



SUMMARY REPORT

Off-Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund

Fiscal Year 2020-2021



Introduction

The Off-Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund (OHVIF) was established as a result of recommendations of the Voluntary Planning Task Force on Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) in response to public concerns over the impact off-highway vehicle use in the Province. The fund is managed by Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forestry and in part through the OHVIF Committee which reports to the Minister of Lands and Forestry (the Minister). Funds are distributed in the form of grants to the OHV trail user community, supporting the intent of the OHV ACT by developing and improving the usability, sustainability, and safety of riding opportunities in the province.

The Off-Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund Committee is comprised of representatives as follows:

AFFILIATION	NUMBER OF REPS	NOTES
Chairperson	1	
Snowmobile Association of Nova Scotia	1	Plus alternate
Nova Scotia Off Road Riders Association	1	Plus alternate
All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Nova Scotia	1	Plus alternate
Nova Scotia Trails Federation	1	Plus alternate
Municipal Representative	1	
NS Department of Lands and Forestry	2	
NS Department of Environment	1	
NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage	1	
Administrative support	1	Non-voting

This report contains activities from the Off-Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund (OHVIF) for fiscal year 2020/21. Previous years reports can be found online here:

<http://novascotia.ca/natr/ohv/fund.asp>

Disclaimer

This report has been compiled for information purposes. The Province of Nova Scotia, publishes on an annual basis, official financial statements for this fund at

<https://beta.novascotia.ca/public-accounts>

Income

The Off-Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund is a **Special Purpose Fund** as prescribed by the Province's *Finance Act*. Funds are collected by government from OHV users for a specific purpose. It consists of money acquired by agreement, gift, donation, bequest or contribution; income accruing to the fund; and penalties received by Her Majesty in the right of the Province pursuant to the *Off-Highway Vehicles Act*.

Count of OHV registration for calendar years 2016-2020

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	CHANGE	AVE.
4 Wheel Drive	221	262	320	440	601	161	369
6 Wheel	17	19	19	18	13	-5	17
8 Wheel	6	7	9	7	6	-1	7
Argo 8 Wheel	41	41	41	40	48	8	42
ATV 3 Wheels	222	204	188	190	154	-36	192
ATV 4 Wheels	32,776	34,263	35,189	36,815	36,495	-320	35,108
ATV 6 Wheels	75	74	78	78	57	-21	72
Dune Buggy	19	20	22	19	19	0	20
Mini Bike	57	54	58	50	32	-18	50
Motorcycle	635	676	698	805	703	-102	703
Multi-purpose	144	171	226	261	249	-12	210
Snow Vehicle	7,219	7,161	6,652	6,779	6,682	-97	6,899
Total	41,432	42,952	43,500	45,502	45,059	-443	43,689

Summary of Income to OHVIF for the past 5 fiscal years, ending on March 31, 2021

Year	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
OHV Contributions	\$1,573,670	\$1,647,120	\$1,699,120	\$1,762,520	\$1,897,080
Interest/Invest	\$8,336	\$17,455	\$35,514	\$41,407	\$18,336
Total	\$1,582,006	\$1,664,575	\$1,734,634	\$1,803,928	\$1,915,416

Reporting of OHV registration is calculated by calendar year (January to December), SAP financial information is by fiscal year (April to March).

Disbursements

The OHV Infrastructure Fund is managed in part through a committee drawn from both non-government and government stakeholders and reports to the Minister of Lands and Forestry.

Funds are distributed in the form of grants to the OHV trail user community to support:

- ▶ Core Funding for recognized provincial off-highway vehicle organizations;
- ▶ Special Projects
- ▶ Safety Program
- ▶ Trails - sustainable development and maintenance of OHV trails;
 - ▶ Emergency Funding
 - ▶ Small Projects
 - ▶ Infrastructure Projects

	Core Funding	Special and Emergency Projects	Small Grant Projects	Infrastructure Projects	Safety Program
Allocated in 2020	\$325,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$1,105,000	\$25,000

Note: Monies allocated and not used, remain in the fund. Over the life of the fund, approximately \$400,000 has accumulated from yearly carryover. Majority of this one-time allocation was directed to large projects such as bridges and other projects requiring a high percentage of capital outside the normal funding formula of the OHVIF.

A comprehensive description of funding criteria and eligibility is available on the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables website at <https://novascotia.ca/natr/ohv/fund.asp>

Core Funding

The recognized provincial OHV associations: Snowmobile Association of Nova Scotia (SANS), All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Nova Scotia (ATVANS), and Nova Scotia Off Road Riders Association (NSORRA) contribute to managed OHV use by addressing injury prevention, creating riding opportunities and building organizational capacity. Core funding supports the operation and administration of those organization. Core funding decisions are the purview of the Minister and will be considered based upon advice from the OHV organizations and in consultation with Public Works staff and the OHVIF Committee. Recommendations respecting the disbursement of core funding among the three OHV organizations are made to the Minister of Lands and Forestry based upon advice from the Presidents and executive of the three OHV organizations.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Totals
SANS	\$107,000	\$107,000	\$107,000	\$107,000	\$107,000	\$535,000
ATVANS	\$163,000	\$163,000	\$163,000	\$163,000	\$163,000	\$815,000
NSORRA	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$275,000
Total	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$1,625,000

Emergency Funding

An annual emergency fund is set aside each year to help groups cope with the expenses resulting from damage from downed trees, washouts, infrastructure failure or other unforeseen conditions that occur outside the normal time frame for grant applications. In fiscal year 2020/21, there were three Emergency Funding application approved for a grant.

APPLICANT	DESCRIPTION	APPROVED AMOUNT
CUMBERLAND COUNTY TRAILS ASSOCIATION	Emergency Funding. Repair collapsed box culvert on rail trail.	\$14,700
FUNDY ATVENTURES ATV CLUB	Emergency Funding. Repair major culvert failure.	\$4,462
SUTHERLAND LAKE TRAIL GROOMERS ASSOCIATION	Emergency Funding. To remove trees across trails brought down by ice storm.	\$2,750
TOTAL		\$21,912

Special Projects

Special Project Funding is designed to address Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) related projects which are not eligible for funding through the existing infrastructure grant program. The project is to be non-trail related and not part of the organizations core operations. In fiscal year 2020/21, no special projects were funded.

Safety related Projects

Safety Project Funding is designed to address Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) related projects which are not eligible for funding through the existing infrastructure grant program and promote OHV safety and training. In fiscal year 2021/22, no safety projects were funded.

Small Project Grants

The small grant fund is a portion of the OHV Trails fund assigned to SANS and ATVANS to manage projects less than \$5,000. SANS and ATVANS were provided with an initial grant of \$50,000 – increased to \$75,000 in 2015. Currently the small grant fund allocates \$100,000 to both SANS and ATVANS which is topped up annually based upon reportable disbursements within the previous year.

ATVANS Small Project Grants 2020

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL VALUE	APPROVED
Woodlands Multi Use Trails	Engineering for three bridges	\$3,500.00	\$1,750.00
Shelburne County ATV Club	Gravel, levelling, grading and rolling 1.8km with type 1 gravel	\$20,470.00	\$5,000.00
Isle Royale ATV Club	Repair Chapel Road storm damages, including ditching, aggregate and drainage improvements	\$12,301.25	\$5,000.00
Sunrise Trails ATV Club	Surface hardening and spring thaw damage repairs to the Pugwash Entrance Trail, Purdy Road to Wentworth and Kate Tucker Trails	\$13,035.00	\$5,000.00
Marconi Trail Blazers ATV Club	Upgrade to Cow Bay Road (phase #1) including ditching, culverts, aggregate and gravel	\$11,295.00	\$5,000.00
Lake Charlotte ATV Club	Repairs to trail 103 (Beech Hill Rd area), ditching, culverts, washout repairs and rock removal from trail surface	\$12,315.00	\$5,000.00
Colchester Five Islands ATV Club	Surface hardening to the Canaan Connector Trail	\$10,150.00	\$5,000.00
Isle Royale ATV Club	Phase 2 of Chapel Road storm damage repairs	\$13,048.45	\$5,000.00
Fundy Adventurers ATV Club	Replacement of 3-15" and 1-2ft culverts, brush cutting and install beaver defeater	\$11,907.00	\$5,000.00
Long Lake Loggers ATV Club	47 km Brush Cutting Ellershouse area	\$11,429.00	\$5,000.00
Cobequid OHV Club	Bridge replacement on trail #1 in Springhill	\$14,352.50	\$5,000.00
Tatamagouche Area Trails Association	60ft culvert replacement at trail head	\$20,264.30	\$5,000.00
St Mary's ATV Club	Archaeological study as per L&F requirement to obtain LOA on proposed trail from Sherbrooke to Wine Harbour	\$7,752.15	\$3,875.00
West Richmond ATV Riders Association	Brush cutting, chipping and widening 2.5km of the Scotch Rd trail	\$5,268.50	\$2,600.00
Cape Breton Highlands ATV Club	Rerouting and upgrading trail due to steep terrain and washouts, gravel and grading	\$11,640.00	\$5,000.00
Lake Charlotte ATV Club	Repairing rough and washed-out sections of trail, addressing drainage and overgrown brush	\$11,800.00	\$5,000.00
Isle Royale ATV Club	1.2km of upgrades and maintenance to the Pipeline Trail	\$10,915.00	\$5,000.00
Isle Madame ATV Riders	Replacement of broken or damaged culverts, gravel where required and rolling	\$13,742.50	\$5,000.00
Mid-Valley ATV Club	Replacement of rotten decking on Sucker Brook Bridge posing safety hazard.	\$1,034.85	\$500.00
Kings County ATV Club	Repair and upgrades to 1.8km of the 101 trail, including ditching, type 2 gravel, shaping, culvert and brush cutting	\$7,786.05	\$3,875.00
Fundy ATV Club	Replacement of bridge decking, upgrading trail on both sides of bridge to control drainage	\$9,530.28	\$4,750.00
Digby County ATV Club	Build up trail with stone base, ditching to control run off, block off illegal access to private property	\$17,020.00	\$5,000.00
Pictou County ATV Club	Purchase and install signage	\$10,886.00	\$2,650.00
TOTAL		\$261,442.83	\$100,000.00

SANS Small Project Grants 2021

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL VALUE	APPROVED
Alpine	Brush, Ditch, Maintenance	\$10,325.00	\$5,000.00
SLTGA	Signs	\$10,671.87	\$4,075.61
PCSR	Culverts	\$13,196.26	\$5,000.00
Chignecto	Brushing	\$10,314.00	\$5,000.00
SLTGA	Culverts and Signs	\$12,231.00	\$5,000.00
North Shore	Trail Repair	\$3,847.00	\$1,923.50
Cumberland SC	Trail Repair	\$10,725.00	\$5,000.00
Crossburn SC	Bridge Repair	\$10,930.00	\$5,000.00
Margaree SC	Trail Repair	\$10,018.70	\$5,000.00
Cabot	Bridge Repair	\$11,500.00	\$5,000.00
PCSR	Brush Cutting	\$13,414.18	\$5,000.00
AVRR	Trail Repair	\$9,399.50	\$4,699.75
SLTGA	Sign and Trail Repair	\$10,897.00	\$5,000.00
DMSC	Trail Repair	\$10,350.00	\$5,000.00
Chignecto	Signs and Culverts	\$9,711.80	\$4,855.55
Fundy	Resurfacing	\$11,000.00	\$5,000.00
Cape Clear	Trail Work	\$10,369.50	\$5,000.00
Cumberland	Bridge	\$11,617.75	\$5,000.00
Antigonish	Brush	\$17,091.40	\$5,000.00
Crossburn	Bridge Work	\$10,700.00	\$5,000.00
SANS	Reassurance Markers/Signs	\$4,445.59	\$4,445.59
TOTAL		\$222,755.55	\$100,000.00

Off-Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund - trail infrastructure projects

Grants are distributed to projects based on project fit to the fund's goals and principles. Monies are awarded on a 50% contribution to overall value of the project and provided as a grant.

Over time, the Off-highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund (OHVIF) has accumulated funds due to annual carryover. This provides the committee with an opportunity to review projects outside the normal model of 50 percent funding or to a maximum \$50,000.

To be considered for funding outside the normal parameters, the project application must have illustrated:

- ▶ Lack of in-kind opportunities
- ▶ High over-all capital expenditures
- ▶ Lack of additional funding options

In fiscal year 2020/2021, thirty-three trail projects were approved totaling **\$860,761.00**.

FILE	APPLICANT	DESCRIPTION	APPROVED
2019-11-13-001	ATVANS	Upgrade includes replacing 3 various sized bridges, grading, graveling, ditching, culverts, brush cutting and general road maintenance.	\$50,000.00
2019-11-13-002	Fundy ATVenturers ATV Club	Repair/rebuild two sections of trail that lead to the shoulder of the Pilot Project site. Their local names are the Two Bridges Trail (1.4km) and the Pilot Project Trail. (3.3km)	\$42,100.00
2019-11-13-003	Chedabucto Multi-Use Trails Association	Construction of new trail that will connect the communities of Little Dover to Canso. Work includes construction of two bridges, clearing of right of way, ditching/drainage, excavator and dozer work.	\$25,000.00
2019-11-13-004	Yarmouth County Trail Development Association	Trail maintenance including grading, resurfacing, brush cutting, ditch clearing, culvert replacement, signage replacement, bollard repainting and unplugging culverts and underneath bridges.	\$14,302.00
2019-11-13-005	Long Lake Loggers ATV Association	New construction of Uniacke River Bridge and connector road in partnership with WestFor.	\$45,000.00
2019-11-13-007	St. Margaret's Bay Rails to Trails	Carry out trail maintenance including, vegetation management, surfacing, drainage, amenities (bench, tables, toilets), bridge and guard rail, signage and parking lot.	\$15,000.00
2019-11-13-008	Cumberland Snowmobile Club	To replace 60' Long Lake Bridge, replace 33' Athol Rd. Bridge, continue ship Railway surface upgrades, repair/upgrade Middle Rd, Trail 366, fix water holes & trail surface from Truemanville to Leichester.	\$50,000.00

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2020-11-16-009	Cabot Snowmobile Club	Develop and improve trail from the Gisborne Dam to Ingonish. Phase 1 & 2 upgrades include: surveying, layout, brush removal, tree chipping, temporary culvert and swamp mat installations, stump removal, grading, culvert installations, ditch and drainage work, silt and sediment control measures, signage and surfacing as required.	\$64,176
2019-11-13-009	Kings County Trails Society	Maintenance from Cambridge to Kingston includes upgrades to bridge decking, gates, crossings and surfacing. Maintenance from Berwick to Kingston include upgrades to the trail Heads, signage, creating rest stops and interpretive areas.	\$16,000.00
2019-11-13-010	Municipality of the District of Digby	Repair large culvert.	\$27,500.00
2019-11-13-011	Municipality of the District of Digby	restoration of railbed trail including trail gates, grading, ditching and bushhogging	\$16,000.00
2019-11-13-013	Victoria County Trails Federation	Phase 1 of a 5-phase trail development project. Phase 1 includes the completion of a bridge and surfacing/shaping a section of trail as an approach to the bridge.	\$41,670.00
2019-11-13-014	Annapolis County Trails Society	Maintenance on 54 km Harvest Moon Trail including replacing two culverts, new trailhead at Middleton, create an access point at Dodge Road, stabilizing surface material on 3 km and installing armor rock.	\$9,800.00
2019-11-13-015	Tatamagouche Area Trail Association	For annual maintenance of 26 km of trail including grading, ditching, trailhead snow clearing, mowing, box scraping, culvert replacement and signage, surface upgrades to 2.6 km, a warming hut, 10 benches, washrooms and creation of a walking trail near the Tatamagouche trailhead.	\$18,640.00
2019-11-13-016	Annapolis Valley Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club	Replace a wooden pole bridge with a metal bridge.	\$21,275.00
2019-11-13-017	Annapolis Valley Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club	Replace 3 small wooden pole bridges with culverts.	\$8,883.75
2019-11-13-020	BLT Rails to Trails	To fix the surface area at new cranberry lake bridge and embankment at km 2/3 along with replacing four gates	\$8,537.50
2019-11-13-021	Pictou County Trails Association	Upgrade the Jitney Short Line Trail, running from the section of trail at Langile Road to MacBain Road in Pictou. Work includes vegetation management, signs, ditching/drainage, tread resurfacing and environmental remediation.	\$40,000.00

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2019-11-13-023	Driftclimbers Snowmobile Club	Replacement of an 80' collapsed bridge on Trail #101 crossing the Herbert River and connecting the Douglas Road to Rawdon Gold Mines.	\$50,000.00
2019-11-13-025	Fundy Trail Snowmobile club	Replace bridge on Trail #303 with an engineered double panel, ditching and culverts. Trail #310 requires brush cutting, culverts, and one MacDonald bridge panel, signage/posts, etc. for both locations.	\$50,000.00
2019-11-13-027	Association sentier de Clare Rail to Trail Association	Maintenance including clearing vegetation, grading, improving surface around rocks and bollards and signage.	\$8,000.00
2019-11-13-028	Ocean Lake Riders ATV Club	Continuation of the Heritage 150 Trail for approximately 2km on the Northwest side of the Issacs River Bridge, connecting towards the Broadhorns ATV Club and the Trans Canada Trail.	\$46,801.28
2019-11-13-030	Bull Run Trail Association	Maintenance on 27 km trail between Bridgewater and the Queens County including brush clearing and bush hogging 10 km 34 ft ditching, spot ditching and resurfacing 5 km of trail with wear surface.	\$17,160.00
2019-11-13-031	Dynamite Trail Association	Maintenance including surface upgrades and repairs, bridge maintenance and repairs, signage and mowing.	\$15,080.00
2019-11-13-032	Queens Rails to Trails Association	Phase 1 - develop new trail connecting Brooklyn and the Town of Liverpool (approx. 3.5 km) Phase 2 - connect the newly opened Trestle bridge in Liverpool.	\$14,529.00
2019-11-13-033	Adventure Trail Association	Maintenance including brush clearing and vegetation management, surface repair, signage and gate fabrication and installation.	\$15,093.75
2019-11-13-034	East Richmond ATV Riders Association	Continuation of trail from River Bourgeois to Louisdale. Second phase of 2.5 km.	\$20,700.00
2019-11-13-035	Cobequid OHV Club	Bridge replacement on trail #5, part of #104.	\$16,243.75
2019-11-13-036	Colchester Five Islands ATV Club	Repair/rebuild older inactive trail to avoid 7km of the Canaan Road, includes brush cutting, ditching and repairing water holes.	\$9,445.00
2019-11-13-037	Barachois Trail Association	Upgrade existing rail trail to multiuse standard including, ditching, culvert installations, brush cutting, shale and finish surfacing. Beginning at the intersection of Highway 320/ NS-4 to Thibeaupville Road.	\$28,500.00
2019-11-13-038	Bay to Bay Trail Association	Maintenance improving sections on the Lunenburg end of the trail including, raising the bed, resurfacing and ditching sections of the trail.	\$12,000.00

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2019-11-13-039	LaHave River Trail Association	Northfield - cut brush, shape and apply basecoat, ditch, signage and apply clear-coat on approx. 1.3 km of railbed from Salmon Run Road towards Bruhm Road. 4.1 Km Pinehurst section requires resurfacing. Trail in Cookville- Northfield requires a 500m connection from Mossman Station Road South.	\$42,500.00
2019-11-13-040	St. Mary's ATV Club	Trail to connect the communities of Sonora and Wine Harbour to rai A24 trail which in turn allows connection to the larger network.	\$50,000.00
2019-11-13-041	NSORRA	Maintain six riding parks allowing users to ride in secure locations. Maintenance includes vegetation management, signs, ditching/drainage and tread resurfacing.	\$15,000
TOTAL			\$860,761.00