

Thank you kindly for this invitation. We will gladly and readily accept the opportunity to answer and discuss these topics with Council.

To start the discussion on the topics you mention (in lieu of a presentation at Council):

Thank you for referring the complaint to us. We usually respond directly to the complainant as usually they bring them, as we wish, directly to us. We can also use that opportunity to recruit their assistance and tell them about the community trails.

We have completed development of all the rail trail across the MoB, approximately 40.3 km including 11 bridges since 2010. We have resurfaced three sections of trail since taking on responsibility. We have also repaired storm and vandalism damage. Our regular maintenance involves grading of long stretches of trail several times a year, mowing the trailhead and various other repairs. This has been done almost entirely by club members for the past 15 years but we continue to encourage trail users, local communities and adjacent landowners to assist (and they do with some litter pick up and debris clearing). Our club annually has more than 200 members of various levels of involvement in the administration and volunteer work. We will be examining doing more maintenance by contract in the future. We thank MoB sincerely for their financial contribution to this work, their support and their appreciation of the trail. It is now part of the Trans Canada Trail.

Your particular grant to our organization of \$10,000 in 2021, in response to our request for \$20,000, was most appreciated. It was used directly to pay partially for hiring a contractor to resurface a 1.0 km section of trail from the causeway to Doctor's Cove. It was also used to partially pay for the purchase of a front bucket for our tractor used by our club volunteers for trail maintenance.

All the development and maintenance has taken numerous Letter of Authority requests, grant applications (at least 30), investment (over \$737,000), management and volunteer work for MoB alone while we also have trails across the County.

You continued assistance would be very much appreciated. It can take the form of continuing financial support but we could also discuss several other means such as: maintenance contracting; use of public works staff, equipment, and material; trail management support; and administrative support. We can also discuss trail promotion for recreation and tourism. There is lots to discuss including volunteer organizations (resources, capabilities, succession), community development and support.

Several of us could attend in person or virtually on Valentines Day, Monday 14 February (after making suitable arrangements with my wife). Please advise on time, place and method. For our awareness of the audience we will encounter please also advise on other invitees to the discussion such as RCMP, DNRR, DOT or a number of complainants.

We look forward to this discussion and your further questions.

Thank you,
Sherm Embree
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Director, SCATVA