • Memory Lane Flowers, Sydenham • Trousdale's Home Hardware, Sydenham • R.L.Fletcher Bike Shop, Kingston • Frontenac Cycle, Kingston • Cyclepath, Kingston • J & J Cycle, Kingston • Primetime Custom Screenprinting, Kingston • Trailhead, Kingston • Smiths Army Surplus, Kingston • Gears and Grinds Cycle Shop, Kingston • Sepp's Ski Shop, Kingston • Ted's Road and Triathlon, Kingston • Canadian Tire, Division Street Kingston

Keeping in Touch, membership & making a donation

You will find a donation form attached to this newsletter. Your donation can be mailed to us or you can now pay online at www.cataraquitrail.ca. About 50% of our membership have given us their email addresses and indicated that they would prefer to get Cataraqui Trail information by email rather than regular mail. Please fill out that line on the donation form. This will reduce postage costs. We shall of course continue to mail information to those who prefer this method.

We also have pages on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest. We hope that many of you will use this newer media to comment on their trail experience.

On behalf of the Cataraqui Trail Management Board, I would like to thank you for your continuing support.

Yours truly  
Doug Good  
Chair, Cataraqui Trail Management Board

We appreciate your support.

A PDF version of this newsletter and an online donation form is available on our website cataraquitrail.ca.

- I would like to continue as a Cataraqui Trail Member. Enclosed is my tax-deductible \$25 membership fee.
 I would like to make a charitable donation to the Cataraqui Trail. Enclosed is my contribution for:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$200 Other

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