



Kawartha
Trans Canada Trail

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"Praise The Bridge That Carried You Over"

Praise the bridge that carried you over, said George Colman. And praise the people and organizations who build and maintain those important bridges that connect us.



Doube's Trestle Bridge Upgrade
Total Investment: \$154,150
(Monetary: \$145,500, In-kind: \$8,650)



Omeme Bridge Upgrade
Total Investment: \$55,644
(Monetary: \$32,644, In-kind: \$23,000)

Over the last couple of years, the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail Association has replaced the decking on three bridges that are part of the Trans Canada Trail that runs through the Kawarthas. This major accomplishment could not have happened without significant monetary donations (in the form of grants, private donations and 5-5-5 sponsorship) and in-kind donations (volunteer time and materials).

There are still other major capital projects that KTCTA would like to complete, such as paving the trail through Fleming College's Frost Cam-

pus, and improving gates for disability access. Your donations allow us to do these projects. Donating gives you the satisfaction of providing a high-quality trail that is fully accessible and maintained by volunteers from the community.

As none of our capital funds come from the municipality of Kawartha Lakes, we need your support to continue making this the best trail in Ontario! PLEASE GIVE (online or mail us a cheque).



Mariposa Creek Bridge Upgrade
Total investment: \$86,475
(Monetary: \$43,934, In-kind: 42,541)

Chair's Message



John Hagarty
Chair, Kawartha
Trans Canada Trail
Association

Hello everyone! Thank you for your interest in the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail!

As we continue to improve the KTCT, we are proud of the work we do to provide our community with an important feature for outdoor recreational activity.

Projects and funds received:

- Mariposa Creek Bridge: Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Rural Economic Development—\$8,100;
- Mariposa Creek Bridge: Trans Canada Trail National—\$30,000;
- Snowshoe Program: New Horizon Seniors—\$5,000;
- Maintenance Funds: Trans Canada Trail National—\$5,000.

Completed projects:

- Doube's Trestle Bridge—interpretation panel, bike repair station and two benches installed;
- Mariposa Creek Bridge—redecked and interpretation panel installed;
- Sections of trail in need of repair—re-graveled and compacted.

The year isn't over yet, but the KTCT has seen well over 100,000 visitors in 2020, an increase of 60,000 over last year! Proof positive that upgrades like these are well worth it to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for all trail users.

Our 54 km trail has three distinctive landscape sections: urban, natural and farmland. As a trail organization, we are pleased to recognize the heritage of the rail line and farm communities along its route, and to allow trail users to see closeup, the beautiful and tranquil features that can't be seen any other way.

Special thank you to:

- Our Board members for their diversity of experience and skill sets allowing for specific, unique and valuable contributions to trail maintenance, management and governance;
- Our managing partners and volunteers who cut the grass, pick up litter, remove trees/branches from the trail and many other tasks that make the trail operate;
- Our donors and sponsors; and
- Al MacPherson for his leadership and tireless devotion to our trail. Without his dedication we wouldn't have such a wonderful trail!

Please remember the KTCT is not a Municipal Trail—no taxpayer money funds its upkeep, pays the annual lease to the Province or pays the insurance. The KTCTA depends on grants and donations—so please consider supporting us. Information about how to donate can be found via <https://ktct.ca/donate>.

The Kawartha Trans Canada Trail offers educational, recreational, and historical values. In turn, those features offer opportunities for learning, enjoyment, and reflection. During this period of isolation and social distancing please treat yourself, get outside and enjoy your trail.

John Hagarty

FIREWOOD NOTICE:

There are some hazardous trees marked with a red "X" along the east section of the trail. If anyone would like to remove the trees for firewood please email info@ktct.ca for permission.

The Heart of Ontario Snowmobile Club came out three times over the summer to remove fallen trees with KTCT volunteers Art and Ben.



Thank You, Ben!



Ben Van den Brock is leaving the KTCTA Board of Directors.

As part of the Omemee Lions Club, Ben was a volunteer and a Managing Partner representative who contributed many hours of time and effort to keep the KTCT in good shape. This photo is an example of his efforts. We could always count on Ben to help out when needed.

Fortunately for us, Ben will still be a trail volunteer—just no more Director meetings!

**New
Volunteers**
are always
welcome!
See website
for details or
email us at
info@ktct.ca.

Two New Benches for the Trail



Thanks to the Weston Family Foundation, Jack Cockwell, C.M. and Trans Canada Trail National, two new benches have been installed at Doube's Trestle Bridge on the KTCT. Such a perfect place to rest and take in the spectacular view!

Volunteer of the Year Award



By Karen Rosborough

It is a special honour to be this year's Volunteer of the Year award recipient.

I have been involved with KTCTA since 2011. This issue of the newsletter marks the 19th edition that I have produced.

It has been a pleasure to work on an important communication tool that helps bridge the organization with those who use, love, support and sustain this great trail of ours!



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Tales of Trails to THE TRAIL

By Marnie Callaghan

All along the trail, you will see small trails meandering off here and there, created by those wanting direct access to the KTCT. Some are just worn foot paths, others have small wooden bridges, some are mown and edged with wildflowers. Those lucky enough to have property bordering the trail, have made well-used paths that link their homes, schools and communities to this beautiful, traffic-free corridor.

Our farm is in Reaboro, one of the old whistle stops on the CNR Line. When the tracks were ripped out in 1988, we used the abandoned rail bed for walking our dog. And after the trail was spruced up in 2010, we decided to make the effort to build a trail to The Trail. From our yard, we mowed a path through a pasture field. Then the land dips down through an old sand pit. Next came the most challenging, and most rewarding part—a small woodlot was an obstacle between us and the trail. Taking care to find the high ground and cut as few trees as possible, we blazed a trail. Over a couple of years, our efforts resulted in the most loved part of our property.

Spring brings ferns, jack-in-the-pulpits, and birds vying for nesting sites. This wooded section belongs to the mosquitos in the summer months. Autumn brings glorious colour, mushrooms and earthy aroma. When the snows fly, the thick cedars provide shelter not only for us, but for cardinals, chickadees, grouse and other winter birds.

The visionaries who first dreamed of the Trans Canada Trail believed: "If you build it, they will come." All these little connecting trails are proof that they were right.



Almost home on our trail to THE TRAIL

KAWARTHA INVESTMENT: 13 Years in the Making

The Kawartha Trans Canada Trail would not exist if it weren't for the following financial and volunteer support. There is still much that needs to be done and more donations and grants are needed.

According to our financial records from 2007 to 2020, the amount of grant money (from Ontario Trillium, Eastern Ontario Development Program, Trans Canada Trail National, etc.) invested in the KTCT has been

\$870,422

And according to our bank deposit records, the amount of donations from individuals, sponsors and corporations has been

\$208,000

Unfortunately, information regarding the amount of in-kind and volunteer work was not collected over the years. But it is safe to assume that all the grant projects (supported by donations) were to some degree carried out by volunteers. Volunteer hours are also spent on annual trail maintenance tasks and Board meetings among other things. An estimate of 3,000 volunteer hours over the last 13 plus years, converted to minimum wage, equals

\$42,000

Wow! That is a grand total of ~\$1,120,422 worth of investment!

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Never Too Old or Disabled



By Ellen Woodward

After hip surgery left me with a Trendelenburg hip, plus my

Parkinson's, I didn't feel safe riding my bike. But my brother, John, didn't want me to give up biking. He found the perfect solution: a recumbent trike called the Trident E-Spike. It is battery operated due to its weight, however, I can peddle it on flat surfaces very well, and it folds up and fits in my car!

I found two sales outlets in Ontario, one in Orillia and one in Hamilton near my daughters. I had to wait until July to get one of these trikes, as there has been a shortage of bikes. Since then I have ridden it 1,245 km—all over Muskoka including a ride into Hardy Lake, my favourite place, and along the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail, which is the perfect place to ride as it is so smooth and safe compared to the road. I have

been from Omemee to Doube's Trestle Bridge twice this fall. And I have been out to the new Mariposa Creek Bridge with my brother.

I often ride with my friend, Ron Fevang, who is 86 years old (pictured left with me on the trail). When I was having my new trike serviced at the Bike Garage, he tried a pedal assist bike and was sold on it. He has ridden with me on the KTCT recently and we had a great ride to Omemee for lunch. He loves his new bike, and his biggest fear that he would not get exercise is not an issue anymore.

We will continue to ride any time there isn't snow. We are so lucky to have the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail and to not worry about motorized users.

Huge Increase in Use of KTCT

				#	Increase	%	Increase
Month	2020	2019	2018	20/19	19/18	20/19	19/18
October	20,798*	5,599	2,434	15,199	3,165	270%	56%
September	16,507	5,496		11,011		200%	
August	12,493	5,973		6,520		109%	
July	12,655	5,785		6,870		119%	
June	14,617	5,734		8,883		155%	
May	12,146	3,872		8,274		214%	
April	7,324	2,773		4,551		164%	
March	4,305	1,719		2,586		60%	
February	2,384	1,643		741		45%	
January	1,711	1,693		18		10%	
Total	104,940	40,287		64,653		160%	

Due to the COVID pandemic and an increase in awareness of the KTCT, our trail experienced a huge increase in use this year.

As you can see from the chart, compared to last year there has been a **160%** increase in use!

If every user had of donated a loonie to our charitable organization, it would have helped our trail maintenance and capital improvement situation greatly!

*Estimate based on an average of 671 daily users in the first 22 days in October 2020.
Actual count of 14,759 from October 1 – October 22, 2020.

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er Park

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(Gold) \$500 - \$999

TRAIL BLAZER

(Silver) \$100 - \$499

TRAIL MAKER

(Bronze) \$50 - \$99

With each level of donation,
a *Certificate of Appreciation* and
a tax receipt are sent to the
donor.



Love Your Trail Sponsors: \$5000 over 5 Years



FIVE. FIVE. FIVE.

The companies, organizations and individuals in this group have helped to ensure the well-being of the Trail with a \$5,000 commitment, spread out in equal amounts of \$1,000 for each of five years in a row.



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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
- Omeme & District Lions Club & Scott Young Public School
- Village of Reaboro
- Kawartha Lakes Green Trails Alliance
- City of Kawartha Lakes Parks and Recreation Department
- Lindsay Lilac Committee

- Sir Sandford Fleming College
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- Heart of Ontario Snowmobile Club

COMING THIS WINTER: SNOWSHOEING FOR SENIORS

KTCTA is pleased to offer a FREE seniors snowshoeing program (ages 60 plus) in February or early March.

There will be two sessions totaling 24 seniors.

Snowshoes and a light lunch will be provided.

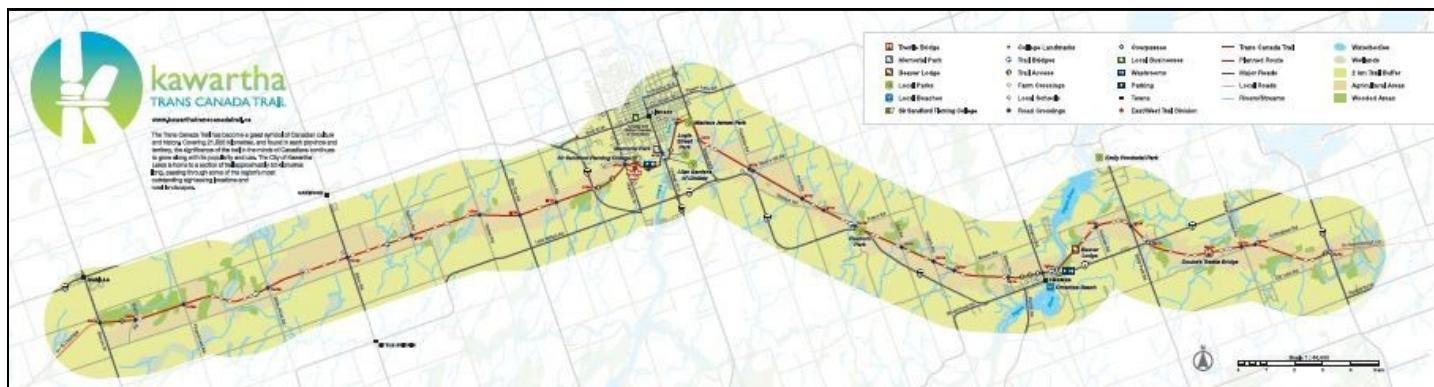
If interested, please email Margaret@jacksgroup.ca.



KTCTA's biannual newsletter is designed and edited by Karen Rosborough.

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 part of The Great Trail (the National Trans Canada Trail network.)



Donor Information

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