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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 Natural Resources and in part through the OHVIF Committee which reports to the Minister of Natural Resources (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 members are:

AFFILIATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE
Chairperson	Ted Scrutton	
Snowmobile Association of Nova Scotia	Mike Eddy	Pat Burke
Nova Scotia Off Road Riders Association	Neil Jennings	Gregg Hamilton
All Terrain Vehicle Association of Nova Scotia	Corey Robar	Barry Barnet
Nova Scotia Trails Federation	Holly Woodill	Vanda Jackson
Municipal Representative	Laura Barkhouse	
Ministerial Advisor Committee/Member at Large	Laurie Cranton	
NS Department of Natural Resources	Sandy Anderson	
NS Department of Environment	Kermit deGooyer	
NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage	Wayne Matheson	
NS Department of Natural Resources	Doug Oliver	

This report contains activities from the Off-Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund (OHVIF) for fiscal year 2015/16. Previous years report 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 2011-2015

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	+/- PRIOR YEAR	5 YEAR AVE.
4 Wheel Drive	146	171	152	196	207	11	174
6 Wheel Drive	16	12	13	16	14	-2	14
8 Wheel Drive	8	4	7	4	5	1	6
Argo 8 Wheel	39	50	33	34	39	5	39
ATV 3 Wheels	368	329	280	256	205	-51	288
ATV 4 Wheels	26,831	27,802	29,275	30,759	30,374	-385	29,008
ATV 6 Wheels	83	80	80	78	75	-3	79
Dune Buggy	28	26	27	25	19	-6	25
Mini Bike	59	55	57	48	53	5	54
Motorcycle	662	608	591	553	567	14	596
Multi-purpose	80	119	97	122	129	7	109
Snow Vehicle	8,132	6,266	7,822	6,220	6,609	389	7,010
TOTAL PER YEAR	36,452	35,522	38,434	38,311	38,296	-15	37,403

Summary of Income to OHVIF for the past 5 fiscal years, ending on March 31, 2016

YEAR	2015/2016	2014/2015	2013/2014	2012/2013	2011/2012
OHV Contributions	\$1,580,770.00	\$1,466,705.00	\$1,448,607.00	\$1,238,795.00	\$1,212,385.00
Interest/Invest	\$3536.00	\$6,839.00	\$5,790.00	\$6,520.00	\$6514.00
TOTAL	\$1,584,306.00	\$1,473,544.00	\$1,454,397.00	\$1,245,315.00	\$1,218,899.00

Reporting of OHV registration is calculated by calendar year (January to December), SAP financial information is by fiscal year (April to March).

Previous years data found in Summary Report Off-Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund 2006-2013.
<http://novascotia.ca/natr/ohv/pdf/OHV-Funding-Summary.pdf>

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 Natural Resources.

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
- ▶ Trails - sustainable development and maintenance of OHV trails;
 - ▶ Emergency Funding
 - ▶ Small Projects
 - ▶ Infrastructure projects

	Core Funding	Special & Emergency Projects	Small Grants Projects	Infrastructure Projects
Allocated in 2015	\$325,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$751,653

Note: Monies allocated but not used remain in the fund to be carried forward to next year's budget

A comprehensive description of funding criteria and eligibility is available on the DNR website at <http://www.gov.ns.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 DNR staff and the OHVIF Committee. Recommendations respecting the disbursement of core funding among the three OHV organizations are made to the Minister of Natural Resources based upon advice from the Presidents and executive of the three OHV organizations.

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	TOTALS
SANS	\$107,000	\$107,000	\$97,000	\$118,000	\$92,855	\$100,000	\$621,855
ATVANS	\$163,000	\$163,000	\$133,000	\$168,000	\$161,265	\$120,000	\$908,265
NSORRA	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$57,000	\$64,000	\$70,850	\$50,000	\$351,850
TOTAL	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$287,000	\$350,000	\$324,970	\$270,000	\$1,881,970

Emergency Funding

An annual emergency fund 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.

No Emergency Funding request were received in 2015/2016

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 2015/16, three Special project were funded.

APPLICANT	DESCRIPTION	APPROVED AMOUNT
SANS	SANS Youth member attend conference in New York	\$1500
SANS, ATVANS, NSORRA	OHV Financial Impact study	\$14,628
ATVANS	create a GIS Data Base	\$9,660
TOTAL		\$25,788

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

ATVANS Small Project Grants 2014

APPLICANT	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT VALUE	APPROVED
Lake Charlotte ATV Club	Trail rebuild, culvert replacement	\$11,300.00	\$4960.00
Chignecto ATV Club	Install Texas Gates	\$3229.42	\$1500.00
Central Nova ATV Club	Bride replacement	\$10,950.00	\$5000
Yarmouth County Trail Development Association	Brush cutting, surfacing, cleaning ditches	\$23,900.00	\$4900
Marconi Trailblazers ATV Club	Waterhole repairs	\$10,127.00	\$5000
Marine Riders ATV Club	Repair GeoGrid trail bridge	\$10,109.00	\$4900
Marine Riders ATV Club	Repairs to HFX26 trail	\$5,500.00	\$2700
Brookfield Mines Trail Association	Bridge and drainage repairs	\$15,000.00	\$2600
Queens Rails to Trails Association	Washout repairs	\$4,011.71	\$1700
Ocean Lake Riders ATV Club	Brush clearing	\$2,478.00	\$1230
Isle Royal ATV Club	Isle Royal ATV Club	\$5,832.64	\$2000
Marine Riders ATV Club	Repair GeoGrid trail bridge – HFX24	\$10,056.60	\$5000
Safety Minded ATV Club	Repairs to Tote Road trail	\$4202.60	\$1900
Cobequid OHV Club	Re-decking and washout repairs	\$10,200.00	\$5000
Baddeck and Area ATV Club	Trail repairs and upgrades	\$12,256.00	\$5000
			\$53,390

SANS Small Project Grants 2015

APPLICANT	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT VALUE	APPROVED
Chignecto	Bush Cutting existing trails #30A, 33	\$10,880.00	\$5,000.00
Cape Clear	To clear brush and ditching to promote safer trails; Trail 104 approx. 26 KM	\$10,637.50	\$5,000.00
Chignecto	Repair, replace and update more than 200 signs over 300 Kms.	\$6,900.00	\$3,400.00
The Cabot	Replace snowmobile bridge decking. curb & rail to accommodate a groomer; connecting Timberlake West to Cathy Rd.	\$11,125.00	\$5,000.00
Cumberland	Upgrade 2 drainage culverts, repair 0.5km of trail with shale	\$23,000.00	\$5,000.00
Fundy	Improve signage to address safety concerns	\$5,828.96	\$2,868.98
Tidnish Crossroads and Area Community Association (Trails Committee)	Clean and repair 2 culverts-Long Lake trail, drain water holes Ship Railway. Level 2KM of trail. Brush cutting and clearing of #366.	\$11,000.00	\$5,000.00
AVRR	To replace, renew and upgrade signage on AVRR's trails	\$9,019.20	\$4,509.60
Crossburn	Upgrades to the Squirreltown bridge to ensure the safe use by groomers, requires box in the I-Beam on the bridge.	\$3,293.88	\$1,646.94
Fundy	Re-Top renew curb on bridge trail 104	\$3,565.79	\$1,731.79
Pictou	Repair existing trail to by-pass the 104 to avert problems with 4x4 truck travel on the trail.	\$10,672.00	\$5,000.00
Route 6	Signs to be installed on Route 6 trail	\$5,000.00	\$1,767.10
SLTGA	Widen trail, remove old bridge structure, dispose of materials, cleanup site, prep for new signage.	\$4,060.00	\$2,030.00
North Shore	Widen the 104 trail for 2km by 20 '	\$10,800.00	\$5,000.00
Crowdis	Emergency repair on routes 780 & 760 in the Big Baddeck area; culverts, repair road erosion, install deflector post for groomer safety.	\$10,059.00	\$5,000.00
Margaree	Renew trail Signage	\$7,106.00	\$3,545.00
Crossburn	Repair/level damaged trail #50 (200') remove rocks and level 300' section of trail 4B (includes 2 culverts.)	\$4,323.00	\$2,151.50
			\$63,650.91

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 2015/2016, thirty two trail projects were approved totaling \$750,388.76.

FILE#	APPLICANT	DESCRIPTION	APPROVED AMOUNT
2014-11-14-001	South Shore Annapolis Valley	Redeck a 40 ft bridge over the Shinglemill Brook in New Germany. Upgrade existing trail with signage, brush cutting and resurface sections in poor condition.	\$25,000.00
2014-11-14-002	Safety Minded ATV Association	Continue road work east along the Old Coach Road including ditching, culvers, trail side trimming. Install bridge at Nine Mile River, bridge at Indian River and a parking area at Fire Road.	\$50,000.00
2014-11-14-004	Lake Ainslie Development Association Trail Committee	Continue developing 16.54 kms of trail in the Kenloch and Scotsville area.	\$40,000.00
2014-11-14-006	Cumberland Snowmobile Club	Clear right of way, trimming and brush cutting, repair trail bed, ditching and drainage as required. Install beaver culvert or 20' bridge, install up to 50' bridge and resurface tread.	\$50,000.00
2014-11-14-007	Pictou County Sno-Riders Snowmobile Club	Improve a 10-kilometer section of trail #104 including ditching, repairing mud holes with rock and installing new culverts.	\$19,652.11
2014-11-14-008	Fundy Trail Snowmobile & Recreation Club	Remove old bridge and install new bridge for the continued use of the NS 104 Trail over a portion of Trout Lake in Colchester County.	\$31,625.00
2014-11-14-009	Oxford & Area Trails Association	Complete an unfinished portion of the Trans Canada Trail in the Oxford area by connecting the east and the west side of the River Philip with a bridge.	\$50,000.00
2014-11-14-010	SANS	for trail maintenance including grading, brush cutting, ditching and replacement of culverts with suitable bridge structures.	\$50,000.00
2014-11-14-012	St. Mary's Trail Association	Assemble, launching and fitting out a 170' by 8' Mabey C200 steel panel bridge with support tower over Ellis Brook near Aspen.	\$25,000.00
2014-11-14-013	Guysborough County Trails Association	Rebuild 37 kms of trail, removal of bush, debris and trees, ditching, installation of culverts, installation of gravel and rocks as well as widening MacAllister Bridge	\$23,500.00
2014-11-14-014	Dalhousie Mountain Snowmobile Club	Repair bridge and improve sections of trail including ditching, brush cutting, grading and culverts.	\$10,378.56

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2014-11-14-015	Pictou County ATV Club	Develop new trail, redevelop overgrown trail to branch off-highway to reconnect with the currently used NS 104 Trail eliminating 700 meters of shoulder travel. Redeck bridge near North River Lake	\$15,294.61
2014-11-14-017	Sutherlands Lake Trail Groomer Association	Remove bridge and decking, install concrete abutments, raise bridge deck, install new decking and railings and strengthen bridge crossing.	\$23,975.00
2014-11-14-019	Highland ATV Club	Upgrades to 11.8 km of SANS 104 Trail / Jim Cambell Barren Wilderness Protected Area. Construction includes better water management, improvements to the trail surface and pit run top coating as required.	\$30,000.00
2014-11-14-020	Margaree Highlanders Snowmobile Club	Move 1 km of the 105 trail into Margaree 50 feet off the TIR right away. Construction includes clearing, excavation, cross drainage and gravel.	\$10,940.00
2014-11-14-021	Nova Scotia Off Road Riders Association	Trail maintenance of five riding parks including vegetation management, signs, ditching/drainage and tread resurfacing.	\$4,500.00
2014-11-14-022	Isle Royale ATV Club	Continue work on the Mira Gut trail system including tree & brush clearing, ditching, grubbing, trail build up, resurfacing, haulage of aggregate, culverts.	\$34,468.38
2014-11-14-024	Fundy ATVenturers	5.5 kms reconstruction of old trail from the Rines Road to Kennetcook including vegetation management, signage, ditching/drainage and tread resurfacing.	\$23,500.00
2014-11-14-026	Driftclimbers Snowmobile Club	Upgrade 7 kms of trail from Chesapeake Drive to Beaverbank Road connecting to Trail #101 in Rawdon. Improvements include signage, ditching/drainage and tread resurfacing.	\$10,823.00
2014-11-14-027	Pictou County Trails Association	Upgrade 14.5 kms of trail from Scotsburn to River John. Work includes ditching, vegetation control, surface construction and finishing, installation of gates and the design and construction of the 25' bridge across Big Caribou River.	\$23,500.00
2014-11-14-028	Municipality of Chester	Carry out 15 kms of brush cutting, transition from bollards to swing gates at 25 locations, resurfacing and ditching in a 5km section as well as do mortar work and replace some bearings on the Gold River Bridge.	\$20,000.00
2014-11-14-029	Queens Rails to Trails Association	Carry out trail surfacing, culvert repair/installation, brush clearing, bridge assessment and design, signage and posts on 26 km trail.	\$16,450.00
2014-11-14-030	Dynamite Trail Association	Carry out brush clearing, 7 kms of grading, 6 kms of surfacing, as well as installation of three gates and signage.	\$16,450.00

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2014-11-14-031	LaHave River Trail Association	Reconstruct two sections of the LaHave River Trail between Cookville and New Germany. Work involves trail surfacing, gravel, grading, ditching, brush clearing and signage.	\$20,000.00
2014-11-14-032	Adventure Trail Association	Carry out maintenance on sections of trail from Mahone Bay to Blockhouse including resurfacing, brush clearing, signage and replacing bridge wear surface eroded by OHV's	\$5,875.00
2014-11-14-033	Bay to Bay Trail Organization	Upgrade 10 kms of trail including 2 trail head kiosks, 4 gates, surfacing, brush clearing, mowing, parking (3), and building up 500 metres through wetland.	\$8,798.40
2014-11-14-034	Bull Run Trail Association	Carry out trail surfacing, ditching, brush clearing and re-install signs and posts.	\$21,620.00
2014-11-14-035	Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association	Complete a connecting trail through Shelburne Municipality. Work includes ditching, brush clearing, surfacing, signage, engineering reports for 6 bridges, construction materials and labour.	\$9,000.00
2014-11-14-036	Tatamagouche Area Trails Association	Repair bridge at French River, re-plank bridge at Waugh River and carry out mowing, grading and snow removal.	\$20,000.00
2014-11-14-038	Cobequid Off Highway Vehicle Club	Replace existing bridge with 34' X 14' bridge over Mile Brook located on a diversion of the Old Halifax Post Road as well as carry out brush cutting.	\$29,000.00
2014-11-14-041	Annapolis Valley Ridge Snowmobile Club	Re-route severed Trail #6 to reconnect the community of New Ross with the remainder of the trail system.	\$19,003.18
2014-11-14-042	Nova Scotia Off Road Riders Association	Construct a new riding park in Economy. Development includes large OHV parking lot, designated certified training area, 6kms of trail, and kids training track	\$12,035.53
			\$750,388.76