

January 31, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

The Region of Queens Municipality (RQM) relies on our natural environment for supporting our economy and enhancing our social and cultural assets. The Region has embraced many initiatives to expand and improve the recreational trail network in Queens County to build healthier and better-connected communities.

The Region of Queens Municipality is aware of the funding application by the Queens Rails to Trails group to recapitalize the Hunts Point Trail from Bog Road to Silver Rock Drive, which became a Multi-Use trail in September 2024. The Hunts Point Trail is used frequently by cyclists, pedestrians and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) users including during the winter months. Widening and resurfacing this all-weather trail will greatly enhance user safety and experience, as well as make it more accessible for a wider group of users.

The Council of the Region of Queens acknowledges that this trail forms a key link in the Trans Canada Trail network. During the January 28, 2025 council meeting, RQM Council gave clear direction to staff to initiate the development of a staff report outlining the connection between this trail and a municipal Road Trail to the Trestle Trail, which would allow OHV users to access commercial services and amenities in the Liverpool area via the Trestle Trail. In principle, the Council of the Region of Queens is generally supportive of exploring the installation of Road Trails that facilitate trail-to-trail and trail-to-service connectivity within the Town of Liverpool. The RQM is also committed to advise the Queens Rails to Trails group of any prospective funding initiatives that could assist with this trail development project or any other recreational trail projects to improve the recreational trail network throughout the Region of Queens Municipality.

Yours faithfully,



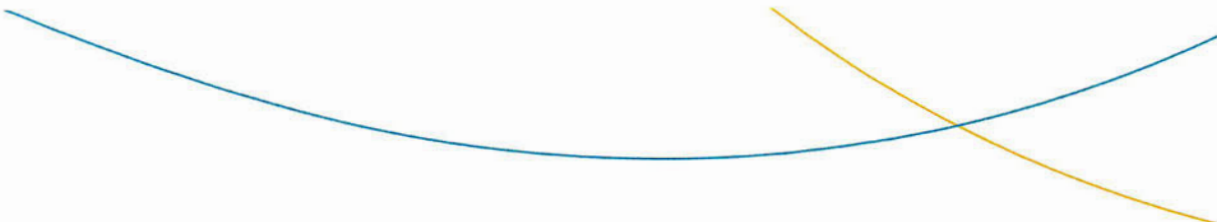
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The Region of Queens Municipality is supportive of the Queens County ATV Association's (QCATVA) funding application for:

Recapitalization of the Deep Brook Trail (Highway 8 to River Road) - QCATVA has recently completed initial capital work on the trail bed to improve safety by removing a challenging hill climb and leveling the trail surface over approximately 800m. In addition, the group successfully worked with provincial departments of Natural Resources and Renewables and Environment and Climate Change to manage the installation of a 32 foot bridge over Deep Brook making the trail far more accessible to all recreational users.

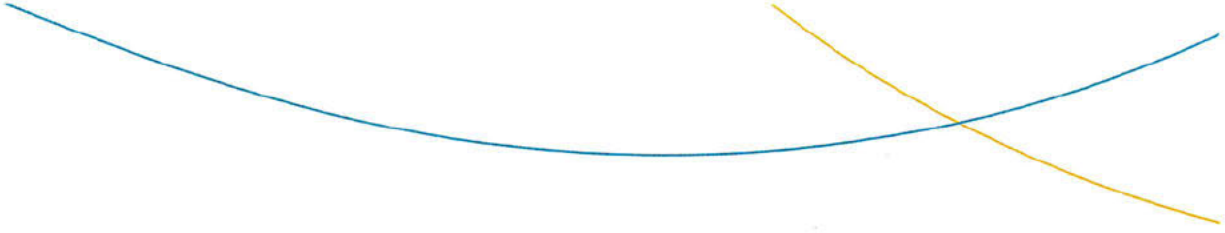
The QCATVA has applied for funding to continue working on the **Deep Brook Trail** by resurfacing it and improving drainage to improve trail safety and user experience. These enhancements would provide an important trail to trail connection from the Herring Cove trail network to the River Road in Milton, where the QCATVA is working to establish a Road Trail to connect to the trail network area near Bon Mature Lakes.



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RQM understands that the QCATVA may pivot their application (including funding applications) to repair the bridge (Structure Queens 130) on the unmaintained portion of the Old Port Mouton Road at Five Rivers.

While this roadway is under the management of provincial Public Works, the QCATVA has received conditional approval to undertake this repair work to reopen this important trail that connects the trail network in the Bon Mature Lake area to Beech Hill Rd, an area where QCATVA has a provincial Road Trail that provides connections to enable access to restaurants, accommodations and fuel services.

In addition, the RQM is committed to advise the QCATVA and Queens Rails to Trails groups of any prospective funding initiatives that could assist with this trail development project or any other recreational trail projects to improve the recreational trail network throughout the Region of Queens Municipality.

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