



ATVANS NEWS Fall 2018

The President's Message

Hello Folks,

It's been a great summer for ATVANS, our Clubs and their members. The calendar was full of events, rallies and fun runs. Clubs across the Province are and have been knee deep in Trail work. It is truly amazing the amount of Trail construction and maintenance done by club member volunteers. I congratulate each and every one for their dedication to our sport.

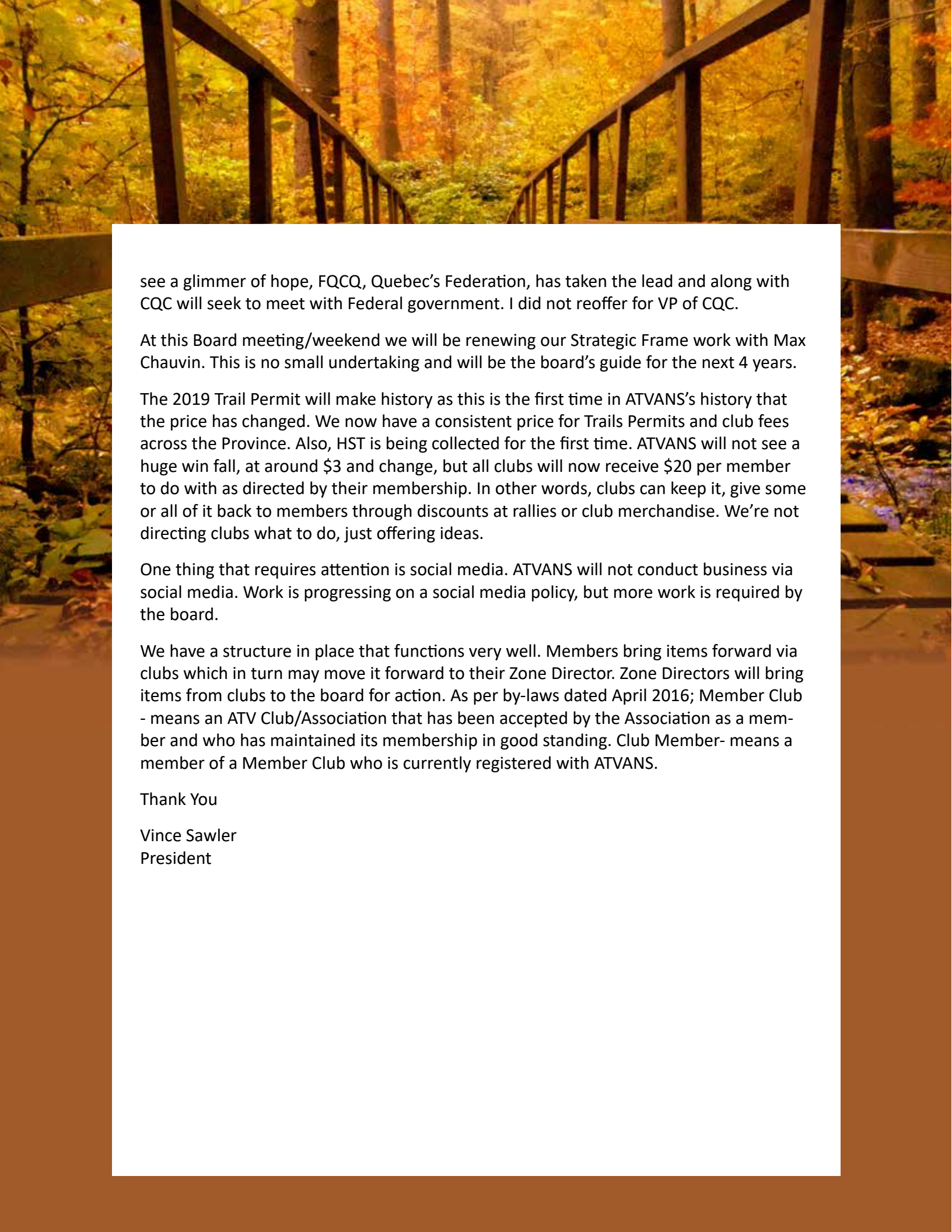
The Shoulder of Road trial has launched! A number of board members and staff participated at the NS Government media event. We invited Heather Stillwell from NS Trails and Corey Osborne from Beaver Bank club to shoot video of the event. I would like to thank Heather and Corey for an outstanding job.

Now, the real work has begun. We have to prove to government that this will work, that it's safe and will be benefit to all ATV'ers in Nova Scotia. As this moves forward, it has the potential to drive OHV tourism in NS over the top.

I would like to commend the Trails committee, ATVANS staff, the board, Ministers of TIR and DLF along with department staff that worked to bring this pilot to life. This is a huge step forward for ATV'ers in Nova Scotia considering how restricted and regulated our sport has been since 2007.

Committees are holding meetings and will bring items forward for consideration by the full board. These include but not limited to; TrakMaps contract, Polaris Ride Commander, AGM planning, new TrakMaps product that covers NS, PEI and NB to name a few.

In September I attended, along with Mike Marriott and Tom Arnold, the AQCC, scratch that CQC (Canadian Quad Council) AGM hosted by the PEI Federation. Our national body changed its name just before the AGM. I can honestly say, this was the best hosted CQC AGM I've been to. Peter Mellish and the PEI Federation went above and beyond! I did



see a glimmer of hope, FQCQ, Quebec's Federation, has taken the lead and along with CQC will seek to meet with Federal government. I did not reoffer for VP of CQC.

At this Board meeting/weekend we will be renewing our Strategic Frame work with Max Chauvin. This is no small undertaking and will be the board's guide for the next 4 years.

The 2019 Trail Permit will make history as this is the first time in ATVANS's history that the price has changed. We now have a consistent price for Trails Permits and club fees across the Province. Also, HST is being collected for the first time. ATVANS will not see a huge win fall, at around \$3 and change, but all clubs will now receive \$20 per member to do with as directed by their membership. In other words, clubs can keep it, give some or all of it back to members through discounts at rallies or club merchandise. We're not directing clubs what to do, just offering ideas.

One thing that requires attention is social media. ATVANS will not conduct business via social media. Work is progressing on a social media policy, but more work is required by the board.

We have a structure in place that functions very well. Members bring items forward via clubs which in turn may move it forward to their Zone Director. Zone Directors will bring items from clubs to the board for action. As per by-laws dated April 2016; Member Club - means an ATV Club/Association that has been accepted by the Association as a member and who has maintained its membership in good standing. Club Member- means a member of a Member Club who is currently registered with ATVANS.

Thank You

Vince Sawler
President



Executive Directors Report

In what can only be described as the busiest summer in nine years for ATVANS, time has flown by. Since the last board meeting we launched the 2019 Lottery with our new lottery partner Yamaha Canada at an event at Redline Sport & Cycle in Antigonish. It was attended by members from Eigg Mountain, Broadhorns, Pictou County, and St. Mary's along with members of the public, staff and officers of ATVANS. We also advertised the lottery launch on local radio in hopes to have more members of the public attend. Tom Arnold has reported that every club is participating in this year's lottery program and additional tickets are being printed in anticipation of a complete ticket sell out.

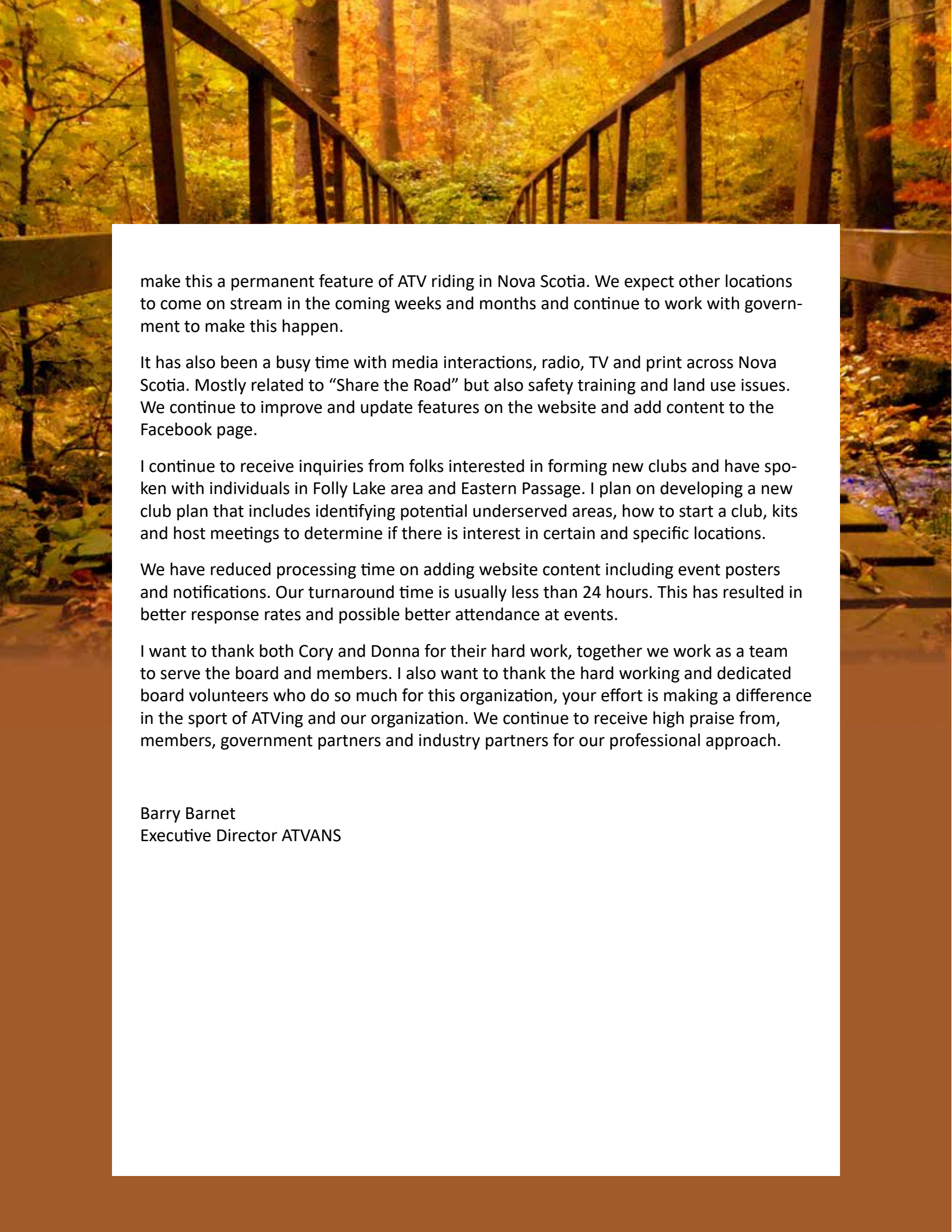
Committees have been very active and conference call meetings are taking place weekly. Planning for the 2019 Annual General Meeting is well underway with new features being added to help make the weekend a great business opportunity along with some fun activities. Official notice of time and location will be sent to club contacts in the coming months.

Meetings with various government departments and officials happened frequently over the summer, mostly concerning the Share the Road Pilot Project, but also with DOE on enforcement, DNR on funding and projects and other officials on a wide variety of subjects.

The 2019 Trail Permit/Membership stickers have been available to purchase for on-line registration and now the 2019 Trail Permit/Membership books are in stock and are being sent out to Clubs. Many members have already renewed for 2019. We will be developing a plan to distribute membership books and individual stickers to members in the event of a postal strike. We will communicate this plan at that time.

2018 Membership numbers appear to be trending very close to the previous year. We did expect a slight decrease resulting from the membership incentive from 2017. I want to remind clubs that our policy requires clubs to submit memberships monthly. We continue to receive membership slips from clubs that are as much as six months old. This is unfair to those members and may cause legal issues in the event of an insurance claim involving a member not on our official list. Reminders of this are sent to clubs regularly.

The big item thing this fall obviously was the Share the Road Pilot Project. Over the past number of years a great deal of effort went into making this a reality, including, countless meetings with government officials, committee meetings, phone calls and e-mails resulting in a launch late September. Signs are now up and riders are legally using the six announced locations. More work continues and lots of education and awareness to help



make this a permanent feature of ATV riding in Nova Scotia. We expect other locations to come on stream in the coming weeks and months and continue to work with government to make this happen.

It has also been a busy time with media interactions, radio, TV and print across Nova Scotia. Mostly related to “Share the Road” but also safety training and land use issues. We continue to improve and update features on the website and add content to the Facebook page.

I continue to receive inquiries from folks interested in forming new clubs and have spoken with individuals in Folly Lake area and Eastern Passage. I plan on developing a new club plan that includes identifying potential underserved areas, how to start a club, kits and host meetings to determine if there is interest in certain and specific locations.

We have reduced processing time on adding website content including event posters and notifications. Our turnaround time is usually less than 24 hours. This has resulted in better response rates and possible better attendance at events.

I want to thank both Cory and Donna for their hard work, together we work as a team to serve the board and members. I also want to thank the hard working and dedicated board volunteers who do so much for this organization, your effort is making a difference in the sport of ATVing and our organization. We continue to receive high praise from, members, government partners and industry partners for our professional approach.

Barry Barnet
Executive Director ATVANS



Trails Coordinator Report

Spent several days in various areas doing updates to the mapping.

New updates were sent to TrakMaps with several hundred kms added along with corrections to the old data.

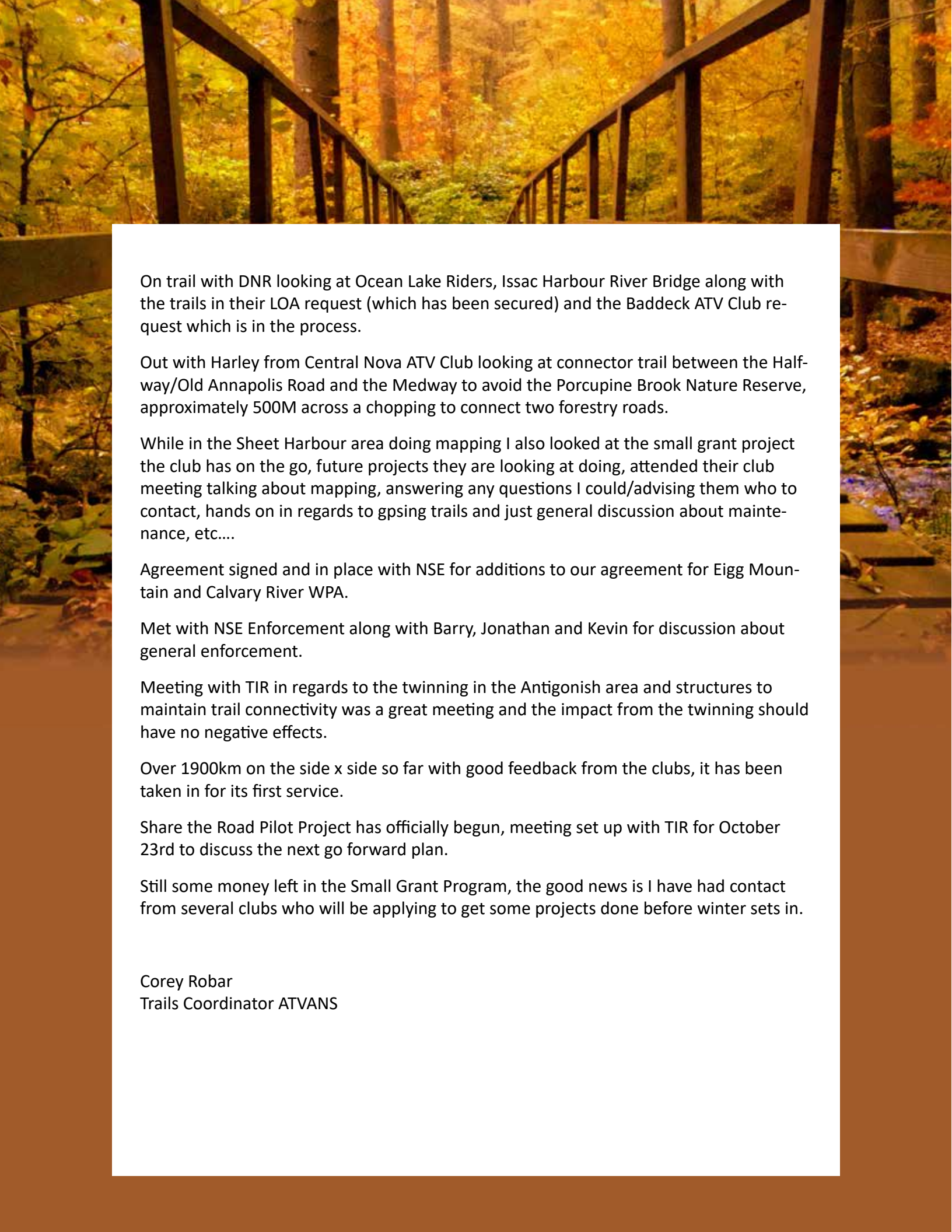
Updates and new mapping included the following;

- Trails added to Sunrise Trails area go north from Oxford;
- Updates and corrections to the Chignecto ATV Club area;
- All new mapping for the Eigg Mountain area including trails added under our WPA agreement;
- New trails added for the highlands area between Cheticamp and Baddeck, this is about half of the highlands;
- New mapping for the Sherbrooke area including connector trails to Sheet Harbour and towards Pictou, also some updates on trail numbering for the area;
- New trails added for the Sheet Harbour area along with some corrections to the old data;
- New mapping for the Shelburne area;
- New Mapping for the Sou'West Nova area including connections to the Digby club trails;
- New trail added to the Annapolis area, only half a km but important connection to food and accommodations with future plans for fuel.

Future plans include collecting more info between Liverpool and Shelburne, connection between Marine Riders and the Puma club (also looking at who may want to take on the old Musquodoboit Valley ATV Club trails in that area or at least a connector), connection between Eigg Mountain and the south side of the 104 (have a meeting with TIR the end of this month to discuss crossing in the twinning area), gathering more data in the Sou'West Nova area (just need the right person to go out with).

Other updates in the works include:

Visited with ACMUTS, they now have a land use agreement in place and working on a connector trail from the rails to trails to Tom's Pizza and Helen's Cabins, just outside of Annapolis with the goal of connecting to the Lequille Country Store for fuel and other necessities.



On trail with DNR looking at Ocean Lake Riders, Issac Harbour River Bridge along with the trails in their LOA request (which has been secured) and the Baddeck ATV Club request which is in the process.

Out with Harley from Central Nova ATV Club looking at connector trail between the Halfway/Old Annapolis Road and the Medway to avoid the Porcupine Brook Nature Reserve, approximately 500M across a chopping to connect two forestry roads.

While in the Sheet Harbour area doing mapping I also looked at the small grant project the club has on the go, future projects they are looking at doing, attended their club meeting talking about mapping, answering any questions I could/advising them who to contact, hands on in regards to gpsing trails and just general discussion about maintenance, etc....

Agreement signed and in place with NSE for additions to our agreement for Eigg Mountain and Calvary River WPA.

Met with NSE Enforcement along with Barry, Jonathan and Kevin for discussion about general enforcement.

Meeting with TIR in regards to the twinning in the Antigonish area and structures to maintain trail connectivity was a great meeting and the impact from the twinning should have no negative effects.

Over 1900km on the side x side so far with good feedback from the clubs, it has been taken in for its first service.

Share the Road Pilot Project has officially begun, meeting set up with TIR for October 23rd to discuss the next go forward plan.

Still some money left in the Small Grant Program, the good news is I have had contact from several clubs who will be applying to get some projects done before winter sets in.

Corey Robar
Trails Coordinator ATVANS



Trails Committee Report

The trails committee had several conference calls over the summer and fall to discuss issues such as the Share the Road program, mapping and GPS applications and enforcement of mandatory permits.

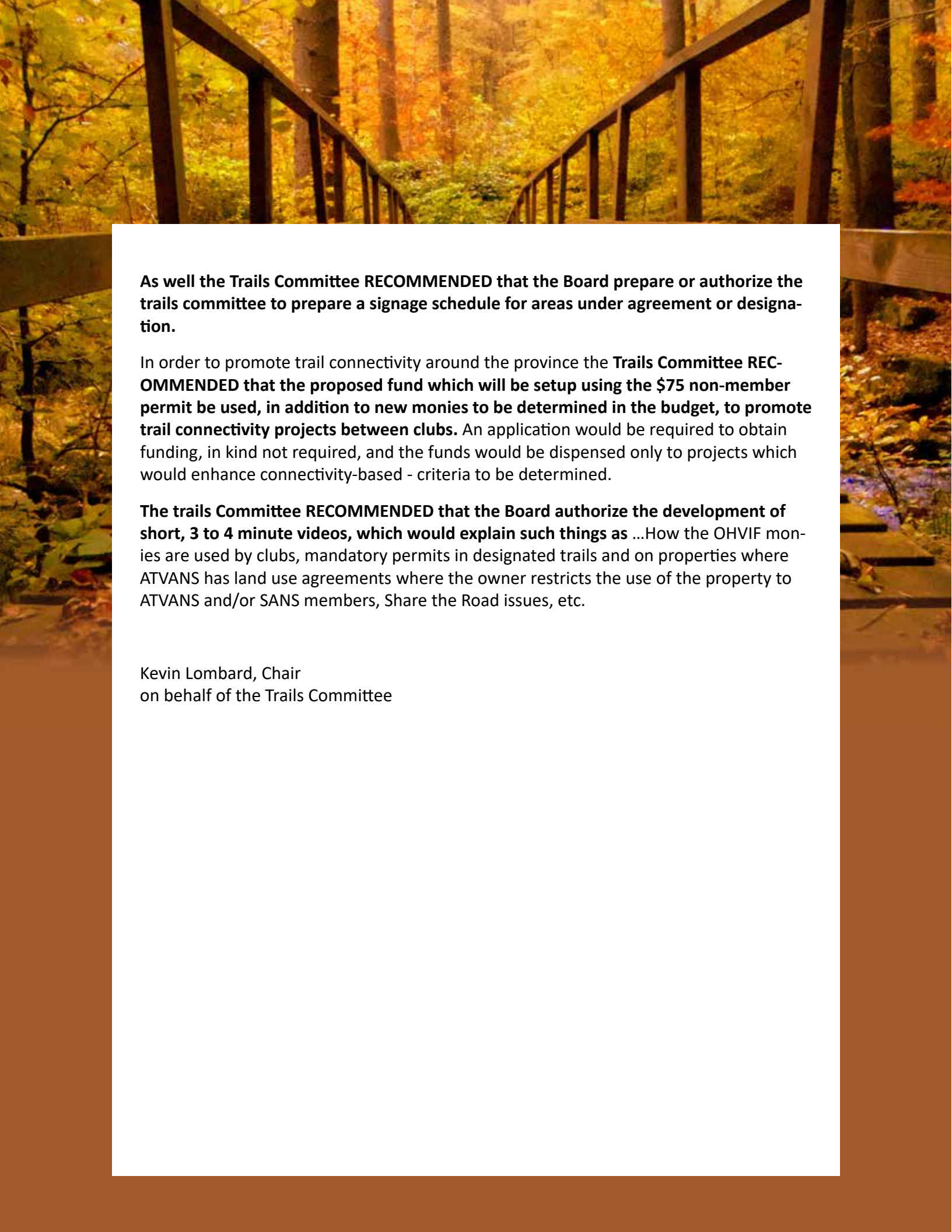
A recommendation was made that Corey Robar will see if we can setup regular meetings with TIR and DNR to review the Share the Road program and obtain criteria on what is a successful pilot and the addition of new pilot sites.

Trak Maps has proposed a new product that would have the GPS information for New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia on one SD card. This new SD card would be \$10 more than the current single provincial SD card. Given that we have a reciprocal agreement with New Brunswick and PEI and the potential cost savings to our members (one SD card instead of 3) **the Trails Committee RECOMMENDED that the Board ACCEPT the proposal from Trak Maps. Royalties will be based on the proportion of trail km in each province.**

The Trails Committee reviewed the proposal from Polaris regarding their Ride Command App. The application is available at no cost to us and the data provided to Ride Command remains our property and can be removed by Polaris should ATVANS decide to not to renew the agreement (ie. we could transfer our data to another provider or application). **The Trails Committee RECOMMENDED that the Board sign a one-year agreement with Polaris and that areas where ATVANS has trail agreements (ie designated trails or lands requiring an ATVANS memberships) be shown on the application.**

A meeting with the NS Department of Environment in Bedford was held on August 14th with ATVANS representatives Barry Barnett, Corey Robar, Jonathan Calnen and Kevin Lombard attending. Discussions involved potential Share the Road issues, discussion of signage to help with enforcement of lands under agreement as well as designated trails in WPAs. The result from the meeting was a commitment from NS Environment was that they would enforce the ATVANS membership requirement if requested.

As well the Trails Committee will follow up with the SANS Trails Committee on the proposed joint purchase of appropriate signage to allow NS Environment to perform enforcement in areas not currently signed. **The Trails Committee RECOMMENDED that the Board formally request that NSE begin enforcement of the membership requirement in areas where agreements and appropriate signage has been put in place.**



As well the Trails Committee RECOMMENDED that the Board prepare or authorize the trails committee to prepare a signage schedule for areas under agreement or designation.

In order to promote trail connectivity around the province the **Trails Committee RECOMMENDED that the proposed fund which will be setup using the \$75 non-member permit be used, in addition to new monies to be determined in the budget, to promote trail connectivity projects between clubs.** An application would be required to obtain funding, in kind not required, and the funds would be dispensed only to projects which would enhance connectivity-based - criteria to be determined.

The trails Committee RECOMMENDED that the Board authorize the development of short, 3 to 4 minute videos, which would explain such things as ...How the OHVIF monies are used by clubs, mandatory permits in designated trails and on properties where ATVANS has land use agreements where the owner restricts the use of the property to ATVANS and/or SANS members, Share the Road issues, etc.

Kevin Lombard, Chair
on behalf of the Trails Committee

ATVANS Lottery - 100% Success

We had a great lottery launch for the 2019 ATVANS Lottery at Redline Sports and Cycle near Heatherton in Antigonish County. Thank you to Yamaha Canada, Dale Stewart at Redline, Pat Hicks with Yamaha and club members from St. Mary's ATV club, Eigg Mountain Multi Use Trail Association, Pictou County ATV club and Broadhorns ATV club who came out to this event.



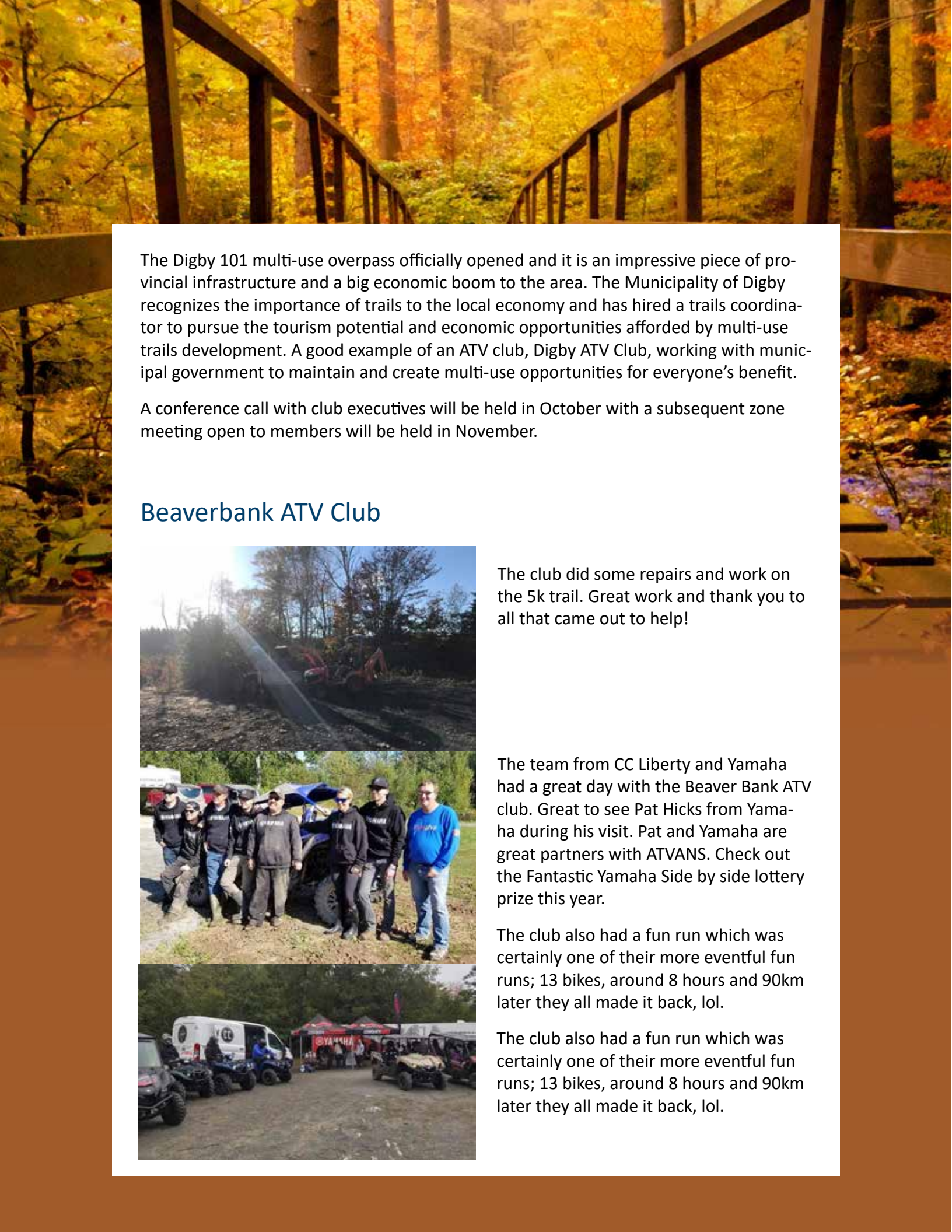
Our Lottery chairman reports that every ATVANS club has taken tickets. This may be the first time in our history that this has happened. Thank you again to Yamaha Canada and the Nova Scotia Yamaha dealers for their support. For information on the 2019 ATVANS lottery contact Tom Arnold 1-902-222-5660.

Zone 1 Report

Clubs were active throughout the summer and early fall with several well attended events.

It was encouraging to see several clubs having ATVANS/Club member-only events as this reinforces the benefits of belonging to a club. Events open to the public were also well attended. Membership in the zone, currently in the Wild Apricot database is in excess of 620 members. Several clubs have partnered with other non-profit groups in providing food services during events which allows Club volunteers to participate in more events while helping other community groups raise money.

Share the Road pilot program is active in the zone and members are encouraged to check the regulations as opposed to the summary. I will be mailing the regs in PDF format to the clubs this week.



The Digby 101 multi-use overpass officially opened and it is an impressive piece of provincial infrastructure and a big economic boom to the area. The Municipality of Digby recognizes the importance of trails to the local economy and has hired a trails coordinator to pursue the tourism potential and economic opportunities afforded by multi-use trails development. A good example of an ATV club, Digby ATV Club, working with municipal government to maintain and create multi-use opportunities for everyone's benefit.

A conference call with club executives will be held in October with a subsequent zone meeting open to members will be held in November.

Beaverbank ATV Club



The club did some repairs and work on the 5k trail. Great work and thank you to all that came out to help!



The team from CC Liberty and Yamaha had a great day with the Beaver Bank ATV club. Great to see Pat Hicks from Yamaha during his visit. Pat and Yamaha are great partners with ATVANS. Check out the Fantastic Yamaha Side by side lottery prize this year.

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Update on the parking lot/trailhead project



The crew has ramped up work since the summer break and we have a full crew and equipment back on site and the lot is now taking shape. More to come as we continue on the parking lot and the Tantallon ATV connector route. This area is the trailhead for entrance into the Chebucto peninsula and is at the cross roads of two main trails linking to the west and east. Parking has become a big issue for off highway vehicles, the general public on the end of the road, for local residents and school bus access, so the parking lot should solve those issues and give plenty of area for off loading and parking when enjoying the trails.



Zone 3B Report

This summer I met with the MLA Kevin Murphy to discuss club and zone issues. I also met with Counselor David Hendsbee several times. A letter was sent to Mayor Savage's office requesting a meeting.

Attended several HRTA meetings and met privately with their Co Chairman.

Attended SATA AGM. Took a tour of their Bridge work.

Met and communicated with members of the bicycle and horse riders communities dealing with access of trails and personal threats towards them.

Met and communicated with the Presidents of the Clubs in the zone dealing with issues, side of the road, accidents with injuries and death, trail access, and dates of rallies.

Met with the RCMP, Global News, CBC News, and The Chronicle Herald to promote ATV safety.

Attended the announcement in Porters Lake of the Side of the Road Project.

Met and communicated with several DNR officers to go over club and zone issues.

Attended CHPTA meeting that was held to announce that they will be requesting that the Shearwater Flyer Trail to become non motorized. Inspected the Shearwater Flyer Trail to look at alleged ATV damage personally.

Communicated with other Zone Directors and took part in Conference calls dealing with ATVANS business.

Jim Crowell
Director of zone 3B

Zone 6A Report

Isle Royale Club

There was an article submitted in the Cape Breton Post by Dan Fraser regarding share the road pilot project.

Highland Quest was a success, good weather for the event. People attended from mainland, PEI and in other areas.

Lottery tickets received in August and sold at North Sydney exhibition which was a success.

Club members provided a trail ride for youth at the Burn Camp in New Harris in July. It was enjoyed by all and club members were invited to a lunch with the youth and support staff. This will probably turn out to be an annual event.

East Richmond

Spent over \$668,000 on two bridges. They are busy working on the trails. A gentleman agreed to ditch and fix any holes on their trails. They will be having their poker run after trail repairs are completed (possibly in November).

Marconi Trail Blazers

Trail work completed for this year.

Highland Quest 2018



Highland Quest 2018 was held on September 29 and 30th. The run went from Wreck Cove to Cheticamp, stopping for lunch at Margaree Centre. Many ATVs stayed overnight and returned to Wreck Cove the following day. The total round trip was 227 kms. The ride was a big success. Two hundred and seventy-one ATVs and Side by Sides took part in the run. The weather was great. A

hot turkey dinner was served at the Cheticamp Arena followed by prize draws sponsored by Gord's Racing. The Isle Royale ATV Club are looking forward to celebrating their Tenth Anniversary next year. Please join them for their anniversary run. On line registration will be available.

Burn Camp Trail Ride



The Isle Royale ATV Club provided a trail ride for burn injured youth and their counsellors at the Atlantic Burn Camp in New Campbellton in August 2018. It was a good morning for a trail ride; we were able to get the ride in before the rain started. Following the trail ride, ATVers went to the Burn Camp for lunch with youth and staff. An excellent lunch was provided by the burn camp staff. A good time was enjoyed by all.

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