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## 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	MEMBER 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	
Ministerial Advisor Committee/Member at Large	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 2017/18. 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 <http://www.novascotia.ca/finance/en/home/publications/publicaccounts.aspx>

# 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 2013-2017

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	CHANGE	AVE.
4 Wheel Drive	152	196	207	221	262	41	208
6 Wheel	13	16	14	17	19	2	16
8 Wheel	7	4	5	6	7	1	6
Argo 8 Wheel	33	34	39	41	41	0	38
ATV 3 Wheels	280	256	205	222	204	-18	233
ATV 4 Wheels	29,275	30,759	30,374	32,776	34,263	1487	31489
ATV 6 Wheels	80	78	75	75	74	-1	76
Dune Buggy	27	25	19	19	20	1	22
Mini Bike	57	48	53	57	54	-3	54
Motorcycle	591	553	567	635	676	41	604
Multi-purpose	97	122	129	144	171	27	133
Snow Vehicle	7,822	6220	6609	7219	7161	-58	7006
Total	38434	38311	38296	41432	42952	1520	39885

## Summary of Income to OHVIF for the past 5 fiscal years, ending on March 31, 2018

Year	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016	2014/2015	2013/2014
OHV Contributions	\$1,647,120.00	\$1,573,670.00	\$1,580,770.00	\$1,466,705.00	\$1,448,607.00
Interest/Invest	\$17,455.00	\$8336.00	\$3536.00	\$6,839.00	\$5,790.00
Total	\$1,664,575.00	\$1,582,006.00	\$1,584,306.00	\$1,473,544.00	\$1,454,397.00

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 2017	\$325,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$778,000	\$25,000

*Note: Monies allocated and not used, remain in the fund.*

A comprehensive description of funding criteria and eligibility is available on the Lands and Forestry 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 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 Lands and Forestry 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.

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>SANS</b>	\$107,000	\$107,000	\$107,000	\$107,000	\$97,000	\$118,000	\$92,855
<b>ATVANS</b>	\$163,000	\$163,000	\$163,000	\$163,000	\$133,000	\$168,000	\$161,265
<b>NSORRA</b>	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$57,000	\$64,000	\$70,850
<b>Total</b>	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$287,000	\$350,000	\$324,970

## Emergency Funding

An annual emergency fund in is set aside each year to help groups cope with the expenses resulting from damage from blow down, washouts, infrastructure failure or other unforeseen conditions that occur outside the normal time frame for grant applications.

APPLICANT	DESCRIPTION	APPROVED AMOUNT
<b>YARMOUTH COUNTY TRAIL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION</b>	Bridge repairs and replacing a culvert and signs along 87 kms of trail.	\$2900
<b>WOODLAND MULTI-USE TRAIL ASSOCIATION</b>	Repair damage due to January storm	\$2564.50

## 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.

APPLICANT	DESCRIPTION	APPROVED AMOUNT
ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA	ATVANS to develop GIS data and mapping application jointly with SANS	\$1932.00
SNOWMOBILERS ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA	Support the purchase of a GPS tracking system which will provide accurate mapping for groomer operators and users	\$16000.00
SNOWMOBILERS ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA	Mutli-year strategy	\$5774.50

## 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 2017/18, two safety projects were funded.

APPLICANT	DESCRIPTION	APPROVED AMOUNT
CUMBERLAND COUNTY RIDERS ATV CLUB	2016-11-safety1 Purchase and printing of information cards related to OHVV safety.	\$360.03
SNOWMOBILERS ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA	Support multi year signage strategy	\$5774.50

# 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, which is topped up annually based upon reportable disbursements within the previous year.

## ATVANS Small Project Grants 2017

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL VALUE	APPROVED
Kings County Trails Society	General maintenance including brush cutting, grading, dust control, signage, etc	\$23,534.00	\$2,500.00
Isle Royal ATV Club	Trail re-route around Sydney Dragstrip	\$42,946.00	\$5,000.00
Queens County ATV Association	Replacement of original undersized culvert to resolve flooding problems	\$2,222.50	\$1,090.00
Cumberland County Riders	Brush cutting and maintenance to Fenwick Riding Park	\$4,700.00	\$2,100.00
Long Lake Loggers	35kms of brush cutting	\$8,380.00	\$4,000.00
Sheet Harbour ATV Club	Signage	\$4,935.00	\$2,250.00
Puma ATV Club	Bridge redecking and approach repairs	\$4,937.40	\$2,465.00
Digby County ATV Club	Brush cutting and general maintenance rail trail Hwy 101 - Henry Maillet Rd	\$10,175.00	\$5,000.00
Lake Charlotte ATV Club	Trail reroute at request of landowner	\$13,570.00	\$5,000.00
Fundy ATVenturers ATV Club	Rebuild two old forestry roads along with build of connector trail	\$14,232.40	\$5,000.00
Cumberland County Riders ATV Club	Signage	\$6,226.50	\$1,500.00
St Marys ATV Club	Phase 2 of the Mitchell Lake Trail	\$13,120.00	\$5,000.00
Colchester Five Islands ATV Club	Brush cutting, ditching, water hole repairs/drainage	\$10,950.00	\$5,000.00
Chedabucto Multi Use Trails	Install gate and signage	\$2,718.29	\$1,350.00
Mid Valley ATV Club	Brush cutting, install culvert and washout repair	\$9,673.02	\$4,835.00
Isle Royale ATV Club	Brush cutting, shaping and trail build up	\$11,273.00	\$5,000.00
Clare Rail to Trail Association	General maintenance including brush cutting, gravel, signage	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00
Cobequid OHV Club	Replace damaged bridge on trail #17	\$9,420.00	\$4,425.00
Lake Charlotte ATV Club	Repairs and upgrade of section for trail from Carry Place Rd to Bowling Ball Hill, on trail 106	\$10,800.00	\$4,750.00
Colchester Five Islands ATV Club	Bridge replacement Trail #443	\$15,325.00	\$4,750.00
		<b>\$227,138.11</b>	<b>\$75,015.00</b>

## SANS Small Project Grants 2017

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL VALUE	APPROVED
Hants SnoDust	Sucker Brook and Trail 101, brush clearing and signage upgrades	\$13,334.01	\$4,647.00
Alpine	Drainage, bush hogging and mulching on trail # 105	\$10,800.00	\$5,000.00
Chignecto	Replace an existing bridge on SANS trail 31	\$7,400.00	\$3,700.00
Kings Co. Trails Society	Mowing/brush trimming maintenance of the trail.	\$23,534.00	\$2,500.00
Tatamagouche Area Trails Assoc.	Realignment of the Short Line Railbed trail crossing of the Upper River John Road.	\$9,280.00	\$4,640.00
Cumberland	100 pieces of Hemlock decking	\$4,760.00	\$2,380.00
SANS Group 2	Sign Post replacement	\$16,761.26	\$5,000.00
SANS Group 1	Sign Post replacement	\$16,761.26	\$5,000.00
Cumberland	Repair 3.1 km of Trail 104 in Springhill	\$10,600.00	\$5,000.00
Crossburn	Grading, leveling, removing rocks and installation of culverts.	\$10,480.00	\$5,000.00
North Shore	Bridge deck replacement, trail drainage and shaping	\$10,589.71	\$5,000.00
Cumberland	Routine brush cutting on a number of trails; some on Crown & some wilderness protected trails	12,530.00	\$5,000.00
Pictou Co. Trails Association	Brush Cutting/trail widening SANS 560	10,001.25	\$5,000.00
The Cabot	Trail upgrade to allow grooming, Wreck Cove Trail #755.	36,250.00	\$5,000.00
Fundy	Brush Cutting	\$4,820.00	\$2,070.00
Cumberland	Repair 5 bridge decks, washout and install trail signs on #42 & 30.	\$10,000	\$5,000.00
Chignecto	Emergency re-planking of 2 bridges prior to the season to enable use by groomers and atvs.	\$7,816.70	\$3,900.00
North Shore	Brush clearing on #410, 411, 412, 415 & 104 trails.	\$5,995.00	\$2,997.50
		<b>\$221,713.18</b>	<b>\$76,834.50</b>

## Off-Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund -trail infrastructure projects

Monies 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. In fiscal year 2017/2018, thirty-two trail projects were approved totaling \$778,000.00

FILE	APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	APPROVED
2016-11-14-001	St. Margaret's Bay Rails to Trails	Phase 2 - Project work involves; resurfacing 11 kms of trail, ditching, grading and replacing the deck and stringers on Puddle Bridge.	\$26,250.00
2016-11-14-002	Yarmouth County Trail Development Association	Perform maintenance on an 87 km trail that includes; grading, resurfacing, brush/grass/tree cutting, ditch cleaning, culverts, signage, repainting rocks and bollards and replacing wear strips and boards on bridges.	\$11,200.00
2016-11-14-003	Cumberland County Riders ATV Club	Develop a connector trail from the Town of Amherst to the New Brunswick border. Work includes; shaping, grading, ditching and installing culverts, gates, fencing and signage.	\$40,000.00
2016-11-14-004	Cabot Snowmobile Club	Upgrade 400 meters of existing trail to provide equipment access to perform work that includes; removing a steel bridge and 2 creosote timber crib abutments; the installation of 2 culverts, 2 concrete abutments, steel beam, womanized timber deck bridge and make improvements to the bridge approach.	\$43,000.00
2016-11-14-005	Bull Run Trail Association	Perform trail maintenance including; the continuation of brush clearing 27 kms of trail, replacing missing and damaged signs, resurfacing a 5 km section, replacing 10 bollards with 10 gates and adding a parking lot.	\$20,000.00
2016-11-14-006	Dynamite Trail Association	Carry out trail upgrades including; mowing trail shoulders, spot surfacing, ditching, installing a culvert, gate, signs and expanding the Mahone Bay parking lot;	\$10,087.50
2016-11-14-007	Chedabucto Multi-Use Trails Association	Perform upgrades to the old TIR road including; ditching, repairing washouts, replacing culverts, fixing wet spots and surfacing with class A gravel and lesser grades in areas throughout.	\$25,000.00
2016-11-14-008	Isle Royale ATV Club	Continue trail work including; tree and brush clearing, installing at least 4 culverts, signage, grubbing, ditching, excavator work, surfacing and applying aggregate.	\$20,000.00
2016-11-14-009	Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association	Carry out reconstruction of 15 kms of railbed including; brush and tree clearing, ditching, tread resurfacing, signage and repairs as determined by engineering inspections of six bridges.	\$45,000.00
2016-11-14-010	Sunrise Trails ATV Club	Work includes; concrete placement on base of the swing bridge abutment and re-planking a portion of the bridge decking. (Remainder of the decking will be completed at another time and is not included in this application.)	\$26,700.00
2016-11-14-011	BLT Rails to Trails	Carry out trail maintenance including; resurfacing a 2 km section with four inches of crusher dust. (from Hubley's Road to where the trail crosses highway #3)	\$5,000.00

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2016-11-14-012	Safety Minded ATV Association	Carry out trail maintenance including; ditching, trail side trimming, signage, culverts, surface repair, fill as needed, installation of a bridge over Prospect River and a parking area at the fire road. (Bridge over Indian River is pending)	\$40,000.00
2016-11-14-013	NSORRA	Maintain five riding parks clearing hazards such as; fallen trees, ruts, washouts and improve trail drainage.	\$15,000.00
2016-11-14-014	Eigg Mountain Trails Association	Phase 1 - Reconstruction of old existing roads including; bridges, ditching, culverts, wet area remediation, brush clearing and right-of-way clearing.	\$45,000.00
2016-11-14-015	Guysborough County Trails Association	Rebuild 25 kms of trail starting at the pavement in Ogden heading west to Forest Hills. Work includes; machine work, resurfacing, ditching, vegetation management, installing culverts, signage, and removal of stumps and trees.	\$20,300.00
2016-11-14-016	Oxford and Area Trails Association	Develop trail from Main Street to Cove Road. Work includes: trail clearing, grubbing, surfacing and installing culverts.	\$40,000.00
2016-11-14-017	Annapolis County Trails Society	Perform trail upgrades including; installation of 3 new bridges and the refurbishment of 2 other bridges, work on 17 culverts, grading, surfacing, aggregate, signage and painting and installing a gate.	\$40,000.00
2016-11-14-018	Sou' West Nova ATV Association	Installation of two thirty-foot bridge panels and one 16 foot bridge panel on west of Major Road (K road) to allow legal crossing. Work includes; signage and infrastructure to support bridge installation as well as rail installation to support OHV's to a width of 72 inches.	\$22,907.00
2016-11-14-019	Cobequid OHV Club	Replace an old iron bridge that is beyond repair on an important trail within the community.	\$48,875.00
2016-11-14-020	Marconi Trail Blazers ATV Club	Construction of new trail including; tree and brush removal, placement of culverts, leveling and smoothing trail, ditching, excavator work, gravel, surfacing and signage.	\$23,005.00
2016-11-14-021	Lake Ainslie Development Association	Completing construction of 50 kms of new and existing trail focusing on fixing sections of wet areas. Work includes; vegetation management, ditching/drainage, installing culverts and resurfacing.	\$10,000.00
2016-11-14-023	Association sentier de Clare Rail to trail	The continuation of ongoing maintenance work including vegetation management and resurfacing,	\$5,600.00
2016-11-14-024	Town of Shelburne	Plan to create a shared use trail that connects from the Woodlands Multi-Use Trail section east of the Town of Shelburne and past the trail section that is managed by the Black Loyalist Heritage Centre.	\$10,000.00
2016-11-14-026	Barachois Trail Association	Upgrade section of trail from Louisdale to the intersection of Hwy 320 and Route 4 in Grande Anse. Upgrades include; replacing collapsed culverts, installing new culverts, ditching, spreading gravel and filling in low spots or holes, grinding or chipping alders and brush, clearing windfalls from a recent wind storm and installing signage at various intersections and existing bridges.	\$6,200.00
2016-11-14-027	Lake Charlotte ATV Association	Reconstruction of approximately 2.3 kms of the only existing trail connecting the communities of Lake Charlotte and Ship Harbour. Project will excavate existing road, ditch, resurface, replace or install culverts and build up road as it is below sea level.	\$12,000.00
2016-11-14-028	Adventure Trail Association	To repair trail heavily rutted and pitted by ATVs. Repairs include; banks culverts, resurfacing and applying gabion rock to ensure stabilization at barricade crossings.	\$4,500.00

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2016-11-14-030	Brookfield Mines Trail Association	Purchase pressure treated lumber for bridge decks and rails to continue a 2015 OHVIF funded project.	\$6,375.00
2016-11-14-031	LaHave River Trail Association	Work includes; clearing trail, shaping, applying basecoat, signage, repairing a small trestle bridge and to construct 1.5 kms of new trail to connect two pieces of railbed.	\$45,000.00
2016-11-14-032	Central Nova ATV Club	To carry out survey work, brush clearing and site planning to provide the only OHV link between Halifax and the Rail Trails that connect to the valley.	\$6,000.00
2016-11-14-034	Fundy ATVenturers	An extension of last years project, fixing damages caused by OHVs to landowner properties along an existing route. Work includes; replacing and adding culverts, ditching, signage and graveling.	\$35,000.00
2016-11-14-036	Inverness County Trails Federation	Repair sections of the 92 km Celtic Shores Coastal Trail. Work includes; vegetation management, ditching, reshaping, surfacing and reapplying sections of topcoat.	\$20,000.00
2016-11-14-037	SANS	Trail upgrades including; grading, brush cutting, ditching and replacement of culverts with bridge structures.	\$50,000.00
			<b>\$777,999.50</b>