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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 2019/20. Previous years reports can be found online here: <http://novascotia.ca/natr/ohv/fund.asp>

Disclaimer

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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 2015-2019

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	CHANGE	AVE.
4 Wheel Drive	207	221	262	320	440	120	290
6 Wheel	14	17	19	19	18	-1	17
8 Wheel	5	6	7	9	7	-2	7
Argo 8 Wheel	39	41	41	41	40	-1	40
ATV 3 Wheels	205	222	204	188	190	2	202
ATV 4 Wheels	30,374	32,776	34,263	35,189	36,815	1626	33883
ATV 6 Wheels	75	75	74	78	78	0	76
Dune Buggy	19	19	20	22	19	-3	20
Mini Bike	53	57	54	58	50	-8	54
Motorcycle	567	635	676	698	805	107	676
Multi-purpose	129	144	171	226	261	35	186
Snow Vehicle	6609	7219	7161	6652	6779	127	6884
Total	38296	41432	42952	43500	45502	2002	42336

Summary of Income to OHVIF for the past 5 fiscal years, ending on March 31, 2020

Year	2019/2020	2018/2019	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016
OHV Contributions	\$1,762,520.00	\$1,699,120.00	\$1,647,120	\$1,573,670	\$1,580,770.00
Interest/Invest	\$41,407	\$35,514.00	\$17,455.00	\$8,336.00	\$3,536.00
Total	\$1,803,928	\$1,734,634.00	\$1,664,575.00	\$1,582,006	\$1,584,306.00

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 2019	\$325,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$1,228,000	\$25,000

Note: Monies allocated and not used, remain in the fund. Over the life of the fund, approximately \$400,000 has accumulated from yearly carry-over. 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 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.

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2011
SANS	\$107,000	\$107,000	\$107,000	\$107,000	\$107,000	\$107,000	\$642,000
ATVANS	\$163,000	\$163,000	\$163,000	\$163,000	\$163,000	\$163,000	\$978,000
NSORRA	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$330,000
Total	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$1,950,000

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 2019/20, there were three Emergency Funding applications approved for a grant.

APPLICANT	DESCRIPTION	APPROVED AMOUNT
ANNAPOLIS VALLEY TRAILS COALITION	Emergency Funding. Two significant weather events, washouts and blowdown blocking trail.	\$15,425
ANNAPOLIS VALLEY RIDGE RUNNERS	Emergency Funding. Weather event, washouts and blowdown blocking trail, culverts blown out, need replaced	\$10,764
ANNAPOLIS VALLEY RIDGE RUNNERS	Emergency Funding. Two significant weather events, repairing washouts to re-open the trail.	\$2,443.75
TOTAL		\$28,632.75

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 2019/20, 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 2019/20, 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 2019

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL VALUE	APPROVED
Colchester Five Islands	Upgrading existing trail on New Britain Road by ditching, new culvert and gravel.	\$12,600.00	\$5,000.00
Sheet Harbour	Replace missing signs on 107 trail.	\$9,802.43	\$4,900.00
Long Lake Loggers	Replace bridge deck on existing bridge.	\$9,202.75	\$4,550.00
Marconi Trailblazers	Ditching and recoating 450 meters of trail.	\$10,566.90	\$5,000.00
Isle Royale	Adding aggregate to build up the existing trail as required by the landowner.	\$5,660.00	\$2,000.00
Cobequid OHV Club	Fix washout of trail due to heavy rainfall located on Rod Brown property, known as the Beaver Leveler.	\$10,585.00	\$5,000.00
PUMA	Decking and wear strip repairs.	\$2,120.50	\$1,000.00
North Shore ATV Club	General maintenance including brush clearing, ditching, culverts, graveling, signage and decking/wear strip repairs on trail #410A.	\$10,090.00	\$5,000.00
Chignecto ATV Club	Repair to low wet areas and widening of trail #1, install cross drainage culverts and two gates.	\$10,852.00	\$5,000.00
Isle Royale ATV Club	Repairs to MacDonald Road Bridge as per TIR request.	\$9,546.72	\$3,000.00
Kings County ATV Club	Trail repairs including culverts, gravel, rock and shaping as requested by landowner.	\$9,138.25	\$4,650.00
St Mary's ATV Club	Beaver leveler installation, bridge replacement and trail upgrades due to flooding.	\$10,765.50	\$5,000.00
Cumberland Trails Association	Culvert replacement and washout repairs due to hurricane damage.	\$10,570.00	\$5,000.00
Digby County ATV Club	Bypass trail repairs and upgrades, increased drainage and brush cutting.	\$10,532.50	\$5,000.00
Beaver Bank ATV Club	Repairs to 5K trail, hauling rock to fill in low rough sections and trail trimming.	\$11,247.24	\$5,000.00
Victoria County Trails Federation	Grubbing, leveling, ditching, culverts as required, and placement of pit run gravel to build a base on trail leading from Baddeck overpass towards Baddeck. Phase 1, section C.	\$14,605.00	\$5,000.00
Kings County ATV Club	Mechanical brush cutting to improve sight lines and safety.	\$10,631.50	\$5,000.00
Barachois Trail Association	Ditching, brush cutting, replacing culverts and raising trail base between Hwy 320 and Hwy 4 on rail trail.	\$23,747.50	\$5,000.00
Ocean lake Riders ATV Club	Washout repairs, signage, gate installation and erosion control.	\$10,389.09	\$5,000.00
Cumberland Trails Association	Culvert replacement, washout repairs and shale covering on Short-line Trail due to hurricane damage.	\$11,554.00	\$5,000.00
Mid-Valley ATV Club	Mechanical brush cutting in Joe Simon area, improve sightlines and safety.	\$10,631.00	\$5,000.00
Baddeck and Area ATV Club	Upgrading 1.9km of trail including brush cutting, grading, shaping, ditching and culvert repairs	\$10,177.50	\$4,900.00
TOTAL		\$235,015.38	\$100,000.00

SANS Small Project Grants 2019

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL VALUE	APPROVED
SLTGA (Not funded until 2019)	Bridge Rebuild 2	\$ 23,752.81	\$5,000.00
Chignecto	Signage and Trail 30 Repair	\$9,985.00	\$4,992.50
Inverness	Brush Cutting Trail 105	\$13,080.04	\$5,000.00
DMSC	2 Bridges and Trail work	\$21,692.76	\$5,000.00
Whycocomagh	Bridge and Trail Repair	\$10,093.00	\$5,000.00
SLTGA	Trail 104 Repair	\$11,150.00	\$4,715.00
Margaree	Brush Cutting Trails 105 and 804	\$10,022.50	\$5,000.00
SANS	Trail Markers	\$6,175.00	\$2,921.00
Cumberland Trails	Trail Repair	\$10,925.00	\$5,000.00
PCSR	Signage	\$9,119.63	\$4,539.63
SLTGA	Brush Cutting	\$5,483.50	\$2,640.00
Cumberland SC	Trail Work	\$9,792.00	\$4,896.00
LADA/Inverness	Trail Work	\$12,063.00	\$5,000.00
Victoria County Trails Federation	Trail Development	\$24,174.25	\$5,000.00
Cumberland Trails	Dorian Damage Repair	\$17,035.00	\$5,000.00
Cape Clear	Trail Maintenance	\$17,652.50	\$5,000.00
Fundy	Wet Land Repair	\$9,171.25	\$4,585.62
Crossburn	Bridge and Brush	\$11,452.00	\$5,000.00
AVRR	Brush cutting	\$10,564.00	\$5,000.00
Margaree	Trail Repair	\$11,752.00	\$5,000.00
SLTGA	Trail Repair	\$4,586.00	\$2,030.50
Fundy	Bridge Repair	\$12,906.50	\$4,424.34
TOTAL		\$272,627.74	\$100,744.59

Off-Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund -trail infrastructure projects

Historically, 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 provided the committee with a one-time opportunity to review projects outside the normal model of 50 percent funding to a maximum of \$50,000.00.

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 2019/2020, thirty-eight trail projects were approved totaling **\$1,217,058.84**.

FILE	APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	APPROVED
2018-11-14-001	East Richmond ATV Riders Association	Upgrades on 2 km of trail from River Bourgeois to Louisdale including, ditching, replacing culverts, trimming trees, barriers, gravel, arbor stone along wet area and signage.	\$29,250.00
2018-11-14-002	St. Margaret's Bay Rails to Trails	Resurfacing of 32.5 km of trail, replacing the decks of seven bridges, correcting chronic drainage problems by installing new ditches and culverts, and cutting canopy and side vegetation.	\$11,250.00
2018-11-14-003	Cumberland snowmobile Club	Upgrades to, Long Lake Rd. Trail 104 (3.5 km), Chignecto Ship Railway Trail 104 (4 km) and Chignecto Ship Railway Trail 366 (2 km) including ditching/drainage and tread resurfacing. Also, obtain engineer analysis for use/repair to Ketchum suspension Bridge in Tidnish.	\$50,000.00
2018-11-14-004	Yarmouth County Trail Development Association	Perform maintenance on an 87 km trail. Work includes brush/grass/tree cutting, ditch cleaning, grading, small tractor work, replacing culverts, signage, repainting rocks and bollards and replacing wear strips and boards on bridges.	\$11,441.77
2018-11-14-005	Woodland Multi-Use Trail	Phase 2 - reconstruction of 9 km rail bed, tree clearing, ditching, culvert replacement/clearing, tread resurfacing, repairs determined by engineering inspection of six bridges, barriers, signs.	\$50,000.00
2018-11-14-006	Pictou County Trail Association	Phase 5 - Roger's Siding (Warming Hut) to Joudrey Road. improvements including, ditching, resurfacing, gravel, brush cutting, installing culverts and gates.	\$50,000.00
2018-11-14-007	Chignecto / Glooscap Snowmobile Association	maintenance including, brush cutting on several trails, bridge resurfacing and drainage/ditch work in the Kelly River PWA.	\$8,370.00

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2018-11-14-008	Woodland Multi-Use Trail	conduct the steel repairs identified in the engineer's report on the Ogdens Creek Trail Bridge.	\$97,500.00
2018-11-14-009	Cobequid OHV Club	Remove washed out bridge and replace with new bridge	\$55,200.00
2018-11-14-010	SANS	Brush cutting, grading and upgrading to trail roads on Wagner Lands plus one new road.	\$50,000.00
2018-11-14-011	Pictou County Snow-riders	Remove failing wooden bridge, dig abutments back from water course and replace with 36-foot bridge.	\$43,875.00
2018-11-14-012	Pictou County Trail Association	Remove failing bridge, dig and place abutments back from water course and replace with new 60-foot bridge.	\$62,900.00
2018-11-14-013	Annapolis Valley Ridge Runners Snowmobile	Bridge upgrade to OHV standards, vegetation management, signage, ditching and removing rocks.	\$19,558.00
2018-11-14-014	BLT Rails to Trails	Resurface a 2 km section of trail with 4-6 inches of crusher dust, complete 100-200 metres of ditching near a highway overpass and increase the width of gated access points on the trail to 66 inches.	\$8,700.00
2018-11-14-015	Tatamagouche Area Rails to Trails	Trail maintenance includes, Tatamagouche trailhead enhancements, resurfacing 3.7 km in Bayhead and annual maintenance on 26km of rail trail.	\$37,500.00
2018-11-14-016	Annapolis County Trails Society	Trail maintenance on 54 km of the Harvest Moon Trailways destination Trail, 4 replacement drainage culverts and 4 new trailhead kiosks.	\$10,985.60
2018-11-14-017	Kings County Trails Society	Phase one of 3-year upgrade. Cambridge to Kingston includes grading and maintenance to bridge decking and surfacing. Cambridge to Berwick include, upgrades to the trail head, signage, creating rest stops and interpretive areas.	\$17,897.60
2018-11-14-018	Oxford & Area Trails Association	Construction of 1km of trail along Black River Road which will complete the link from New Brunswick to Pictou. Construction includes, clearing, grubbing and surfacing.	\$28,750.00
2018-11-14-019	Lake Ainslie Development Association Trail Committee	Drainage and gravel to improve two sections of trail. Piper's Glen (8km) and Deepdale area into Kenlock (10km).	\$29,890.00
2018-11-14-020	South Shore Annapolis Valley Recreational Trail Association	Brush clearing, trail grading, surface repairs, tree cutting and signage along 24 km section of trail.	\$19,880.00
2018-11-14-021	Bull Run Trail Association	Bush clearing and bush hogging 27 km of trail, ditching in specific areas as needed, signage and resurfacing 8 km of trail with class 'A'.	\$21,459.75
2018-11-14-022	Brookfield Mines Trail Association	gravel surfacing of 7 km of trail, signage and building up 200 meters of remaining low section.	\$23,866.40
2018-11-14-023	Dynamite Trail Association	Maintenance including, mowing, surfacing, culvert replacement and vandalism repairs such as installing signs, posts and gates.	\$8,062.50
2018-11-14-024	Adventure Trail Association	Maintenance including brush clearing, surface and culvert repair, signage and paving ramps at crossings.	\$9,375.00
2018-11-14-025	Fundy ATVenturers ATV Club	Brush cutting and general maintenance to increase visibility/safety and opening a 40 km loop which provides access to a seasonal eating establishment.	\$49,500.00

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2018-11-14-026	Municipality of the District of Digby	Install traffic and safety signage along 40 km trail, repair surface, replace/repair culverts, buildup 300 m of trail to original height, and repair decking and railing on bridge over Youngs Brook.	\$22,365.00
2018-11-14-027	Cabot Snowmobile Club	Upgrade 1.4 km of existing trail to provide groomer access and rerouting of .6 km of trail to provide better access to amenities/ services at Wreck Cove.	\$23,380.00
2018-11-14-028	Chedabucto Multi-Use Trails Association	Continue work on the Cole Harbour Trail system including, drainage, installing culverts and trimming.	\$17,500.00
2018-11-14-029	NSORRA	Maintain six riding parks allowing users to ride in secure locations. Maintenance includes vegetation management, signs, ditching/ drainage and tread resurfacing.	\$15,000.00
2018-11-14-030	Celtic Shores Coastal Trail	Remediation of river erosion and trail bank protection at Marker 59. Cost includes engineering assessment, geotechnical investigation, retainer wall and trail remediation.	\$100,000.00
2018-11-14-031	Driftclimbers Snowmobile Club	Total reconstruction of 10 km of trail for groomer access to Mount Uniacke Irving and future connection to Hants SnoDusters Trails. Work includes vegetation management, signs, ditching and resurfacing.	\$37,500.00
2018-11-14-032	North Shore Snowmobile Club	Replacement of the Cork Town Bridge.	\$44,505.00
2018-11-14-033	Bay to Bay Trail Association	Raising the bed, resurfacing and ditching sections of the existing trail.	\$11,250.00
2018-11-14-034	Ocean Lake Riders ATV Club	Rebuild & upgrade 3/4 km section of trail that runs from New Harbour to the Eight Mile Lake and replace Northwest Brooke Bridge.	\$57,250.00
2018-11-14-035	Marconi Trail Blazers ATV Club	Tree and brush clearing, placement of three culverts and aggregate, grubbing, ditching, reconstruction of old road and improving surface.	\$32,224.52
2018-11-14-036	Isle Royale ATV Club	Tree and brush clearing, placement of four culverts and aggregate, grubbing, ditching, reconstruction of old skidder routes and improving surface.	\$19,552.70
2018-11-14-037	Association sentier de Clare Rail to Trail Association	Perform maintenance work including filling pot holes, grass and brush cutting, and surfacing.	\$6,300.00
2018-11-14-038	Association sentier de Clare Rail to Trail Association	Upgrades to Bellivieu River Bridge including replacing wear strip decking and increasing the total width depth to 66 inches.	\$25,020.00
			\$1,217,058.84