



ATVANS NEWS Winter 2019

The President's Message

Hello Folks

It's been four months since the Share the Road pilot launched in Oct 2018. There are no reported issues at the sites and the Ship Harbour location will be up and running by the time you read this. The other sites that are not active yet are being worked on I would like to congratulate all of our clubs, club members, the board, staff and the NS Government as this was a team effort all around.

We recently met with the Minister of Lands and Forrest along with his staff to discuss our ongoing request for changes to OHV rules and regulations. We presented our list of issues to the minister and intend to follow up with him for a response. The minister seemed interested in working toward solutions to some of our requests. We also met with our largest land use agreement holders (Wagner Forrest-Nova Star) in December and they indicated that they have no issues as long as the agreements are adhered to. They indicated that they have sold some of their assets, however they continue to manage these lands on behalf of the new owners so it will be business as usual with them.

We have had a resignation from the ATVANS Board, Shawn Beaulieu. Shawn was the Zone 3A Director and did a great job as the clubs' zone director. Shawn was very active on the Board, involved with a number of committees, a great researcher and will be missed. We would like to thank Shawn for the work he did and we wish him the best in his future endeavors.

The ATVANS board has decided to withdraw our membership from NS Trails mostly due to issues surrounding the provincial trail strategy, their board governance and an apparent change in direction that favours active transportation over multi-use. We have been concerned about the direction of NS Trails for some time. It should be noted that SANS left a few years back for similar reasons.

This year is the Officer and Directors-at-large election AGM. I would like to wish members that are reoffering for their position on the Board and everyone who is considering running for a board position, good luck. Clubs will receive detailed information about the upcoming AGM and elections shortly. Clubs should start considering who they wish to send as their delegate to the AGM.

Vince Sawler

Executive Directors Report

The past three months have been very busy. Once again ATVANS achieved many new milestones as we wind down 2018 and begin our new year. Membership is very strong; we increased managed trails and hosted a record number of events. I am currently working on an "ATVANS by the numbers" document that I will share with all members that will give members a snap shot glimpse of where we are compared to 2017. From early work it looks impressive.

In the last quarter I attended a great zone meeting in zone 1 hosted by ACMUTS just outside Annapolis Royal. It was very well attended and very positive. I also attended a national meeting in Toronto for CQC to assist with the development of their multiyear strategy. ATVANS is an important partner with CQC as they move the national agenda forward. They continue to work on their business planning via conference calls. We also met with Wagner Forestry to discuss our ongoing relationship and how we can continue to move forward.

I took part in a week long two-hour per day webinar hosted by the company that provides our website and association management tools. The subject was the use of various social media to increase communication and grow our organization. I found it very useful and have already implemented ideas from the webinar on our social media platforms.

Yearend comes with its own unique challenges including, insurance renewal, and funding applications. I would like to bring to your attention the great support I get from both Donna and Corey and I continue to get positive feedback from members.

We have a busy time ahead with planning for the AGM, lottery draw and wrap up, the outdoor show and the day to day business of ATVANS. 2019 marks my ninth year with ATVANS and I look forward to another productive year. I would like to close by thanking all the club and board volunteers for everything you do for ATVANS, your clubs and me as we work together to advance our sport and organization.

Barry Barnet

ATVANS Background Information 2018

Number of clubs: **41**

Number of members: **4565**

Events: **74** plus club meeting and unpublished club events

Managed trails: **1338.1** (land use agreement private and public)

Mapped Trails: **11,000** (established trails)

Partner Trails: **1200** (rail trails with community groups)

Trail projects OHVIF 2018: **\$807,808.67** OHVIF grant \$331,976.38

Trail Projects small projects: **\$140,000** total grant funding YTD \$66,000

Safety Training courses held: **50** (estimate)

Safety training student's total: **350-450** (estimate)

Safety Fleet: **42** youth ATV's **10** trailers

Affiliated safety trainers: **10**

Total number of Trail Patrollers: **53** through ATVANS program

Vice President - 1

We have nine instructors training under the ATVAN's safety training agreement, six attended the upgrade course to be certified as CASI instructors, two of these took the full course to become new certified instructors [CASI only] and all others were already CSC instructors and can chose to do either program.

An ATV safety fleet inventory has been completed and all trailers and ATV locations have been identified and a physical audit will be done by a director by spring of 2019 to confirm.

Training information from all instructors has started going to the ATVANS office where the information is being tracked and collated by the Administrative Assistant to record it all.

The Safety committee has had its first meeting and are working on recommendations to go to the board prior to 2019 AGM.

I reply to numerous inquiries from the public regarding ATV safety training. I also assist all instructors as needed to make sure training continues in NS and that the youth fleet is fully utilized.

I have spent two years meeting with Transportation Infrastructure Renewal (formally D.O.T) working on obtaining a LOA for trail work on 6.5 kms of trail connecting to a main province wide trail system, and recently approved a Survey firm to confirm the boundary of the right of way for the total length of this K-class road, which should be a final step in obtaining a LOA from TIR. DNR staff and local MLAs, Councillors, Community groups have lobbied on our behalf for this permission to be granted and I anticipate early 2019 for this to happen!

When the twinning of the 103 Highway (exit 5-6) was recently announced, Corey forwarded SMATVA's 2013 100-series proposed crossing sites (3) that we prepared at that time. TIR, senior and regular staff asked for a meeting with us (we met at our clubhouse over late summer) and we were presented with a few options for approved crossing sites along the 13 km section. They asked for our opinion of what could work the best for our needs and specifically a couple that could reasonably be successful from both of our views. We agreed on a main one and a possible second one. We are now doing a report on both suggestions, from our perspective, and staff were directed to put it on their agenda in advance of budget and construction deliberations. I believe is a giant step forward in being part of the planning process from the start and with the commitment to the trail connection program (shoulder of the road) from the spring hopefully we see this happen all over the province. This Highway crossing is in progress and should be done late 2019.

I have completed a road travel ATV safety tips document for share the road pilot project.

I have participated in ATVANS meetings, committees, special events, and phone calls whenever possible and look forward to continuing to do so.

Mike Marriott

Secretary's Report

I have participated in an officer's meeting and two officer's conference calls, one to prepare for the meeting with the LAF Minister.

I have started to contact the sponsors from last year's AGM to see if they are interested in sponsoring again for this year's AGM. This is also an election year at the AGM and all positions but the Zone Directors are up for election.

I am working on getting the required notice out regarding the election and the call for candidates. You should receive it shortly, possibly before this newsletter goes out.

Greg Grant

Treasurers Report

We ended 2018 with a surplus. Income from membership fees continue to grow as does membership. There were a couple of expense items planned for 2018 and did not take place for 2018 but will for 2019. One example is the MacDonald Bridge Panels.

Our website continues to change with constant improvements and we are planning a major change soon. We are using Google Analytics to monitor activity and help with improvements. In 2018 we had over 22,000 users visit the website and we are using this data to make improvements.

We are now using local photos from our members to show ATViing in Nova Scotia. Please take a moment to check out the Store, <https://atvans.wildapricot.org/Store> as we continue to add items. Our Partners page will soon have a name change to Member Discounts to better reflect its purpose, <https://atvans.wildapricot.org/partners>. We are always looking for new partners, please contact us if you know of any business that might be interested.

All Clubs have now received their 2019 Membership Booklets. Contact your Club directly to see how to renew through your Club. If you renew at the club you will receive your sticker, but you will not be updated in the ATVANS database until we receive the white slip back from the Club.

Clubs are required to submit membership information (white slips) at least monthly. Until we receive the white slip from the club you are not updated in our database, your membership card will not be updated and you won't receive email notices from ATVANS on Rallies and Events.

You can also renew on line at <https://atvans.wildapricot.org/page-18293>. In 2018 we had 735 members join or renew on line. To date, 2019, we have 492 and its only January. Both Clubs and members are finding on line registration quick and convenient. No need to wait for a club meeting or make a trip to meet someone to get your sticker. With on line renewal your sticker is mailed out, usually the next day.

Paul Smith

Trails Coordinator Report

Met with Queens County ATV Club in regards to the Herring Cove Lake bridge issue. Working on trying to help the club get that issue resolved

Met with tourism department to see what their mandate and target audience is.

Out with Digby ATV Club looking at flooding and other trail issues.

Met with LGS, working on a map for our website which shows all trails that are currently under agreement, this will be an ongoing process identifying and GPSing these trails to add to the data base. Currently have the ones for Wagner, Barrett and ELCO identified, awaiting data from NSE (Nova Scotia Environment) for the trails we have in WPAs (Wilderness Protection Area) and have also identified some private and Crown Land trails under agreement. Expect this to be up and running shortly.

Working with NSE to add more trails to our Trail Management Agreement and tidy up some wording in our agreement. We currently have agreements in 15 WPAs for a total of 102 km, 65km of which is also under agreement between SANS and NSE.

Did some mapping in the Sou'West Nova and Shelburne ATV Clubs areas. Update has been sent to LGS early in January, expecting updates to be on GeoMapix and sent to TrakMaps shortly.

Met with TIR to discuss Pilot sites and a go forward plan including regular meeting dates and evaluation of the sites. Ship Harbour is a go as of January 12, 2018. Working on a signage guideline for the users of the pilot sites (TIR has signs for the highway vehicles) to show direction, maps of the sites, etc...

Attended meeting between ATVANS and the Minister of Department of Lands and Forestry.

Met with Puma ATV Club member to go over GPS unit and set theirs up.

Out scouting connector trail with members of ACAMUTS and Central Nova ATV Clubs to connect the two clubs.

Attended and participated in Officers meetings and conference calls.

Attended joint meeting between ATVANS and SANS trails committees.

Prepared Letter of Support up for applications to the OHVIF, 6 ATV Clubs have applied this fall.

For 2018 we had 17 applications to our Small Grant Program and we allocated \$74,734.00 of the \$75,000.00 available. Total value of the projects was over \$175,000.00.

Attended the OHVIF meeting.

Dealt with the usual emails, phone calls, follow up for clubs with NSE, L&F, TIR and the OHVIF.

Attended and presented at Zone 1 meeting.

Corey Robar

ATVANS Trails Committee

As usual, the ATVANS trails committee held several conference calls to touch base on various trail issues such as Share the Road, updating designated trail agreements, mapping updates for website, identification of LOA and designated trails areas, Trak Maps and Ride Command updates/implementation, local trail issues with Corey providing input gathered from the club and discussions regarding the upcoming joint trails committee meeting with SANS and NSORRA.

Our original joint trails committee meeting was with SANS only and this second one was to build upon the common ground reached at the original meeting.

Common items funding, maintenance and signage were discovered and the three groups will continue to work on common issues.

A major point of cooperation was our groups vision for the future. The committee agreed on the need to develop a joint trails strategy for the OHV groups in the province which would outline where we want to be in the future, benefits, strategies, etc.

We agreed that we would bring out recommendation for a joint OHV trails strategy to our respective boards for approval so that we can move forward with this and have it ready before fall of 2019. This will involve the use of a private consultant to prepare, who will be provided with formation and guidance from our respective associations.

As such the trails Committee is recommending to the Board that we set aside sufficient funds to pay our share of the joint trails strategy and contact SANS and NSORRA to begin the process of hiring the consultant. In the event that SANS and NSORRA do not accept their trails committee's recommendations to create the strategy it is the ATVANS trail committee's recommendation that we pursue the strategy for our own ATV/SXS community

The purpose is to enhance the current draft trails strategy being put forth by NS Trails. We believe that we, the OHV groups, should be making it clear to government that we support a provincial trails strategy but since we, the OHV groups contribute much of the funding, we should have a greater say in the strategy since our strategy is truly multi-use. In short, a pathway for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Lombard chair
Rocky Pearce
Jonathan Calnen
Corey Robar

ATVANS Lottery



ATVANS 2019 Lottery campaign is winding down, so get your tickets while you still can. The lottery draw will take place March 10th at the Atlantic Outdoor Sports and RV Show. ATVANS Staff and Directors will be on hand at the show all weekend selling tickets, memberships, as well as answering any questions. Hope to see you at the show. Good luck!

Our Lottery chairman reports that every ATVANS club have taken tickets to sell. 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.

Tom Arnold

National and Provincial OHV Sales Stats

We are providing information from the National Manufactures association on sales of OHV's for your reading pleasure. This information was extracted from the COHV newsletter. Although it shows a slight decline in OHV sales things remain healthy. I don't believe these numbers include side by side ATV's however that will need to be confirmed.

RETAIL OHV UNIT SALES														
	up to 100cc		101 to 200cc		201 to 300cc		301 to 400cc		401 to 500cc		501cc & over		TOTAL	TOTAL
	MONTH	12 MOS	MONTH	12 MOS	MONTH	12 MOS	MONTH	12 MOS	MONTH	12 MOS	MONTH	12 MOS	MONTH	12 MOS
2015 Jan	72	2712	9	296	17	636	110	2265	761	18120	1238	27448	2207	51477
Feb	95	2720	9	292	25	644	98	2272	820	18101	1252	27452	2299	51481
Mar	251	2775	29	303	56	653	221	2349	1448	18223	2673	27944	4678	52247
Apr	396	2760	44	304	76	649	435	2550	2041	18073	3637	27614	6629	51950
May	323	2658	78	322	72	596	441	2681	1914	17569	3105	27055	5933	50881
Jun	268	2624	67	350	95	607	517	2889	1580	17436	2815	27377	5342	51283
Jul	234	2626	49	366	82	619	272	2903	1282	17122	1970	26925	3889	50561
Aug	153	2587	54	399	55	622	302	3007	1071	16785	2216	26831	3851	50231
Sep	173	2589	40	418	59	625	321	3131	1313	16357	2897	27149	4803	50269
Oct	108	2526	35	442	33	623	379	3344	1256	15648	2746	27487	4557	50070
Nov	101	2505	27	460	32	632	214	3458	837	15424	1542	27582	2753	50061
Dec	327	2501	76	517	36	638	178	3488	905	15228	1723	27814	3245	50186
2016 Jan	61	2490	24	532	17	638	127	3505	704	15171	1316	27892	2249	50228
Feb	83	2478	72	595	31	644	153	3560	749	15100	1528	28168	2616	50545
Mar	214	2441	66	632	68	656	239	3578	1324	14976	2684	28179	4595	50462
Apr	339	2384	115	703	65	645	211	3354	1704	14639	3558	28100	5992	49825
May	274	2335	85	710	73	646	173	3086	1530	14255	2977	27972	5112	49004
Jun	219	2286	80	723	50	601	178	2747	1311	13986	2563	27720	4401	48063
Jul	160	2212	48	722	28	547	120	2595	989	13693	2003	27753	3348	47522
Aug	196	2255	62	730	33	525	105	2398	1253	13875	2415	27952	4064	47735
Sep	130	2212	49	739	59	525	114	2191	1374	13936	3071	28126	4797	47729
Oct	127	2231	22	726	31	523	91	1903	1096	13776	2350	27730	3717	46889
Nov	146	2276	45	744	25	516	91	1780	782	13721	1725	27913	2814	46950
Dec	230	2179	71	739	19	499	42	1644	668	13484	1352	27542	2382	46087
2017 Jan	105	2223	18	733	14	496	44	1561	596	13376	1461	27687	2238	46076
Feb	81	2221	23	684	17	482	56	1464	618	13245	1407	27566	2202	45662
Mar	292	2299	66	684	46	460	90	1315	1580	13501	2383	27265	4457	45524
Apr	389	2349	116	685	66	461	115	1219	1423	13220	3506	27213	5615	45147
May	428	2503	124	724	59	447	148	1194	1755	13445	3431	27667	5945	45980
Jun	447	2731	142	786	77	474	152	1168	1644	13778	2740	27844	5202	46781
Jul	263	2834	70	808	29	475	60	1108	1055	13844	1956	27797	3433	46866
Aug	214	2852	50	796	17	459	62	1065	1404	13995	2459	27841	4206	47008
Sep	188	2910	44	791	34	434	72	1023	1749	14370	2912	27682	4999	47216
Oct	176	2959	38	807	23	426	60	992	1379	14653	2540	27872	4216	47709
Nov	147	2960	35	797	11	412	40	941	831	14702	1522	27669	2586	47481
Dec	263	2993	76	802	22	415	37	936	736	14770	1300	27617	2434	47533
2018 Jan	96	2984	15	799	14	415	26	918	673	14847	1238	27394	2062	47357
Feb	103	3006	24	800	15	413	32	894	659	14888	1245	27232	2078	47233
Mar	272	2986	58	792	51	418	65	869	1437	14745	2214	27063	4097	46873
Apr	287	2884	81	757	54	406	39	793	1562	14884	2604	26161	4627	45885
May	430	2886	119	752	73	420	63	708	1959	15088	3193	25923	5837	45777
Jun	297	2736	85	695	55	398	30	586	1608	15052	2267	25450	4342	44917
Jul	251	2724	62	687	64	433	36	562	1117	15114	1908	25402	3438	44922
Aug	194	2704	53	690	49	465	25	525	1510	15220	2320	25263	4151	44867
Sep	164	2680	37	683	38	469	48	501	1525	14996	2484	24835	4296	44164
Oct	133	2637	19	664	37	483	51	492	1324	14941	2310	24605	3874	43822
Nov	134	2624	53	682	34	506	72	524	929	15039	1507	24590	2729	43965
Dec	241	2602	55	661	18	502	5	492	705	15008	1130	24420	2154	43685

Thanks

Barry Barnet
Executive Director ATVANS

Zone 1 Report

Highlights

November 9, 2018 - I was a guest on CBC Maritime Noon (Radio call in show) to discuss safety issues as part of a CBC series on the number of OHV deaths in Atlantic Canada.

December 10, 2018 - A zone meeting was held in Moschelle with over 30 members in attendance. A large percentage of the ATVANS board was present to answer questions. Updates were given on Share the Road pilot project and sites, mapping progress and the updated Geomapix system, updates to the website, discussion on WPAs, Trail Patrol update, as well as many other questions raised by the membership present.

December 2, 2018 - Trails committee conference call- discussion on trail issues, signage areas under land use agreement, Corey update on mapping progress, update on adding land use and designated trails to website, Trak Maps updates.

December 16, 2018 - Joint trails committees meeting- Meeting held to discuss progress made from the last SANS/ATVANS meeting from last summer. Discussion on signage, safety, trail connection issues, identifying areas where we can work together on for the mutual benefit of our organizations. This meeting was particularly notable as NSHORRA was also at the table for this meeting. Although we are three distinct organizations we do have much common ground and it was good to see the cooperation and goodwill shown at the meeting.

Working on issues related to viability and role of the youth safety program (youth ATVs and trailers) committee conference call and review. Contacted ATV federations across the country to see what is out there in the rest of Canada with respect to safety training.

As usual contact/correspondence and phone call with club and club members throughout the zone, conference calls on various committees (Safety and Trails committees).

It is my understanding that the Municipality of the Digby has received the LOA for the rail trail from Smith's Cove to Weymouth. Congratulations to the Digby ATV Club for their contributions in making this happen.

Attended meetings at Sou'West Nova ATV Association, Digby ATV Club and ACUMUTS in the fall. Mid-Valley and Kings County ATV clubs to follow this winter.

Monthly updates on what activities the zone director has been involved with were sent, by email, were sent to club members in Zone 1.

Clubs were active in the zone with multiple rallies and fun runs through the fall. Share the Road through Weymouth and things seem to be going well with no issues.

TIR Minister Approval - The Flat Iron Cross

[Link to the PDF](#)

Zone 2 Directors Report

Lunenburg Central Nova

I will start off with my club, Central Nova as they have had an impressive year. They hosted two rallies in 2018. First rally was held out of the Spring Field Fire Hall and the second from New Germany Legion. Besides having rain both days they still came out ahead with a large amount of cash for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize, as well as many donations including a free set of ATV tires from Honda Powerhouse. Central Nova has made a reputation for their rallies and hopes this year will be even better! They also had the SxSs and trailer at the last rally where we sold tickets in the rain!

Central Nova is striving for bigger and better connectivity. They have been working with Corey and other clubs on connectivity through the Medway which is very important, as well as working with the Lahave River Trail association for re-connectivity from the Bruhm Road to the Mill Road in West Northfield. They have also been patiently waiting on the Pilot Project feedback to support their project to connect the Naugler Road to the Best Western in Cookville by travelling along the 103. TIR/DOT have not been the most supportive at this time but we hope to have more communication with their local MLAs to help push this critical development through.

Future goal with these connectivity points is that they will be able to approach the Town of Bridgewater again with a more aggressive approach to gain access through the town. As well this should help push future possible pilot projects in the Pinehurst and New Germany areas for a straight trail through to the Valley!

Liverpool Queens County ATV Club

I have been to Liverpool again with Corey for one of their director's meetings. So far, they have not had any issues with the new membership fees but they are looking for some new directors to help share the workload! They will have some upcoming bridge issues in Herring Cove to complete but is being held up until a decision is made on excluding the road going through the park reserve. Hopefully with the right people they can finalize this project this year.

Shelburne County ATV Club

Shelburne Club notified me that they had nothing to share at this time but they are looking forward to a zone 2 meeting in February!

Corey has been down and did some mapping with the club. They are connected with Queens County working on making a full connection to Yarmouth!

Chester Shore Riders ATV Club

I contacted Nancy this week and they are in full swing preparing for their upcoming rally this month. They had nothing new to share with me at this time.

To sum things up, I have not heard of any complaints about the new membership fees from any of the clubs. In fact, for Central Nova they have had two donations on top of the registration!

There have been great connectivity projects happening for all three clubs and so far no problems or issues with any of the pilot projects in these areas!

I plan to hold a Zone 2 meeting in February once I hear back from all clubs and directors what day, time and location works best for everyone!

Michelle Wile

Calvery River Wilderness Protected Area Bridge



This bridge was a joint effort between the North Shore ATV Club and the South Colchester ATV Club. The North Shore ATV Club applied for and received the funding and volunteers from both clubs came together to make the project a reality. A few little finishing details were left to do when the pictures were taken, such as approach flares and signage. A great joint project between the two clubs.



ATVANS 2019 Awards

This is your notice for the ATVANS awards nominations. Please see the categories below to nominate the Club or club member that has demonstrated and contributed to your club and or the sport of ATVing in Nova Scotia.

Although each member is getting this notice for nominations, the nominations must come from a Member Club with only one nomination per Club, per category of award.

Get together with your fellow club members and nominate a person or club for Volunteer of the Year, Club of the Year, Executive of the Year, Trail Builder of the Year and Youth Member of the Year.

Please give as much background information as possible in explaining your reasoning in the category nomination. A photo would also be beneficial.

Categories

Volunteer of the Year: This award is for a person or couple who goes above and beyond in their service to ATVANS or their club.

Club of the Year: This award is for a club that has demonstrated its ongoing commitment to our trail system, hosting events and its contribution to the overall sport of ATVing in Nova Scotia.

Executive Member of the Year: This award is for a person who holds office within a club or the ATVANS Board who has contributed to our association and the sport and deserves special recognition.

Trail Builder of the Year: This award is for a person or group who, over the past year, has demonstrated their commitment to our overall trail network. This award will be awarded with input from our Trail Coordinator.

Youth Member of the Year: This award is for a youth member who, through their involvement with an ATVANS Club, deserves recognition. This award is for a person under the age of 25 that best epitomizes the future of our sport. We only have to look around our club meeting and see who they are, as the future of our sport is in the youth.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me or email me at 902-488-1138 or zone3b@atvans.org.

Send all responses to, Jim Crowell, at zone3b@atvans.org, by April 3, 2019, in order to give sufficient time to have the Awards ready to be presented at the AGM on April 27, 2019.

After April 3rd, 11.59 pm, NO nomination will be accepted.

Zone 5 Report

The clubs were busy during the fall:

SHERBROOKE, using an OHVIF grant and after many months of preparation and consulting with DNR and other partners, St. Mary's ATV Club constructed a 4-bridge panel bridge over Arm Brooke, west of Sherbrooke town. This trail will connect Sherbrooke to trails west of Sherbrooke towards Sheet Harbour and New Glasgow. The pilot project is a success. It connects Guysborough town to Sheet Harbour. No incident to report.

NEW HARBOUR, using an OHVIF grant, constructed a 60-foot bridge and approaches over the Isaac Harbour River.

BROADHORNS Club, using a small grant, widened and ditched 1.3 km of trail.

PICTOU was busy doing fun runs and rallies for charity.

EIGG MOUNTAIN had nothing to report.

CHEDEBUCTO Multi Use Trail Association had nothing to report.

St. Mary's ATV Club is pleased to submit a photo of the finished bridge crossing the Arm Brooke near Sherbrooke which connects us to trail systems to our West such as Sheet Harbour & Pictou County & also those areas to come to Sherbrooke, travelling east and on to Guysborough, utilizing the shoulder of the road pilot project in Sherbrooke, which connects ATV trails.



Funding for this project came through several avenues such as the OHV Fund, Community, Culture and Heritage, local business donations and many, many hours of club volunteerism (in-kind work). This bridge is comprised of 4 bridge panels, donated by the MacDonald bridge system in Halifax. The value of this project exceeds \$100,000, our largest project to date.

Richard Dumas

Isaacs Harbour River Bridge



Isaacs Harbour River Bridge and Trail work done by the Ocean Lake Riders ATV Club. A few little finishing details were left to do when the pictures were taken, such as approach flares and signage.



Heritage 150 Trail



Quoddy River Bridge Project



The Sheet Harbour snowmobile and ATV club are close to completing what is, to us, a major undertaking. We Built a 1/2 km of trail and used a 40-foot sea container to create a covered bridge across the Quoddy River. We started raising money 3 years ago, and along with Small Grant money from the OHV fund, started construction early summer of 2018 and had the bridge in place and usable just before Christmas 2018. All that is left to do is install wooden guard rails and two posts in the frozen ground. We expect completion by early February, 2019.



We will be running a rally across this bridge March 9, 2019 and hope to have a grand opening ceremony in April or early May.

Kenneth Boutilier
Vice-President
Sheet Harbour Snowmobile and ATV Club

Zone 6B Report

The overpass on the Trans Canada near Baddeck has been underway for the last two months. It is expected to be completed by the end of February, 2019.

Clubs on the west side of Cape Breton have been very quiet at this time of year because of all the snow we received this winter. I have had little contact with club Presidents but I will continue to try. Judy Giovannetti, Zone 6A, and I are planning a Cape Breton Zone meeting later this winter or spring depending on the weather.

In the fall of 2018, the Baddeck & Area ATV Club, did complete a trail on Gairlock Mountain in Middle River that allows ATVers and snowmobilers access to the Keppoch Highlands.

NOTE: This winter's snow storms has allowed the snowmobilers access to all of the trails in the Highlands. The Hunters Mountains and Margaree areas are very busy especially on the weekends.

When the overpass is completed, Baddeck businesses are hoping to capitalize on the winter and summer recreation traffic in our area.

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