



Halifax North West Trails Association News for May 2015

Annual General Meeting

We hope you are able to get out and enjoy the trails in Halifax at last. Thanks to all of you who came out to our AGM where we welcomed the A for Adventure Team and are sharing in their newest adventure. They are in the process of self-publishing a book, suitable for 4-10 year olds, and young families. Advance orders are required so if you know you or the young people in your life might enjoy this rhyming book, go to www.aforadventure.ca for ordering details.

Our newly-elected board will be meeting shortly and you will hear more news next month about our future plans. New members are always welcome. Several board members are stepping down and we thank them for their contributions to the many and diverse activities of the association and on our community trails.

Halifax Green Network Plan: An Open Space & Greenbelting Plan for the Region

Halifax is embarking on a year-long study of Open and Green Spaces as determined by the Regional Plan +5 in 2014. Residents will have an opportunity to give input, either by completing a survey or participating in one of several public events soon. The details are now posted on the www.halifax.ca website, search for the Green Network Plan.

A consultant firm, O2 Design, is supporting staff. Recreation and trails is one of the five themes for discussion in the Open Space Plan. This is exciting news for this region; we know you all enjoy the trails for recreation, active living and appreciation of nature. Please take the time to let them know that more trails for recreation are needed as our population grows and we learn about the value of walking, hiking and spending time in our natural world.

Trail Maintenance

The Trails Association often receives messages about a fallen tree across a trail or overflowing garbage pails. To speed things up, you can call 311 directly or report a concern on a trail or other neighbourhood matter to ContactHRM@Halifax.ca. Thanks to those who carry a bag and pick up garbage on their walks; every bit helps. Local groups are organizing cleanups, we are late this spring.

Dogs and Trails

A friendly reminder to dog walkers that all the trails in Mainland North are On Leash. If you want to find a local Off Leash area, check out the enclosed area on the soccer field off the parking lot at the top of Westridge Drive. The Off Leash area is being expanded into the adjacent woodland this spring.

Please deposit your full doggie bags in the nearest garbage pail and not beside the trail!

Upcoming Events

Third Annual Mayor's Ride - Wednesday, June 10, 2:30 - 4:30 pm along the Mainland Linear Trail. Check out www.halifax.ca and Bike Week for details.

Discover Nova Scotia's favourite hiking trails and waterfalls at the Halifax Central Library on Monday, June 15th, at 7:00pm, featuring Mainland Nova Scotia, by Michael Haynes.

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