



SUMMARY REPORT

Off-Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund

Fiscal Year 2021-2022



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 Public Works and in part through the OHVIF Committee which reports to the Minister of Public Works (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 Natural Resources and Renewables	1	
NS Department of Environment	1	
NS Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	1	
Department of Public Works	1	
Administrative support	1	Non-voting

This report contains activities from the Off-Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund (OHVIF) for fiscal year 2021/22. 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 2017-2021

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	CHANGE	AVE.
4 Wheel Drive	262	320	440	601	826	225	490
6 Wheel	19	19	18	13	17	4	17
8 Wheel	7	9	7	6	5	-1	7
Argo 8 Wheel	41	41	40	48	52	4	44
ATV 3 Wheels	204	188	190	154	181	27	183
ATV 4 Wheels	34,263	35,189	36,815	36,495	42,771	6,276	37,107
ATV 6 Wheels	74	78	78	57	80	23	73
Dune Buggy	20	22	19	19	16	-3	19
Mini Bike	54	58	50	32	61	29	51
Motorcycle	676	698	805	703	1,082	379	793
Multi-purpose	171	226	261	249	277	28	237
Snow Vehicle	7,161	6,652	6,779	6,682	7,640	958	6,983
Total	42,952	43,500	45,502	45,059	53,008	7,949	46,004

Summary of Income to OHVIF for the past 5 fiscal years, ending on March 31, 2022

Year	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022
OHV Contributions	\$1,647,120	\$1,699,120	\$1,762,520	\$1,897,080	\$2,558,369
Interest/Invest	\$17,455	\$35,514	\$41,407	\$18,336	\$21,629
Total	\$1,664,575	\$1,734,634	\$1,803,928	\$1,915,416	\$2,579,998

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 Public Works.

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 2021	\$325,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$1,321,000	\$25,000

Note: Monies allocated and not used, remain in the fund. Over the life of the fund, approximately \$300,000 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 Public Works based upon advice from the Presidents and executive of the three OHV organizations.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	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 2021/22, there was one Emergency Funding application approved for a grant.

APPLICANT	DESCRIPTION	APPROVED AMOUNT
ISLE ROYAL ATV CLUB	Emergency funding to repair trail damages caused by an extensive rainstorm	\$17,692.75
TOTAL		\$17,692.75

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 2021/22, 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 2021

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL VALUE	APPROVED
Coastal Riders ATV Association	Brush cutting, ditching, shaping, culverts, rock and gravel where required on 2KM of the Johnny Jacks Trail	\$17,306.00	\$5,000.00
Lake Charlotte ATV Association	Removal of blind crests through trail reroute and fill. Rock removal, culvert repairs and surfacing on same 1km section	\$11,440.00	\$5,000.00
FATV (Fundy) Club	Brush cutting in the Renfrew/Beaverbank area on ELCO properties	\$16,910.00	\$5,000.00
Woodland Multi Use Trails Association	Replace decking, railings and widening of the Tigney 1, Tigney 2 and Walls Brook Bridges	\$19,227.89	\$5,000.00
Marconi Trail Blazers ATV Club	Upgrade to Cow Bay Road (phase #2, westerly from phase #1) including ditching, culverts, aggregate and gravel	\$10,951.00	\$5,000.00
Kings County ATV Club	Development of trail head and parking lot on Jones Road	\$8,395.00	\$4,195.00
Sunrise Trails ATV Club	Replacement of culvert with a bridge on trail 263 connecting Pugwash to larger trail system in partnership with Cumberland Trails	\$60,000.00	\$5,000.00
East Richmond ATV Riders	Upgrade of existing 2.5km of old existing cut out trail with proper ditching, culverts and shaping	\$13,308.50	\$5,000.00
Isle Royale ATV Club	Trail re-route at Sydney Drag Race Facility as per landowners request	\$17,744.41	\$5,000.00
Association Sentier de Clare - Rails to Trails	Grading, ditching, shaping, vegetation management, sign replacement, painting and general maintenance items.	\$13,575.00	\$5,000.00
Chignecto and Area ATV Club	Surface maintenance, brush cutting, reset cross drainage culverts and clear ditches	\$4,832.00	\$2,390.00
St Mary's Trail Association	Address drainage issues, installation of culverts, excavation, and repair damage from flooding and erosion	\$10,280.08	\$5,000.00
West Richmond ATV Riders Association	Brush cutting, and upgrading drainage along the MacKillop Road	\$12,983.03	\$5,000.00
Lake Charlotte ATV Association	Resurfacing 1km of trail from Bruce Drive North, including tree cutting, brush removal and culverts where necessary.	\$11,440.00	\$5,000.00
BLT Rails to Trails Association	Install permanent apron on both sides of the Hwy #3 trail crossing to eliminate gravel displacement	\$10,263.00	\$2,760.00
Cobequid OHV Club	Re-decking two bridges on main trail to Five Islands	\$13,280.00	\$5,000.00
Isle Royale ATV Club	Second phase of trail reroute at Sydney Drag Race Facility as per landowner's request	\$22,215.34	\$5,000.00
Chedabucto Multi Use Trails Association	Build 2km of new trail to connect the Coeyscoff Rd to Hanahams Gas bar	\$10,031.25	\$5,000.00
Sunrise Trails ATV Club	Ditching and culverts on the Kate Tucker Trail (#264)	\$12,000.25	\$5,000.00
North Shore ATV Club	Repairs and upgrades to trail 551 as per landowner requests	\$9,258.00	\$4,625.00
Coastal Riders ATV Association	Repair washout, install 2-18" culverts, brush cutting and ditching	\$3,341.20	\$1,670.00
Kings County ATV Club	Repairs, upgrades, installation of 3 culverts on 101 trail, installation/replacement of missing signage in various areas.	\$9,568.20	\$4,360.00
TOTAL		\$235,015.38	\$100,000.00

SANS Small Project Grants 2021

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL VALUE	APPROVED
Chignecto	Trail/Bridge Work	\$10,856.10	\$5,000.00
Crowdis	Trail Maintenance	\$12,468.00	\$5,000.00
SLTGA	Trail Maintenance	\$11,828.00	\$5,000.00
Margaree	Trail Work	\$11,434.68	\$5,000.00
Cumberland Trails	Trail Work	\$15,181.00	\$5,000.00
HTGA	Drainage/Culverts	\$11,320.00	\$5,000.00
Fundy	Signs	\$8,190.85	\$3,132.58
PCSR	Signs	\$10,006.55	\$4,910.50
SLTGA	Bridge	\$11,252.00	\$5,000.00
NSORRA/SLTGA	Bridge	\$11,252.00	\$5,000.00
Crowdis	Brushing	\$11,855.32	\$5,000.00
Crossburn	Signage	\$10,895.00	\$5,000.00
Cumberland Trails	Trail Repairs	\$17,457.00	\$5,000.00
Antigonish	Trail Repairs	\$15,813.50	\$5,000.00
DMSC	Gates	\$9,516.63	\$4,758.32
NSSC	Trail	\$8,232.00	\$4,116.00
Cape Clear	Trail	\$10,140.00	\$5,000.00
Cumberland	Bridge Work	\$12,120.00	\$5,000.00
PCSR	Trail Alignment	\$20,496.10	\$5,000.00
Chignecto	Bridge Work	\$11,650.04	\$4,041.30
Margaree	Trail Repairs	\$10,997.35	\$4,041.30
TOTAL		\$252,962.12	\$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 2021/2022, thirty-four trail projects were approved totaling **\$1,319,894**.

FILE	APPLICANT	DESCRIPTION	APPROVED
2020-11-16-001	SANS	Upgrade trail roads on Wagner lands including brush cutting, grading and bridges & culverts as required.	\$50,000
2020-11-16-002	Fundy ATVenturers ATV Club	Reroute existing trail due to landowner request and to provide continued connectivity between Georgefield Loop and Kennetcook giving access to gas and food.	\$40,237
2020-11-16-004	Annapolis County Trails Society	Enhance parking at 6 trailhead locations, installation of 6 new trailhead kiosks, signage, surfacing stabilization of 3km of previously unenhanced surfacing and maintenance of 54 km of the Harvest Moon Trailway.	\$12,600
2020-11-16-005	Kings County Trails Society	Install 6 new trailhead kiosks and signage, surfacing of 3 kms, 3 new rest stops and maintenance of 27 km of the Harvest Moon Trailway	\$15,200
2020-11-16-006	NSORRA	Maintain six riding parks allowing users to ride in secure locations. Maintenance includes vegetation management, signs, ditching/drainage and tread resurfacing.	\$15,000
2020-11-16-007	Woodland Multi- Use Trail Association	Construct the 6.3 km Jordan Branch Trail including three bridges.	\$37,255
2020-11-16-008	Yarmouth County Trail Development Association	Carry out trail maintenance including grading, resurfacing, brush cutting, ditch clearing, culvert replacement, signage, bollard repainting, bridge decking and unplugging culvers and underneath bridges due to beaver activity.	\$19,108

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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
2020-11-16-010	Chedabucto Multi-Use Trails Association	Continue work on the Dover Trail including a bridge, shaping, and ditching of the new trail, surface finishing and culverts as needed.	\$35,000
2020-11-16-011	Antigonish Sno-Dogs Snowmobile Association	Develop new trail to ensure connectivity for the Sno-dog trail system now necessary as a result of the highway 104 realignment/twinning project from Sutherland's River to Antigonish.	\$38,473
2020-11-16-012	Pictou County Trails Association	Consists of expanding and maintaining the Jitney trail, specifically the section of trail from Roger's Siding to Dufferin nearest Meadowville.	\$40,000
2020-11-16-013	Beaver Bank ATV Club	Remove existing swamp mat. Constructed bridges becoming structurally unsafe, rebuild abutments and ramps leading to bridges and build 3 new 25-ton bridges on the 5K main access trail.	\$100,000
2020-11-16-014	Cumberland Snowmobile Club	Carry out trail upgrades including leveling and surfacing, 4 bridges with 16' bridge panels installed on cement abutments, 2 brook crossing culverts and 8 cross culverts installed.	\$50,000
2020-11-16-015	Route Six Snowmobile Club	Replace bridge on Spur Line trail 26 (Pugwash to Great Trail link) replacement includes: environmental stone, fixing abutments, installing I beams and planking, flares and rail due to the bridge height over 3m.	\$50,357
2020-11-16-016	Sunrise Trails Association	Replace bridge on Purdy Road (Wentworth to Angevine Lake Trail 266(CD 146). Replacement includes environmental stone, raising the abutments, installing I beams and planking.	\$24,740
2020-11-16-017	Cumberland Trails Association	Carry out maintenance including significant ditching/culvert and subsurface work to prepare the rail bed for hard surface crusher dust topcoat and signage on 54kms of trail.	\$50,000
2020-11-16-018	Cumberland Trails Association	Restore Wallace River Swing Bridge central footing and re-point damaged stone mortar.	\$50,000
2020-11-16-019	Celtic Shores Coastal Trail Association	Address 6 components of 2021 workplan including: Km 55.7 Zutphen Gully repair, Km 56 Failed Culvert replacement, motorized access trail area in Judique for 900m, motorized access trail area leading to Creignish Mountain for 200m, Km 24 Coastal Erosion Engineering Walkers Cove for 200m, Km 89 Preliminary Engineering Deepdale Trestle.	\$45,000

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2020-11-16-020	Sheet Harbour Snowmobile & ATV Club	Construction of the Spry trail to connect community of Spry Bay to the larger trail network. Work to include cutting out trail, ditching, shaping, culverts, surfacing as required and a bridge	\$27,719
2020-11-16-021	Tatamagouche Area Trails Association	Resurfacing on 4.7 kms of the Butter Trail, and 26 kms of trail maintenance including: mowing, brush cutting, culvert repair & replacement, box scraping, grading, ditching, snow clearing at 2 trailheads, signage and replacement, beaver damage repair, washroom repair and a new walking trail on a section of the Butter Trail.	\$28,000
2020-11-16-022	Marconi Trailblazers ATV Club	Maintenance including signs, bollards, ditching and resurfacing of 13.4 kms on the Old DEVCO Rail Bed from Gardiner Highway Gardiner Mines to No. 11 Pit Yard in Glace Bay.	\$50,000
2020-11-16-023	Barachois Trail Association	Maintenance including signage, culvers, ditching, brush cutting and raising trail bed on the abandoned rail trail from the crossing of NS-4 Grande Anse to a private road.	\$34,200
2020-11-16-024	Isle Royale ATV Club	Carry out major maintenance/recapitalization on the Pipeline Trail due to increased use and to make it more sustainable.	\$30,842
2020-11-16-026	LaHave River Trail	Bridge repairs/replacement, vegetation management and surface repairs to trail section from Rhodenizer Road to New Germany.	\$37,500
2020-11-16-027	Bull Run Trail Association	Maintenance including trail spot surfacing, brush clearing, mowing, minor bridge repairs, parking lot upgrades, signage, repair and replace posts.	\$4,050
2020-11-16-028	South Shore Annapolis Valley Recreational Trail Association	Construction and installation of bridge over LaHave River, trail repair in New Germany and surrounding area, Trail surfacing from New Germany to Colpton and Bridgetown to Middleton, construct Hwy crossing in Ninevah, decking and repairs to the trail bridge near Clarence, Trail upgrade in Middleton and general maintenance on 110 kms.	\$160,000
2020-11-16-029	Adventure Trail Association	Replacing bridge railings and decks, vegetation management, surface repairs to trail section from Oakhill Road to Town of Bridgewater, spot surface as needed and upgrade parking area that will connect to new CNATV trail.	\$11,100
2020-11-16-030	Brookfield Mines Trail Association	Maintenance including trail surfacing with class A in designated sections, signs/posts, brush clearing/mowing, parking upgrades and culver repair/replacement.	\$16,331

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2020-11-16-031	Bay to Bay Trail Association	Maintenance including resurfacing sections, continuing work from the Lunenburg end of the trail toward Schnare's Crossing, adding 2 rest stops or picnic areas, improving parking areas at Fauxburg Road, and expanding area for off-loading OHV's from trailers.	\$12,000
2020-11-16-032	Dynamite Trail Association	Maintenance including drainage repairs, culverts, ditching, spot surfacing, repair/replace vandalized signage, deck and railing repairs.	\$12,484
2020-11-16-033	Victoria County Trails Federation	Project involves 800 meters of trail construction, including building a bridge. This trail will be a portion of phase 2 of a multi-use trail running from the village of Baddeck to the Cape Breton Highlands.	\$45,000
2020-11-16-034	Eigg Mountain Trails Association	Phase 3 of remediation plan includes crowning and resurfacing multiple lengthy sections of trail on the MacDonald, Backsettlement, Highfield, Campbell-MacQuarrie and John L. trails. This will prevent further water related damage caused by trail drainage issues, reduce trail deterioration along with washout concerns and provide long term sustainability.	\$45,000
2020-11-16-035	Central ATV Club	Continuation of the Naugler Rd to Cookville Connector Trail, work to include trail brushing, grubbing, culverts as required and laying of base material.	\$46,522
2020-11-16-036	Ocean Lake Riders ATV Club	Upgrade trail from the Ocean Lake Road trail to Goldborough with a 16' bridge, ditching, trail repairs and gates.	\$22,000
TOTAL			\$1,319,894