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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 2014-2018

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	CHANGE	AVE.
4 Wheel Drive	196	207	221	262	320	58	241
6 Wheel	16	14	17	19	19	0	17
8 Wheel	4	5	6	7	9	2	6
Argo 8 Wheel	34	39	41	41	41	0	39
ATV 3 Wheels	256	205	222	204	188	-16	215
ATV 4 Wheels	30,759	30,374	32,776	34,263	35,189	926	32672
ATV 6 Wheels	78	75	75	74	78	4	76
Dune Buggy	25	19	19	20	22	2	21
Mini Bike	48	53	57	54	58	4	54
Motorcycle	553	567	635	676	698	22	626
Multi-purpose	122	129	144	171	226	55	158
Snow Vehicle	6220	6609	7219	7161	6652	-509	6772
Total	38311	38296	41432	42952	43500	548	40898

Summary of Income to OHVIF for the past 5 fiscal years, ending on March 31, 2019

Year	2018/2019	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016	2014/2015
OHV Contributions	\$1,699,120.00	\$1,647,120.00	\$1,573,670.00	\$1,580,770.00	\$1,466,705.00
Interest/Invest	\$35,514.00	\$17,455.00	\$8336.00	\$3536.00	\$6,839.00
Total	\$1,734,634.00	\$1,664,575.00	\$1,582,006.00	\$1,584,306.00	\$1,473,544.00

*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 2018	\$325,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$778,000.00	\$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.

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
SANS	\$107,000	\$107,000	\$107,000	\$107,000	\$107,000	\$97,000	\$118,0005
ATVANS	\$163,000	\$163,000	\$163,000	\$163,000	\$163,000	\$133,000	\$168,000
NSORRA	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$57,000	\$64,000
Total	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$287,000	\$350,000

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. In fiscal year 2018/19, no emergency projects were funded.

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 2018/19, 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 2018/19, 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, which is topped up annually based upon reportable disbursements within the previous year.

ATVANS Small Project Grants 2018

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL VALUE	APPROVED
Sunrise Trails ATV Club	Repairs and upgrade of section of trail in the Port Howe area	\$13,900.00	\$5,000.00
Fundy ATVenturers ATV Club	Brush cutting, repairs to roads/trails, repairs to bridge approaches	\$11,200.00	\$5,000.00
Sheet Harbour Snowmobile and ATV Club	Repairs and upgrade approach roads east and west side of Quoddy River	\$8,420.00	\$4,140.00
Fundy ATVenturers ATV Club	Brush cut more trails/road in the Renfrew loop	\$16,042.50	\$5,000.00
East Richmond ATV Club	Fill holes & compact gravel, clear branches and trees, put in culvert, improve drainage and place banners at entrances	\$13,550.00	\$5,000.00
Baddeck & Area ATV Club	Large amount of cutting for approximately 1 km in the centre area of old trail. Old trail needs to be widened.	\$10,700.00	\$5,000.00
Isle Royale ATV Club	Maintenance on a portion of the old established trail at Victoria junction Coal storage plant	\$18,245.47	\$5,000.00
St. Marys ATV Club	Washout repairs, culverts, materials as required and machine work to carry out repairs due to heavy rains	\$9,087.65	\$4,500.00
Fundy ATVenturers ATV Club	Rebuilding a fire access road between Kennetcook and Colbert Road. A joint project between Fundy and DNR	\$24,725.00	\$5,000.00
Broadhorns	Heritage 150 project, west of Issac Harbour to connect Ocean Lake Riders and Broadhorns riding areas	\$13,055.75	\$5,000.00
Sheet Harbour Snowmobile and ATV Club	Phase 2 Quaddy River Bridge and trail. Engineering and abutment repairs	\$9,438.41	\$3,339.00
Lake Charlotte ATV Association	Repair 2km section from intersection of Carrying Place Rd south towards Tower Hill	\$13,610.00	\$5,000.00
Hubbards & Area ATV Club	Brush cutting 10 kms of trail	\$6,490.00	\$3,000.00
Eigg Mountain ATV Club	First 1.8 km of ditching and dozing to restore the Strathglass K-class road back to a safe trail	\$8,500.00	\$4,250.00
Sheet Harbour Snowmobile and ATV Club	Phase 3 Quaddy River Bridge trail. Bridge replacement.	\$15,059.00	\$5,000.00
Annapolis County ATV and Multi Use Trails Society	Construct a multi-use trail in Lequille starting at western end of Harvest Moon Trail (old DAR line) and runs south to Hwy 201	\$5,984.20	\$2,880.00
Digby County ATV Club	Bridge railing and repairs due to storm damage	\$5,250.00	\$2,625.00
		\$189,357.98	\$74,734.00

SANS Small Project Grants 2018

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL VALUE	APPROVED
Antigonish	Trail maintenance on Egg Mountain #715 to provide a safe trail to the safety shelter.	\$15,285.00	\$5,000.00
Crowdis	Repairs to routes 104 and 107	\$10,410.00	\$5,000.00
Fundy	Trail 310 A trail and bridge repairs	\$7,200.40	\$3,305.40
Chignecto	Brush cutting Trails 30, 30A, 32 and 33. Trail repair and drainage work on #31A	\$10,000	\$5,000.00
Inverness	Remediate and raise trail and replace failed culverts at Strathlorne Station/Kenloch Crossing on Inverness/SANS and Celtic Shores Coastal trail.	\$11,081.85	\$5,000.00
Cumberland	Repairs on Trails 42, 1 and 104 to ensure the safety of riders in these areas.	\$8,119.00	\$4,059.00
SLTGA	Upgrade trail 9A to ensure trail safety	\$5,990.00	\$2,990.00
Fundy Trail	Trail 310 A bridge repair-Phase 1, Gower property	\$16,950.00	\$5,000.00
Margaree	Brush cutting from Belle Cote on Trail 806 to 105 & 804 to 805.	\$10,020.50	\$5,000.00
Cumberland	Upgrades to Trail #367 in Amherst Head; also brush cutting trail #367, #104 and #42	\$10,730.00	\$5,000.00
SLTGA	Brush cutting in the Silva Lake/ Castlereagh area	\$9,130.00	\$4,400.00
Cape Clear	Drainage and brush clearing on #403 to West Bay	\$11,316.00	\$4,140.00
Fundy Trail	Trail 310 Bridge repair, Gower property 2nd Phase plus 2 bridge widening	\$14,396.21	\$5,000.00
Pictou County	Brush cutting to maintain trails for groomer and sledding	\$10,850.38	\$5,000.00
SLTGA	Bridge reconstruction on private land on the NS 104	\$15,210.00	\$5,000.00
North Shore	Brush cutting trail 104. Old Nuttby Rd to Old Truro Rd	\$ 5,082.00	\$1,683.00
SANS	1360 sign posts 11 clubs +NSORRA	\$12,131.20	\$4,422.60
		\$183,902.54	\$75,000.00

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 2018/2019, thirty three trail projects were approved totaling \$809,974.

FILE	APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	APPROVED
2017-11-13-001	St. Margaret's Bay Rails to Trails	Phase 3 - Project work includes, resurfacing 11.3 km of trail, canopy management, pothole repair, side of trail mowing, signage, repair vandalism and erosion.	\$15,000.00
2017-11-13-002	Isle Royale ATV Club	Continue trail work including, tree and brush clearing, installing 3 culverts, signage, grubbing, ditching, excavator work, contouring, surfacing and applying aggregate.	\$21,850.00
2017-11-13-003	Eigg Mountain Trails Association	Continue phase 1 - Preparing Highfield & MacQuarrie K roads for machine access to install 2 - 16' MacDonald Bridge panels and 1 or 2 32'	\$47,500.00
2017-11-13-005	North Shore Snowmobile Club	Project work includes clearing vegetation along 22 km of existing trail and rerouting 600 metres of trail around a wet area.	\$6,745.00
2017-11-13-006	Chedabucto Multi-Use Trails Association	Perform upgrades to the old TIR road that travels through the Bonnett Lake Protected Lands Area.	\$23,856.88
2017-11-13-007	Marconi Trail Blazers ATV Club	Reconstruction of trail includes removing top soil to prepare base, excavator work, ditching, aggregate, surfacing, grubbing and installing culverts.	\$11,413.88
2017-11-13-008	Yarmouth County Trail Development Association	Perform maintenance on an 87 km trail.	\$14,151.65
2017-11-13-009	Kings County Trails Society	Replace collapsed culvert at Patterson Brook with bridge.	\$11,581.00
2017-11-13-010	North Shore ATV Club	Replace collapsed bridge located in a wilderness protected area with an engineered bridge.	\$29,097.00
2017-11-13-011	Association sentier de Clare Rails to Trails	Maintenance work including filling large potholes, grading, resurfacing, class A gravel, vegetation management and signage.	\$4,900.00
2017-11-13-013	Bull Run Trail Association	Trail maintenance including replacing 24 bollards with 24 gates, brush clearing 27 km of trail, grading 8 km, ditching 6 km, resurfacing 12 km with class A, and replacing missing and damaged signs.	\$26,565.00
2017-11-13-014	Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association	Trail maintenance including repairing damage to the side of the trail caused by OHV's climbing the slope creating hazardous rutting to trail surface	\$16,706.25
2017-11-13-015	ATVANS	Trail upgrades including grading, brush cutting, ditching and replacement of culverts.	\$50,000.00
2017-11-13-016	South Shore Annapolis Valley Recreational Trail Association	Maintenance including ditching and drainage, building up low lying areas to prevent flooding, vegetation management and tread resurfacing with crush granite.	\$33,000.00

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2017-11-13-017	Fundy Adventurer's ATV Club	Reconstruct an old forestry road, block off several old trails and make entrances narrow to keep trucks out as per landowner's request. Work includes cutting, ditching, installing culverts, rock and graveling.	\$25,266.25
2017-11-13-018	Tatamagouche Area Trails Association	Develop a trail head parking area in Denmark. Ditching, grading, draining and improving a 3 km section of the trail east of Denmark. Develop a new access trail from the Short Line Trail to west Tatamagouche amenities. Rearrange and improve existing trail head in Tatamagouche.	\$20,199.55
2017-11-13-019	Ocean Lake Riders ATV Club	Build and install a 50' bridge as per engineer's specs.	\$23,575.00
2017-11-13-020	NSORRA	Maintenance includes vegetation management, signs, ditching/ drainage and tread resurfacing.	\$15,000.00
2017-11-13-021	Cobequid OHV Club	Remove derelict wooden bridge and install 40' X 7' Steel manufactured bridge with decking, grade approaches and install signage.	\$17,475.00
2017-11-13-022	Antigonish Sno-Dogs Snowmobile Association	Perform maintenance on sections 1 and 2 of Trail #715 including installing culverts, gravelling, levelling, brush cutting and signage.	\$22,562.50
2017-11-13-024	Bay to Bay Trail Association	Trail maintenance including raising the bed, ditching, vegetation management and resurfacing sections of existing trail.	\$4,986.00
2017-11-13-025	Brookfield Mines Trail Association	Maintenance and reconstruction of railbed including ditching/ drainage, tread resurfacing, class A gravel, shale and machine work.	\$36,000.00
2017-11-13-026	South Shore Annapolis Valley Rails to Trails	Maintenance to trail bed from Queen's County to New Germany and Middleton. Upgrades include filling holes, ditching, resurfacing and installing culverts and signage.	\$37,500.00
2017-11-13-028	Colechester Five Islands ATV Club	Maintenance on trail #484A and New Britain Trail #3 includes; brush cutting and gravelling.	\$7,650.00
2017-11-13-029	Central Nova ATV Club	Constructing trail along Harold Whynot Road to link with Municipal Property where trail planning is underway.	\$21,090.00
2017-11-13-030	Inverness County Trails Federation	To stabilize a major erosion at kilometre 59 of the Ceilidh Coastal Trail (on the 105 Trail in West Mabou)	\$37,500.00
2017-11-13-032	District of Lunenburg	New construction includes building a 250-metre trail and completing the crossing at the #10 Hwy in Cookville, installing two gates, machine work, gravel and signage.	\$13,266.00
2017-11-13-033	Dynamite Trail Association	Upgrades include trail resurfacing for 2km from Bay to bay intersection to Sleepy Hollow Road, replacing bridge railing pickets damaged by ATV's and installing a culvert.	\$11,250.00
2017-11-13-034	LaHave River Trail Association	Work includes ditching, shaping, applying base coat & wear-coat, brush cutting and signage.	\$47,500.00
2017-11-13-035	Adventure Trail Association	Maintenance includes resurfacing, installing gates & signage, culvert repairs, erosion protection and preparing a proper parking area adjacent to Hwy 324.	\$14,625.00
2017-11-13-036	Annapolis County Trails Society	Maintenance on 54 kilometers of multi-use trail on Main D.A.R. corridor (Crown Land). Work includes vegetation management, ditching/drainage, and resurfacing.	\$8,740.00

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2017-11-13-037	St. Mary's ATV Club	Continuing the connectivity plan of connecting Sherbrooke with trail B28. Work includes installing a bridge, vegetation management, ditching, resurfacing and signage.	\$46,590.00
2017-11-13-038	Ocean Lake Riders ATV Club	Rebuild & upgrade 1 km section of old trail which will provide a connection to the Broadhorns ATV Club and onto Pictou County ATV Club.	\$18,026.25
			\$741,168.21