

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
REGULAR COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2014
9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair
Councillor Darlene Norman
Councillor Bruce Inglis
Councillor Susan MacLeod
Councillor Jack Fancy
Councillor Peter Waterman
Kathleen Rafuse, Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance
Bobbi Jo Goulden, Recording / Management Secretary

REGRETS: Councillor Brian Fralic
Councillor Raymond Fiske

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

2.0 CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was moved by Councillor MacLeod and seconded by Councillor Waterman that the Agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 15.1 Town Hall Update
- 15.2 Milestone Recognitions

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3.0 PRESENTATION(S):

3.1 Trail Presentation

Laura Barkhouse, Regional Trails Coordinator, Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness was welcomed to the meeting. She began her presentation by asking some members of the public gallery to introduce themselves to Council. She noted that these people are members of local groups who are working on developing trails in the area. Those in attendance were:

- Denise Crouse, North Queens Trail Association
- Brian Hatt, Queens Rails to Trails Association and Queens ATV Association
- Alan Fancy, North Queens Trail Association
- Alan Waterman, North Queens Trail Association
- Clarence Trimper, North Queens Trail Association
- Sherman Embree, Woodland Multi-use Trail Association and Shelburne County All Terrain Vehicle Association

Laura Barkhouse provided a Power Point presentation on 49 South Shore Trails which are developed or beginning to be developed in the area. She spoke on the following topics:

- Destination Trail
- Why Trails?
- Update on the Trails in the Region of Queens

- Queens Rails to Trails Plans for 2014-2015
 - Summerville Walk
- Queens ATV Association Plans for 2014-2015
- North Queens Trail Development Plans for 2014-2015
- www.southshoreconnect.ca. (information on trails)

Laura Barkhouse explained that the Region of Queens has a wide variety of natural ecosystems and trails which create opportunities to attract visitors to the area.

Questions and comments from Councillors were replied to pertaining to such things as: government funding, community support, trail management, ecotourism and trail users.

Mayor Clarke thanked Laura Barkhouse for her presentation and she left the meeting at 9:37 a.m. A copy of her presentation is attached to these minutes.

3.2 Ariel Mahoney – 4 Leaf Clover 4-H Club, Caledonia

Ariel Mahoney, 4 Leaf Clover 4-H Club, Caledonia, provide handouts to Council and Staff on 4-H Nova Scotia and an expense list of costs associated with a project is working on. She is raising five market turkeys.

Ms. Mahoney spoke of her positive experiences with 4-H and the opportunities that it has provided for her. She spoke of her efforts in the market turkey program which led her to win the Grand Champion Market Turkey at the 2013 Nova Scotia 4-H show. She added that she received \$700.00 for her turkey and donated ½ of her proceeds back to her 4-H group.

Ariel Mahoney explained that it she had a sponsor to assist with costs last year, but noted that they were unable to assist her this year and is seeking financial assistance from Council.

Councillor Norman explained that unfortunately, this financial request does not meet the criteria for any of the funding programs available; however she asked if she is able to take private donations. Ariel Mahoney advised that she is able to receive donations for her project.

Mayor Clarke thanked Ms. Mahoney for her presentation and she left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

4.0 **TABLING OF PETITIONS:**

There were no petitions to come before this meeting.

5.0 **PUBLIC QUESTION / COMMENT SESSION:**

There were no comments from the public to come before this meeting.

6.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

6.1 Regular Council Minutes – July 22, 2014

It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Inglis:

THAT the minutes of the Council meeting held on July 22, 2014, be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7.0 DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES:

7.1 90 Common Street, Liverpool, Queens County, NS

Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Kelley-Anne Hurley, advised that the property located at 90 Common Street, Liverpool requires attention.

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Waterman:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens declare the property located at 90 Common Street, Liverpool, Queens County, Nova Scotia as dangerous and unsightly as defined in the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia;

AND THAT the Council of the Region of Queens cause an Order to be served upon the owners of the property located at 90 Common Street, Liverpool, Queens County, Nova Scotia requiring that, within thirty (30) days of the date of the service of the Order, the following work be carried out:

- 1) Demolition of small outbuilding;
- 2) Secure one window upper, front of dwelling;
- 3) Clean garbage/debris from side deck;
- 4) Paint entire building exterior including OSB Panels;
- 5) Trim bushes surrounding building exterior;
- 6) Cut grass; and
- 7) Ongoing property maintenance.

AND THAT, if the owners fail to comply with the Order, the Administrator may cause the requirements of the Order to be carried out and all expenses incurred by the Region of Queens Municipality become the responsibility of the owner.

Special Constable Hurley advised that this building suffered damage due to suspected arson earlier this year and added that it was suspected that the offender gained entry to the building through an unsecured opening. She noted that since that time the building was secured, but ongoing maintenance to the property has not been occurring.

Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Kelley-Anne Hurley, stated that the spouse of one of the owners had contacted her advising that neither property owners were able to attend the Council meeting, as one was working out of town and the other has sustained an injury. She had requested a 90 day extension on the order.

A discussion was held on the dangerous items noted in the order and the security of the main building and out building.

It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Waterman:

THAT the following amendments be made to the motion:
Change items:

- 1) Demolition of small outbuilding;
- 2) Secure one window upper, front of dwelling;
- 3) Clean garbage/debris from side deck;
- 5) Trim bushes surrounding building exterior;
- 6) Cut grass; and
- 7) Ongoing property maintenance.

From 30 days requirement to carry out the work to 14 days requirement to carry out the work, and change item:

- 4) Paint entire building exterior including OSB Panels;

From the 30 days requirement to carry out the work to 60 days requirement to carry out the work.

AMENDMENT CARRIED unanimously.

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED unanimously and reads as follows:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens declare the property located at 90 Common Street, Liverpool, Queens County, Nova Scotia as dangerous and unsightly as defined in the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia;

AND THAT the Council of the Region of Queens cause an Order to be served upon the owners of the property located at 90 Common Street, Liverpool, Queens County, Nova Scotia requiring that, within fourteen (14) days of the date of the service of the Order, the following work be carried out:

- 1) Demolition of small outbuilding;
- 2) Secure one window upper, front of dwelling;
- 3) Clean garbage/debris from side deck;
- 4) Trim bushes surrounding building exterior;
- 5) Cut grass; and
- 6) Ongoing property maintenance.

and within sixty (60) days of the date of the service of the Order, the following work be carried out:

- 1) Paint entire building exterior including OSB Panels;

AND FURTHER THAT, if the owners fail to comply with the Order, the Administrator may cause the requirements of the Order to be carried out and all expenses incurred by the Region of Queens Municipality become the responsibility of the owner.

At this time, Mayor Clarke noted that the building in Caledonia purchased by Transportation Infrastructure and Renewal has been demolished and is a pile of debris. Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Kelley-Anne Hurley noted that she spoke with someone from the department who advised her that they have 30 days to remove the debris, but hoped to have it completed by the end of the week.

8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

8.1 Port Medway Harbour Authority Lease Renewal

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor MacLeod:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approves the signing of a renewed License Agreement with Port Medway Harbour Authority authorizing the Region of Queens Municipality to access the 210 square metre piece of their land for the Port Medway Lighthouse Park development, the term shall be from July 14, 2014 to August 30, 2019, on the same terms as previously agreed in the license which shall expire on August 30, 2014 and the letter of May 14, 2002.

Councillor Norman questioned the difference in the terms of the lease over the years.

Jill Cruikshank, Director of Economic Development, explained that additional land where the park's parking lot encroaches on their land was needed in the new lease and the new term was required to coincide with the renewal of the lease between Fisheries & Oceans Canada and the Port Medway Harbour Authority.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

8.2 Christmas Celebrations in Liverpool

Jill Cruikshank advised that the organizers of Christmas on the Mersey events, a subcommittee of the South Queens Chamber of Commerce, and the Christmas Parade are planning for this year's events. She noted that the previous funding sources for the events are unavailable for this year and they have approached the Region to provide funding for them at a total cost of \$3,830. She added that in the past the Region was not involved in funding these events, but had supported in various ways by providing and installing lights on the Mersey River bridge, providing lights for the trees near Lanes, co-ordinating the LED Christmas light exchange, having a float in the parade, and promotion of the events.

Jill Cruikshank explained that last year's event was very successful and encouraged local shopping during the holiday season.

Councillor Norman asked if the request was made because the Chamber does not have the money to host the event.

Councillor MacLeod asked if the money that was in the budget for Destination South West could be used for this event instead as the department is no longer in existence and suggested that Council should assist with this event this year.

Councillor Waterman noted that it is a great event, but the funds requested could be used elsewhere and noted that North Queens host a Christmas parade and events without receiving funding from the Region.

Councillor Norman asked if Events Liverpool could be invited to speak at an upcoming Council meeting to provide their financial information from the 2104 M&M Curing event.

It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor MacLeod:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approves the provision of funding to the South Queens Chamber of Commerce for Christmas celebrations in Liverpool in November/December 2014, including the Christmas Parade (\$1,400) and the Christmas on the Mersey (\$2,430) making a total of \$3,830.00, which will be funded from the Economic Development Department's operating budget 2014/15.

Councillor Inglis suggested that Council should meet to develop guidelines and a policy regarding funding requirements when groups are requesting money for special events.

MOTION CARRIED with 4 for and 2 against.

9.0 **CORPORATE SERVICES:**

9.1 Request for Approval to Transfer Mobile Home Land Lease — Wolfe Street

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Fancy:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality give approval for the Mayor and Director of Finance to sign an agreement between Kenneth Veinot and the Region of Queens Municipality, giving permission to continue to keep the existing mobile home at 30 Wolfe Street, subject to the same terms and conditions as exist on the date of transfer.

MOTION CARRIED with 5 for and 1 against.

10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:

10.1 3/4 Ton, Regular Cab Pick-up Truck — PW06-2014/2015

It was moved by Councillor Waterman and seconded by Councillor Inglis:

THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the purchase of a 2015, 4x4, 3/4 Ton, Regular Cab, Pick-Up Truck from Cole Ford Sales Ltd. at a price of \$34,713.00 + HST.

Brad Rowter, Director of Engineering and Works, noted that this vehicle purchase was a budgeted capital item

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11.0 FINANCE:

11.1 Financial Statement for the 1st Quarter ending June 30th,2014

Mayor Clarke noted that there were no outstanding items on the financial statements but would answer questions, should there be any.

At this time, Jennifer Keating- Hubley, Director of Finance, noted that \$1.6 million in tax revenue was collected in the month of July.

12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

There were no items to be brought forward from the Recreation and Community Facilities Department.

Councillor Fancy noted that he was informed that the School Board will not be establishing an outdoor track at the new field being constructed at the South Queens Middle School, and added that it is disappointing to know that local youth will not be able to train at a competitive level locally.

Mayor Clarke commented to him on the topic of fundraising for an indoor pool. He noted that Council has decided that now was not the time to find funding for this type of facility.

A discussion was held regarding the future of Milton pool. It was agreed to have a more formal discussion on the matter at a later date.

13.0 PLANNING:

There were no matters to be discussed at this meeting from the Planning Department.

14.0 QUEENS PLACE EMERA CENTRE:

There were no items to be discussed from Queens Place Emera Centre at this meeting.

15.0 OTHER:

15.1 Town Hall Update

Mayor Clarke advised that he and Brad Rowter met with the Chair of the Astor Theatre Society, the Manager of the Astor Theatre, and Rick Gilbert to review the plans for the proposed renovations to the Town Hall. He noted that it was a positive meeting and a couple of minor changes were made to the plans and we would be proceeding to construction. He added that he will be meeting again with the interest groups that have been previously meeting to discuss usage of the facility.

15.2 Milestone Recognitions

Mayor Clarke noted that Councillor Fancy had suggested adding an item to the monthly meeting agenda, where on a monthly basis, there is a time for Councillors to recognize milestones being reached by members of the community. He noted that Councillors can decide how they would like to execute this.

16.0 **IN-CAMERA ITEMS:**

It was moved by Councillor Fancy and seconded by Councillor Waterman that the proceedings go "In-Camera" at 10:45 a.m. to discuss the following:

- 16.1 Contract Negotiations
- 16.2 Contract Negotiations

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Fancy that the proceedings come out of "In-Camera" at 11:06 a.m.

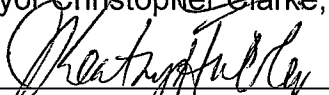
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

17.0 **ADJOURNMENT:**

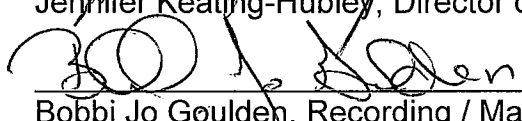
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.



Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair



Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance

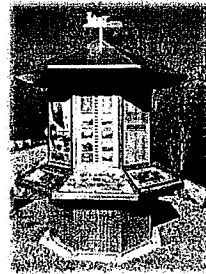


Bobbi Jo Goulden, Recording / Management Secretary

Date approved: August 26, 2014



South Shore Trails



Over 49 trails – developed or underway

Individual trails and linking trails – (Keji Seaside, Pubnico Point Trail, Woodlands Multi-Use Trail, Pine Grove Park)

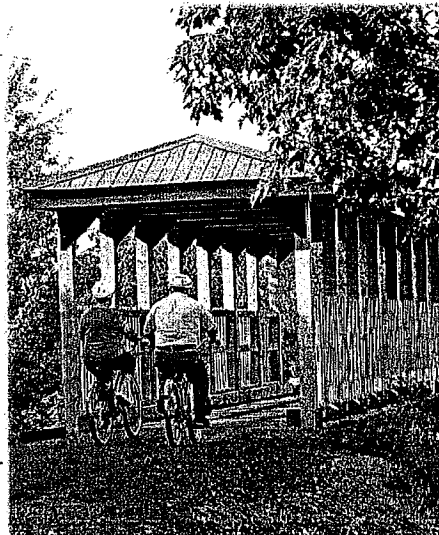
Community groups/Municipal/Provincial and Federal Governments

Marketing and Promotion efforts

Destination Trail

Branding and marketing initiative to promote a linking rail trail between Halifax and the Town of Lunenburg

Will feature a high quality trail of consistent quality, signage and local way finding for promotion as a premier destination nationally and internationally.



Why trails?

Tourism

Growth and economic potential
South Shore is a well-known destination
Greater interest in outdoor activities and nature based vacations

Health

A safe place to play outdoors for all ages and abilities
Affordable, accessible and unscheduled recreation
Growing awareness for daily physical activity – especially with our aging population

Community

A place to meet others with similar interests
Greater sense of community pride

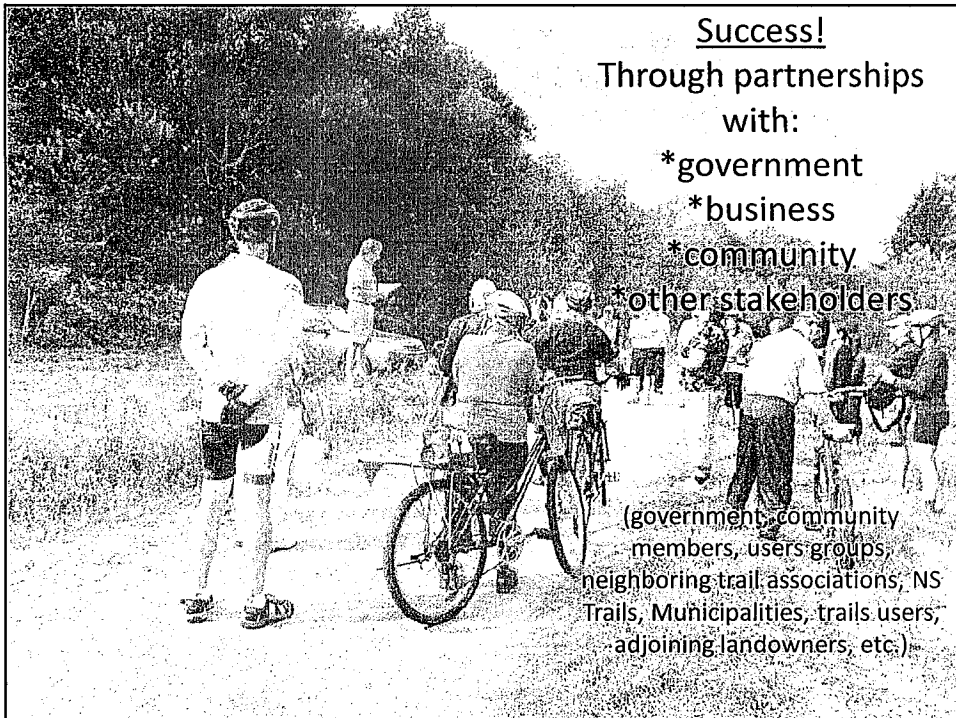


Success!

Through partnerships with:

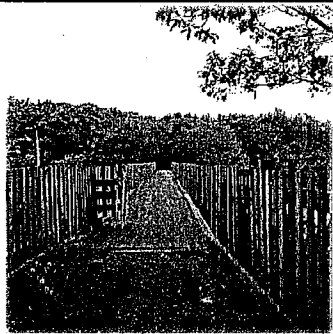
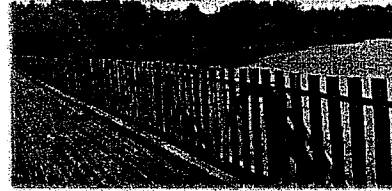
- *government
- *business
- *community
- other stakeholders

(government, community members, users groups, neighboring trail associations, NS Trails, Municipalities, trails users, adjoining landowners, etc.)



Update on Trails in the Region of Queens

- Queens Rails to Trails
 - Rail Trail Lun. Co. to Brooklyn
 - Rail Trail Port Mouton to Shelburne Co.
 - Summerville Beach to Silver Rock Drive
- Queens County ATV Association
- North Queens Trail Development



Accomplishments

Each of these projects have completed or is working on:

- *preparing project plans/construction plans
- *meetings with stakeholders
- *securing partial funding
- *clearing along trail route for safety and visibility
- *decking and railing bridge structures with engineered plans
- *preparing funding proposals to various funders

Queens Rails to Trails Plans for 2014-2015

- *Ongoing monthly Board meetings
- *finalizing funding proposals
- *continue to meet with government , business and community stakeholders
- *fundraising
- *completing trail section from Port Mouton to Shelburne County
- * 3km walking/cycling trail section from Summerville Beach to Silver Rock Drive



Summerville Walk



*3 km from the West side of the Silver Rock Drive to the highway #3 road crossing just before the entrance to Summerville Beach.

*value added - will create a safe and accessible route where none currently exists

*project plan complete

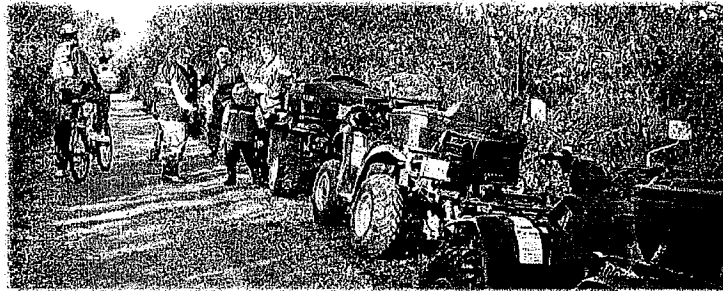
*beginning construction plan

*meeting with government and community stakeholders

*The finished surface will be made suitable for walking and cycling and will provide a great outdoor space that is accessible year round.

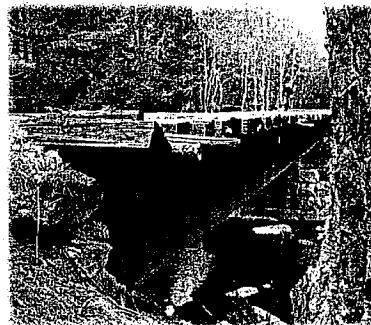
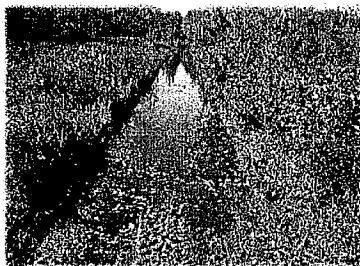
Queens County ATV Association Plans for 2014-2015

- *Ongoing monthly Board meetings
- *finalizing construction plans for approval and completion north of highway 103
- *plans to connect with Queens Rails to Trail project in Port Mouton
- *continuing to meet with government , business and community stakeholders
- *fundraising
- *Route Planning with Provincial, Municipal and Private landowners



North Queens Trail Development Plans for 2014-2015

- *Ongoing monthly Board meetings
- *detailed construction plan approval
- *finalizing funding proposals
- *continuing to meet with government , business and community stakeholders
- *fundraising
- *repairing select bridge structures from Hemford to Caledonia including sites needing flooding repair
- *building community involvement



What are the benefits of having 3 distinct community trail management groups in the Region?

- *Increased support from volunteers in various communities
- *respectful and encouraging support for each other
- *more opportunities for a variety of outdoor recreational options for residents and visitors
- *utilizing your greatest assets – resilient and committed community volunteers



This leads to....

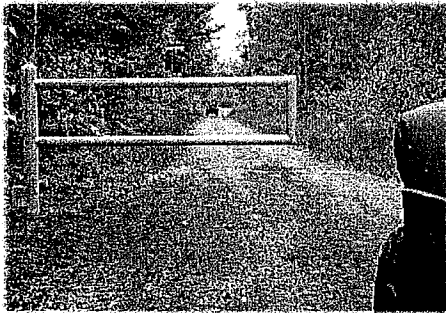
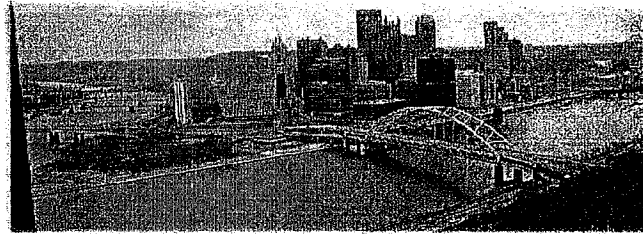
- *Opportunities for recreation and leisure = more benefits to local communities
- *Opportunities for improved physical health, mental health and social well-being of a community
- *Quality of life for residents
- *Value added visits for travellers

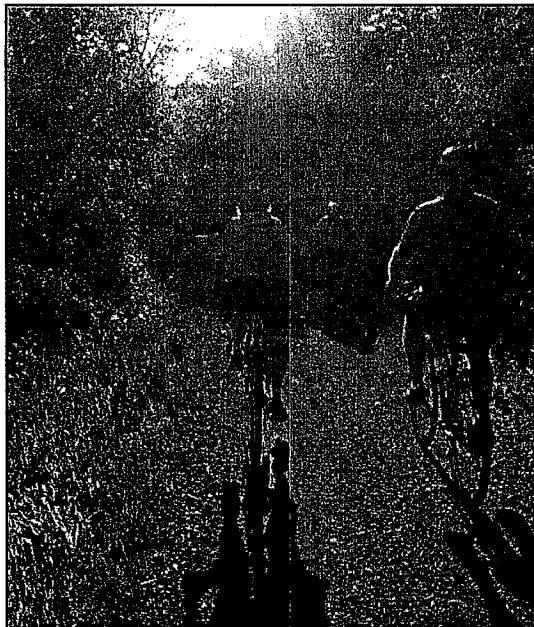
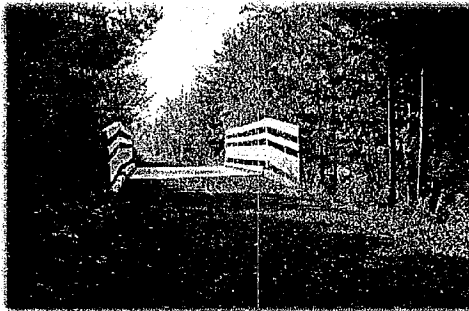
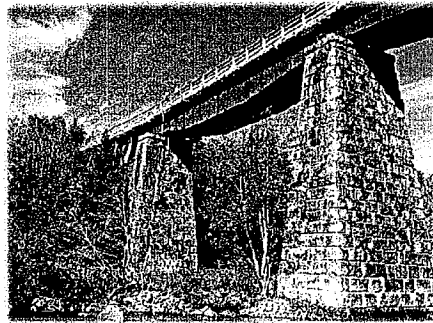
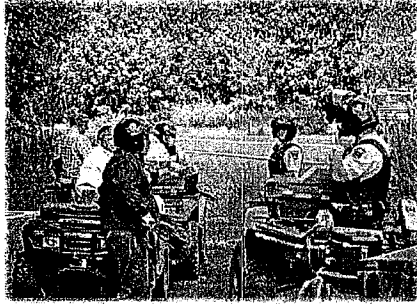


stewardship ... community buy-in ... well-maintained and cared for trails over a longer period of time

Supporting our efforts

- *letters of support for funding applications
- *in kind support for municipal staff time from Economic Development and Recreation department where needed
- *include these projects in RoQ marketing initiatives
- *contact your community volunteer groups and request a tour of their projects – they are proud of what they are contributing to this community and they want to showcase their work.
- *Stay in touch





Questions?

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Community trail development is a mindset – and it works if all partners are committed to its success



4-H Nova Scotia



Learners Today,
Leaders Tomorrow.



About 4-H

4-H is a worldwide program dedicated to the development of youth. 4-H members range in age from 9-21 years old taking part in 4-H events within their club, county, region and province.

As a member, you can:

- Meet new friends
- Learn new skills
- Discover your talents
- Become more involved in your community
- Build confidence
- Participate in Public Speaking
- And have fun!



Learn to Do by Doing

4-H Opportunities:

- 4-H Weekend
- Member Exchanges
- Tug-o-war
- Member Conferences
- Camp Rankin
- Travel Opportunities
- Woodsmen
- NS Provincial Show
- And many more!



How To Get Involved

Visit our website <http://novascotia4h.ca/> or contact Ruth Grant at **902-893-6584** to learn how to become a member or leader!



4-H Projects

4-H offers more than 40 projects divided into two groups; life skills projects ranging from cake decorating to welding and livestock projects ranging from dairy to rabbit.

2014 NS 4-H Market Auctions

September 26 and September 27, 2014

At the Nova Scotia Exhibition Grounds, Truro

The Nova Scotia 4-H Market Steer, Lamb and Turkey Committee would like to invite everyone to the Nova Scotia 4-H Show to support the 4-H members in the market auctions.

Program:

Friday, September 26, 2014

2:00-4:00 pm	Weigh-in All Market Steers and Lambs (steers will be first)
3:30-4:30 pm	Weigh-in Market Turkey
5:00 pm	Market Turkey Conformation Class
6:00 pm	Buyers Pre-registration
6:30 pm	Market Steer & Lamb Show
7:00 pm	Market Steer and Lamb Auction

Immediately following the auction there will be a member and buyer reception.

Saturday, September 27, 2014

4:15 pm	Market Turkey Auction
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Options for Market Buyers:

- ◆ Take steer or lamb home and slaughter yourself
- ◆ Have steer or lamb delivered to an abattoir of your choice
- ◆ Have the steer or lamb slaughtered by an abattoir and receive market value of animal
- ◆ Market turkey buyers are responsible for slaughter of their purchase

NS 4-H Market Committee:

- Bruce Sinclair, Chair
- Henry Bowers, Treasurer
- Faye Lennerton, Secretary
- Gary Burley
- Robert Brydon
- John Calvin Siddall
- Alicia King, Vice-President
- Andrew vanOostrum
- Tom Nunn
- Ruth Grant, NSDA
- Lorraine Wile



2013 CHAMPIONS

The Grand Champion Market Steer shown at the 2013 Nova Scotia 4-H Show was owned by Breagh Ross from Kings County. Breagh's steer was purchased by The Healey Legacy Group, Kentville; Peter Kohler Windows and Doors, Debert; and Nova Scotia Power Inc, Halifax for \$5.00/lb. The 11 steers sold averaged \$3.16/lb.



Photo by Karen Parsons

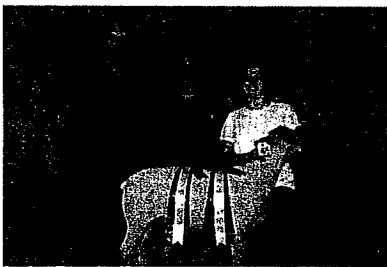


Photo by Ilze Firminger

The Grand Champion Market Lamb shown at the 2013 Nova Scotia 4-H Show was owned by Brittany Brydon, from Kings County. Brittany's lamb was purchased by Scotian Gold Cooperative Ltd, Coldbrook for \$8.50/lb. The 15 lambs sold averaged \$6.91/lb.

The Grand Champion Market Turkey shown at the 2013 Nova Scotia 4-H Show was owned by Ariel Mahoney from Queens County. Ariel's turkey was purchased by MacNeil's Free Range Poultry Farm, Centreville for \$700.00. The 12 turkeys sold averaged \$575.00.



Photo by Ilze Firminger

~ 2013 4-H Supporters ~

- Frank Berkelaar and Andy Carter as the volunteer auctioneers
- Boyd Crouse, Matthew Crouse and Scott Matthews as our judges
- Bid takers, abattoirs and truckers
- and everyone who made the auctions a great success

~ Our Sincere Thanks ~



Thank You

Nova Scotia 4-H Members extend a sincere thank you to the successful buyers at the Nova Scotia 4-H Market Steer, Lamb and Turkey auctions held at the South Shore Exhibition Grounds in Bridgewater on September 27 and 28, 2013.

Volume Buyers:

Oulton's Quality Meats, Windsor
 Co-Op Atlantic, Truro
 Co-Op Atlantic, New Minas
 Leo Glavine, MLA, Greenwood
 Clarence Farm Services Ltd., Truro
 Kentville Chrysler, Kentville
 BlueLine New Holland, Truro and Lawrencetown
 Cavendish Agri Services, Kentville and Truro
 Van Oostrum Farm Equipment, Port Williams
 Top of the Hill Farm, Southampton
 Central Equipment, Truro
 Carter's Auction Services, Amherst



Other Buyers:

Strait Way Kia, Antigonish
 Atlantic Wool Growers Supplies, Princeport
 Atlantic Stockyards Ltd, Truro
 Parker's ESSO Ltd, Middle Musquodoboit
 Robert Best, Coldbrook
 Hants Equipment, Windsor
 Meadowbrook Meat Market, Berwick
 Kings County Councillors
 Valley Select Livestock, Berwick
 Tilt Pro Contracting, Dartmouth
 Scotian Cattle Company, Shubenacadie
 Remax Advantage, Kentville
 Ambercreek Fur Farm, Clementsvalle
 V. Gordon Jackson, Bridgetown
 Carman Construction, Digby
 Harrison's Home Hardware, Parrsboro
 R.D. Read Trucking, Sackville, New Brunswick
 Jim Hatheway Ford, Amherst
 Cobequid Mountain Sports, Collingwood
 NS Federation of Agriculture, Truro
 Baddeck Valley 4-H, Baddeck
 Lunenburg County 4-H Council, Lunenburg
 NS Power Inc., Dartmouth
 Bridgewater Co-op, Bridgewater
 New Minas Co-op, New Minas
 White Birch Poultry Farm, Cookville
 Jeff Lindsay, Onslow Mountain
 Kentville Nissan and Mazda, Kentville
 Nova Scotia Teachers Union, Kentville
 Councillors and Council of Pictou County, Pictou
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