



Halifax North West Trails Association - October 2015

Mainland Linear Trail Planning Study – Open House - Wednesday, October 7

Plan to attend an Open House to learn more about the future of the Mainland Linear Trail as an Active Transportation corridor linking north to Bedford and Larry Uteck Drive and south to the Chain of Lakes Trail. Often called the *Power Line*, this 4.5-km route is used to travel to school or work or for a healthy walk, run or bike ride. Halifax North West Trails Association members, along with consultants from WSP and Halifax staff will be on hand to discuss community connections and possible amenities. Come with your ideas on Wednesday, October 7 to the Canada Games Centre Community Room, between 6:30 and 8:30 pm. If you can't join us, share feedback at: www.halifax.ca.

Consider joining the board of **HNWTA**, your skills are needed. Help shape the future of trails in our region.

Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area

Make note of the rescheduled date of October 12 for a hike to Blue Mountain Hill, in the BMBCL Wilderness Area. Meet us at the trailhead at the end of Anahid Drive, off Kingswood Drive. Anahid is 4 km south of Hammonds Plains Rd (on the left). To register, email bobathome83@gmail.com in case the hike is changed or cancelled once more. Meet at 1pm, Monday, October 12. This 5-km return hike will take about 2-2.5 hours.

If you are interested in the Trail Plan for the northern section of the WA at Maskwa, check out the HNWTA website or go to www.bmbcltrails.com. Launched at the recent Open House, the plan will proceed once volunteers and funding are in place.

Open Forest Day organized by the Department of Natural Resources will take place at Maskwa Aquatic Club on Saturday, October 24 between 10am and 3pm. Over 30 groups will be participating with information sessions and walks into the Wilderness Area. A 1 km gentle loop walk will help you learn more about our forest habitat and experience the Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area.

Hike Nova Scotia-sponsored hikes continue during October; check the schedule at www.hikenovascotia.ca. As well, the local Walk and Talk weekly walks hosted by the YMCA are ongoing at the Keshen Goodman Library on Wednesdays at 1pm. **October is Trail Challenge** month. Halifax Parks and Recreation invites us to get active on local trails. After your trail adventure, go to <http://www.halifax.ca/trails/index.php> to log in your experience.

Halifax is hosting a Recreation review: **Community Facility Master Plan (CFMP)**. When responding, indicate that trails are an important component of community recreation assets and accessible to all as part of a healthy community. With enough input from residents, more trails may be planned for our neighbourhoods. www.halifax.ca

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