



Kawartha
Trans Canada Trail

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Canada is 150.

**The Trans Canada
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**And the Kawartha
Trans Canada
Trail is 10!**



The Trans Canada Trail (TCT), began as a bold dream in 1992. Now, 25 years later, it is the longest network of its kind—24,000 kilometres of multi-use recreational trail that passes through 15,000 communities!

This year, building on the momentum of celebrations for the 150th anniversary of Confederation, and to thank the generous, devoted and fun-loving volunteers, partners and donors for all their hard work in helping connect the trail across the country...

TCT is hosting a party!

On August 26th, from noon to 2 p.m., TCT will be at Major's Hill Park in Ottawa with music, food trucks and a lot of fanfare. Come meet your fellow trailblazers as TCT celebrates the past and looks toward the future.

If you cannot make it to Ottawa, don't worry—the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail Association is one of the 200 partners hosting local celebrations from coast to coast to coast.

Our local TCT Celebration will be in **Reaboro on August 26th, from noon to 2 p.m.**

Visit our website (www.ktct.ca) or Facebook page (www.facebook.com/loveyourtrail) for more details.

President's Message



Al MacPherson
President, Kawartha Trans
Canada Trail Association

Hello everyone!

It is absolutely amazing how much the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail has changed and grown in the past 10 years (2007-2017). Yes! This year marks 10 years since the Kawartha portion of the trail was established. This year also marks the whole Trans Canada Trail's 25th Anniversary (1992-2017), and Canada's 150th Birthday (1867-2017). What a year for celebration—and KTCTA is part of it.

To date, KTCTA has raised over \$1 million dollars to develop this trail. Annually, individuals and businesses contribute \$9,000 to operate the trail. This cost would be significantly higher if not for the many hours of volunteer time and in-kind donations. The KTCTA continues to fundraise and organize special events such as, Seniors Day Cycling/Walking; Adventure Film Festivals; Trail-a-thons for local schools, and more.

More importantly, KTCTA continues to grow our trail activities and community involvement. This year, three outdoor photography for seniors workshops are offered. Check our website for more information (www.ktct.ca).

Plans are underway to host a celebration of Canada's 150th Birthday on August 26th along with many other Trans Canada Trail groups across Canada. It will be a special day when events will be happening on the Trans Canada Trail across the whole country to celebrate connection of the longest trail in the world! Check our website for details.

Love your Trail Day, is another major event planned for September 7th and 8th, to celebrate Canada's 150th. See below for more information.

Our enduring commitment to maintain and keep the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail relevant to the community remains our focus. Continued financial and in-kind support will ensure the trail will be around for a long time and will be a legacy for others to enjoy.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you and enjoy the special events planned for the trail.

Al MacPherson

Love Your Trail Day

On Thursday, September 7th and Friday, September 8th, 2017, KTCTA will host several events in celebration of Canada's 150th Birthday. During the day on Thursday and Friday, students and community members are invited to line up along different sections of the trail, dressed in red and white and waving Canadian flags. A drone will fly overhead capturing footage of this long line of proud Canadians on their section of the national trail that connects all of Canada together.

Fourteen schools will participate in this

event, and we expect about 3,200 students to attend. Footage will be used in trail promotional material.

On Thursday evening, the KTCTA will host a Canada 150-Trail celebration event at Fleming College. There will be music, a special guest speaker, and a delicious celebration cake! Check out the website and our Facebook page for more details in the coming weeks.

Thank you to all the organizations that contributed financially. Your support has made **Love Your Trail Day** possible.

**What is your
favourite place
to visit along
the trail?**

**Let us know at
info@ktct.ca!**



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Through the Eye of a Digital Camera

Three digital photography workshops are being presented this season to seniors interested in experiencing the KTCT through the eye of their digital camera. The intent is to encourage physical activity on the trail, offering photography as a new way to appreciate the trail's magnificent offerings and natural attractions.

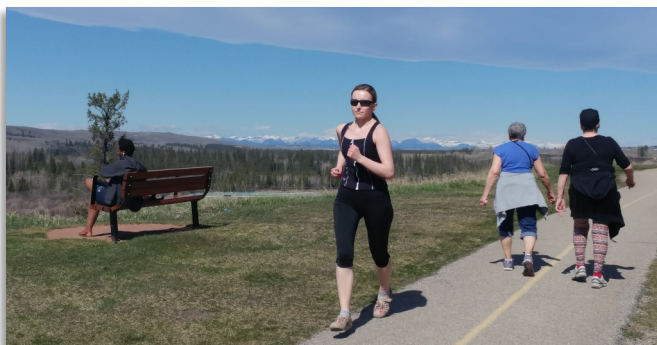
At the first workshop on June 15th, a group of 23 enthusiastic photographers met at the Outdoor Education Centre at Fleming College Frost Campus, to learn from Ruth Tait, professional artist and photographer. Instruction was given on basic photography rules and how to frame better photos. The threat of rain held off, offering ideal light and clarity for some amazing photo adventures. Wrap-up in the Log Cabin included a free draw, trivia questions, refreshments and lots of social time among like-minded individuals.

This initiative has been made possible through generous funding from the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP), which helps to ensure seniors can benefit from, and contribute to, the quality of life in their communities through active living and participation in social activities.

Registration is now full for both the August 23rd and October 24th workshops. However, if interested in being added to a waiting list, please email Margaret at margaret@jacksgroup.ca or call 705-879-2719. Contact will be made if a space becomes available.



Connected Across Provinces



By Marnie Callaghan

In early May, while visiting my daughter in Calgary, I hiked this spectacular section of "The Great Trail" along Glenmore Reservoir's north shore. The trail was humming with activity, the snowcapped Rockies in the distance. The delta where the Elbow River flows into the reservoir is a magnificent habitat right in the city for loons, tundra swans, and shorebirds such as lesser yellowlegs and American avocet. Our KTCT is modest in comparison, but it was interesting to think of my daughter in Calgary and me in Reabro being connected by this trail using only foot and paddle power. Not completely connected, but soon. Very soon.

Team Work: Redecking Doube's Bridge



On June 7th, 2017, 14 high school students from St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School, and eight volunteers from Fowlers Corners District Lions Club, donated their time to redeck Doube's Bridge.

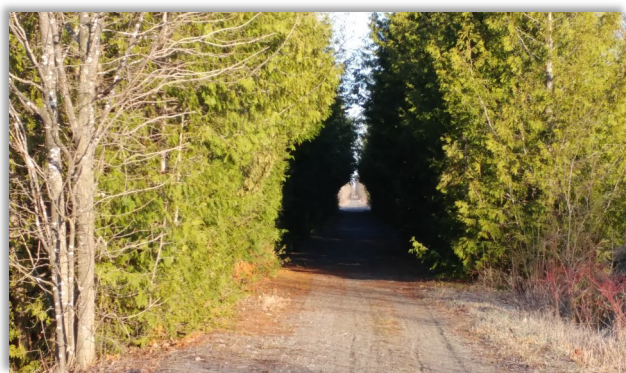


New Volunteers are
always welcome!

See website for details or
email us at

info@ktct.ca.

Managing Partners—Brilliant!



Gord and Vicki Reeve, volunteers with the Village of Reaboro Managing Partners, keep this cedar hedge at Heights Road beautifully trimmed for trail users.

By Marnie Callaghan

The entire 54 kilometres of the KTCT is maintained by 12 Managing Partners. Each partner has a manageable section, averaging 4.5 km in length. Responsibilities include, checking the trail after storms for flooding or fallen trees, keeping trail free of litter, monitoring trail conditions and illegal use, etc.

It's a brilliant model because each section runs through a particular community. Therefore, each partner has a sense of ownership, a sense of pride. Unexpected people come out of the woodwork to volunteer their time and skills for dead tree removal, washout repair, spring cleanup, grass cutting, etc. Along each section there are residents who pick up litter as they walk. They know the appearance of the trail reflects on their community. If you would like to help the Managing Partner in your area, see our website (www.ktct.ca/contact/managing-partners).

Trail Champions in our Schools

By Jamie Morris

My assignment: Recruit schools to participate in the KTCTA's Canada 150 event, scheduled for September 8th.

It was a learning experience for me and the first thing I learned was that school administrations know a good idea when they hear one. A first-Friday-back-to-school celebration of Canada on the trail that connects us all coast-to-coast-to-coast and follows the train and waterway routes that shaped our history? What's not to like about that?

All fourteen schools approached have agreed to join in.

The other lesson I learned is

that there are trail champions in many of the schools, elementary and secondary.

If I had to pick examples for each, they'd be Mariposa teachers Rachid Kherraji, Joe Dillon and Devin Duechars, and Weldon principal Mark Cossarin.

Rachid, Joe and Kevin routinely bike to school and back on the trail—a distance of about 30 km. After their 100th ride, last year staff celebrated with a cake! "Cycling the trail," Rachid says, "is a win-win-win, good for health, the environment, and camaraderie."

For Mark, the trail is a resource for the family: "Our family walks and bikes along the trail. We also geocache on foot and by bike."

An experience that stands out is a bike-ride to Lakefield and back with his son. "It was the furthest he'd ever ridden on a mountain bike," Mark writes, "and he was pretty proud of himself." He goes on, "We had never seen the trestle bridge east of Omemee. . . It was impressive and the view was amazing."



Fresh Perspectives

By Jamie Morris

Andre Quesnel, a teacher at Scott Young Public School, is a trail enthusiast. He cycles to school whenever he can, finding it therapeutic. He describes his favourite stretch between Acrevale Road and Sturgeon Road: "There is always wildlife to see, and a portion of the trail is heavily overarched with trees, creating a secluded, quiet, natural tunnel."

For the past several years Andre has taken his grade 6 to 8 students on biking expeditions along the trail.

What do the kids like about biking the trail? Here's a selection of their responses:

"I think it's a good workout and you can talk to a friend while riding . . . you always feel the burn, and it feels good." *Colin*

"I love going outside in general but biking is even better! I always bike with my helmet that has a camera in it, so when I'm finished biking, I watch the video." *Kirsten*

"I love when I'm biking and I feel the nice, cool wind." *Michaela*

"It gives you a chance to relax and stop worrying about school. And it is a great way to catch up with friends. When I bike home from school, it gives me some alone and quiet time, and gives me a chance to think about stuff." *James*

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Thank You, Linda!



On March 31st, 2017, Linda Skilton, Dean and Principal of Fleming College Frost Campus, retired.

Linda was a Director on the Board of KTCTA and a strong supporter and advocate for the trail. She will be missed.

At her retirement party, KTCTA President, Al MacPherson, presented Linda with a "Great Trail" T-shirt and a hiking stick, as a memory of her time with the KTCT.

Who We Are

The **Kawartha Trans Canada Association (KTCTA)** is a registered not-for-profit organization with charitable status. Our mission includes the following:

1. To improve the urban and rural environment by developing and maintaining a recreational trail or greenway linking communities.
2. To organize and participate in environmental projects designed to preserve and protect flora and fauna.
3. To educate and increase public awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the environment by offering courses, seminars, conferences and meetings, and by collecting and disseminating information.
4. To promote active and healthy lifestyles by offering courses, seminars, conferences and meetings, and by collecting and disseminating information on the trail's five core uses—hiking, walking, cycling, horseback riding and snowmobiling.

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Managing Partners

The Kawartha Trans Canada Trail has 12 Managing Partners who volunteer their time and effort to help maintain the trail.

It is this type of community involvement that ensures the trail remains safe.

Our partners from East to West:

Fowlers Corners District Lions Club

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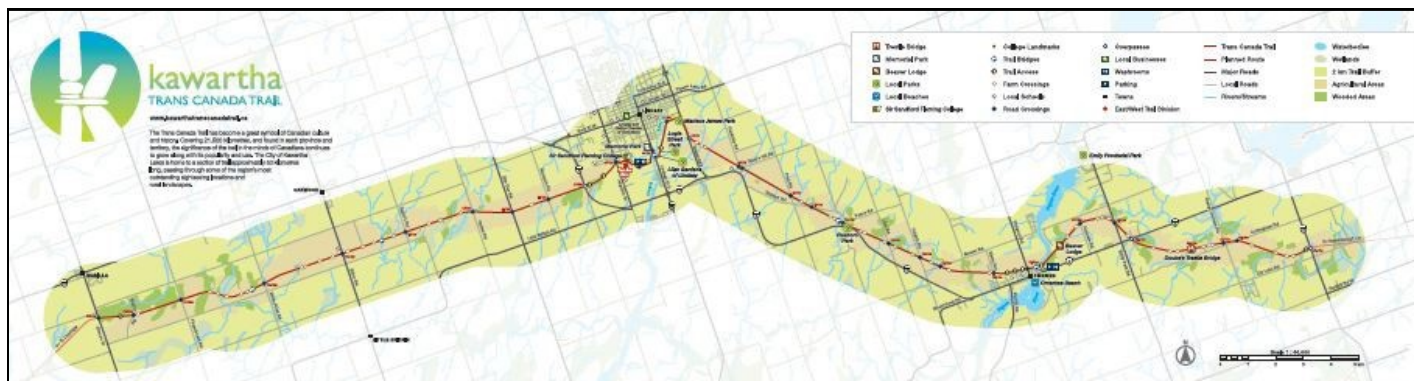
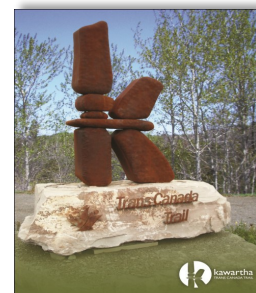
Heart of Ontario Snowmobile Club

Ben Van den Broek (pictured right), was selected as the volunteer of the year (2016). Ben is a member of the Lions Club of Omeme, a managing partner for the trail. Ben contributes his time by organizing trail clean-ups; answering concerns from adjacent landowners; cutting grass along 20 kms of trail; repairing and installing signs; and attending meetings. The Kawartha Trans Canada Trail is lucky to have such a devoted volunteer. Thank you, Ben.



KTCT Map

The KTCTA will upgrade, develop and manage 54 kilometres of trail through the City of Kawartha Lakes. This trail stretches east to west between Peterborough County and the Regional Municipality of Durham and is a new addition to the national Trans Canada Trail network.



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