

Off Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund Fiscal year 2014



Summary Report

June 2015

Introduction

The Off-highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund (the Fund) was established as a result of recommendations of the Voluntary Planning Task Force on Off Highway Vehicles in response to public concerns over the impact off highway vehicle use in the Province. The fund is managed 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.

This report contains activities from the Off Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund (OHVIF) for fiscal year 2014/15 and is intended to be an extension of the document entitled "Summary Report Off-Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund 2006-2013".

<http://novascotia.ca/natr/ohv/pdf/OHV-Funding-Summary.pdf>

Disclaimer

This report has been compiled for information purposes only and should be considered DRAFT in nature. 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>

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Count of OHV registration for calendar years 2010–2014

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	+/- prior year	Average
4 Wheel Drive	146	146	171	152	196	44	162
6 Wheel	12	16	12	13	16	3	14
8 Wheel	5	8	4	7	4	-3	6
Argo 8 Wheel	45	39	50	33	34	1	40
ATV 3 Wheels	388	368	329	280	256	-24	324
ATV 4 Wheels	27,082	26,831	27,802	29,275	30,759	1,484	28,350
ATV 6 Wheels	86	83	80	80	78	-2	81
Dune Buggy	30	28	26	27	25	-2	27
Mini Bike	56	59	55	57	48	-9	55
Motorcycle	684	662	608	591	553	-38	620
Multi-purpose	62	80	119	97	122	25	96
Snow Vehicle	7,394	8,132	6,266	7,822	6,220	-1,602	7,167
Total per year	35,990	36,452	35,522	38,434	38,311	-123	36,942

Summary of Income to OHVIF fiscal years ending on March 31, 2015

	2015	2014	2013
OHV Contributions	\$1,466,705.00	\$1,448,607.00	\$1,238,795.00
Interest/Invest	\$6,839.00	\$5,790.00	\$6,520.00
Other Revenue	—	—	—
Total	\$1,473,544.00	\$1,454,397.00	\$1,245,315.00

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;
 - i. Emergency Funding
 - ii. Small Projects
 - iii. Infrastructure projects

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.

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Totals
SANS	107,000	97,000	118,000	92,855	100,000	100,000	50,000	664,855
ATVANS	163,000	133,000	168,000	161,265	120,000	120,000	130,000	995,265
NSORRA	55,000	57,000	64,000	70,850	50,000	50,000	50,000	396,850
Total	325,000	287,000	350,000	324,970	270,000	270,000	230,000	2,056,970

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.

Emergency Funds disbursed in 2014–2015

Applicant	Description	Approved Amount
Cumberland County Snowmobile Club	bridge replacement	\$10,350.00
Celidh Coast Trail Association	engineers study – bridge design	\$3,025.00
Fundy Trail Snowmobile Club	replace culvert and repair washouts	\$17,250.00
Annapolis Valley Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club	Emergency Funding – repair and decking of an existing 40 foot bridge on main corridor trails that link the communities of Coldbrook, Berwick, New Ross, Windsor, and New Germany.	\$3,900.00
Inverness County Trails Federation	replace washed out large culvert	\$11,700.00
South Shore Annapolis Valley	replace and fix washed out culverts	\$8,230.95
Municipality of Chester	repair washed out sections of trail, ditching.	\$4,500.00
Total		\$58,955.95

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 2014–2015 one Special project was funded.

Applicant	Description	Approved Amount
NSORRA	purchase youth safety training/riding equipment	\$2,000.00

Small Project Grants

The small grants fund is a portion of the OHV Trails fund assigned to SANS and ATVANS to manage small projects (less than \$5,000). Each organization was provided with an initial grant of \$50,000 which is topped up annually based upon reportable disbursements within the previous year. Beginning in fiscal 2015, SANS and ATVANS small grant program will be increased to \$75,000 annually.

ATVANS Small Project Grants 2014

Applicant	Description	Total Project Value	Approved
Chignecto ATV Club	Trail reroute around blueberry fields and cemetery	\$10,216.00	\$5,000.00
Ocean Lake Riders ATV Club	Washout Repair	\$6,218.93	\$3,100.00
Sunrise Trails ATV Club	Finish Purdy Rd, seeding and surfacing	\$6,483.75	\$3,000.00
Cobequid OHV Club	Washout Repairs	\$5,900.00	\$2,950.00
Chignecto ATV Club	Bridge washout repairs	\$16,500.00	\$3,750.00
Beaverbank ATV Club	Service access trail repairs and upgrades (leads to gas)	\$14,198.46	\$4,950.00
Isle Royal ATV Club	Waterhole and drainage repairs	\$11,755.00	\$5,000.00
Pictou County ATV Club	Trail reroute to avoid highway travel	\$15,458.08	\$5,000.00
Isle Madame ATV Riders	Maintenance, and general repairs, trail widening on hill for safety	\$11,533.75	\$5,000.00
Sunrise Trails ATV Club	Gate, culverts and surfacing from Pugwash Spur to Pugwash Connector	\$11,460.00	\$5,000.00
Digby County ATV Club	Culvert and repairs to Digby Bypass Trail	\$5,363.00	\$2,250.00
Fundy ATVenturers	Trail remediation along Bloise field	\$13,130.00	\$5,000.00
Total		\$128,216.97	\$50,000.00

SANS Small Project Grants 2014

Applicant	Description	Total Project Value	Approved
Dalhousie	Replace decking on bridge on Campbell Hill Trail 551. Also, upgrade the trail on either side of the bridge with fill and ditching.	\$9,780.00	\$4,890.00
Crossburn	To excavate 3 rough sections of trails 101, 50 & 52, including the installation of culverts.	\$11,820.50	\$5,000.00
Cape Clear	To clear overhanging trees & debris from trails to permit grooming during heavy snow conditions on Trail 104.	\$12,075.00	\$5,000.00
Chignecto	Repair Poplar Rd bridge as per NSE instructions.	\$16,500.00	\$3,750.00
Margaree	Replace decking on 25' bridge in Margaree Centre.	\$4,769.97	\$2,890.00
Cumberland	Ship Railway trail repair, reclaim 3 km of trail, brush cutting, repair and level trail bed, fill in water holes.	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00
Crowdis	On trail 710, ditching build up trail, install culverts and cut brush.	\$4,726.00	\$2,363.00
North Shore	Sign & Post replacement 177 signs and 125 posts and hardware.	\$8,528.34	\$2,293.60
AVRR	Replacement and additional signage.	\$4,817.43	\$2,324.40
DMSC	Trail Sign Posts for SANS Member Clubs Joint with Cape Clear, Crossburn, Driftclimbers & Hants SnoDusters.	\$15,598.50	\$5,000.00
SLTGA	Trail Sign Posts for SANS Member Clubs joint with Route 6, Cumberland, Chignecto & Fundy.	\$15,598.50	\$5,000.00
Cumberland	Vegetation Control on CN junction at Springhill on Trail #104.	\$3,103.19	\$1,550.00
Alpine	Install large culvert and several smaller culverts to the 105 trail.	\$12,043.95	\$3,140.00
Total			\$48,201.00

Off Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund (Trails)

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 2014, fifty trail projects were approved, totaling **\$882, 670.30**.

File Number	Description	Approved Amount
2013-12-06-001	Queens Rails to Trails Association	\$19,000.00
2013-12-06-002	East Richmond ATV Riders	\$28,500.00
2013-12-06-003	Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association	\$5,700.00
2013-12-06-004	Municipality of the District of Shelburne	\$18,900.00
2013-12-06-005	Isle Madame ATV Riders Association	\$21,000.00
2013-12-06-006	Marconi Trail Blazers ATV Club	\$6,650.00
2013-12-06-007	Isle Royale ATV Club	\$6,650.00
2013-12-06-008	Chignecto Glooscap Snowmobile Association	\$7,525.00
2013-12-06-009	Municipality of Chester	\$21,000.00
2013-12-06-010	Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association	\$24,500.00
2013-12-06-011	Bull Run Trail Association	\$10,500.00
2013-12-06-012	Dalhousie Mountain Snowmobile Club	\$14,700.00
2013-12-06-013	Judique Flyer Trail Association	\$47,500.00
2013-12-06-014	St. Mary's Trail Association	\$4,598.79
2013-12-06-015	Yarmouth County Trail Development Association	\$9,025.00
2013-12-06-017	Cumberland Snowmobile Club	\$11,067.50
2013-12-06-018	Safety Minded ATV Association	\$47,500.00
2013-12-06-020	Queens County ATV Association	\$47,500.00
2013-12-06-021	South Shore Annapolis Valley	\$17,500.00
2013-12-06-022	LaHave River Trail Association	\$3,087.50

File Number	Description	Approved Amount
2013-12-06-023	Dynamite Trail Association	\$9,450.00
2013-12-06-024	Adventure Trail Association	\$10,500.00
2013-12-06-025	Nova Scotia Off Road Riders Association	\$10,500.00
2013-12-06-026	Nova Scotia Off Road Riders Association	\$7,600.00
2013-12-06-027	Nova Scotia Off Road Riders Association	\$12,350.00
2013-12-06-028	Nova Scotia Off Road Riders Association	\$3,182.50
2013-12-06-029	Nova Scotia Off Road Riders Association	\$950.00
2013-12-06-030	Inverness County Trails Federation	\$21,660.00
2013-12-06-031	Cobequid Off Highway Vehicle Club	\$34,437.50
2013-12-06-032	Nova Scotia Off Road Riders Association	\$3,087.50
2013-12-06-033	Driftclimbers Snowmobile Club	\$35,000.00
2013-12-06-035	Beaver Bank ATV Club	\$5,462.50
2013-12-06-036	Kings County Trail Society	\$28,000.00
2013-12-06-037	Town of Berwick	\$6,300.00
2013-12-06-038	Annapolis County Trails Society	\$31,500.00
2013-12-06-039	Bear River Sissiboo Trails Association	\$4,528.72
2013-12-06-040	ATV Association of Nova Scotia	\$47,500.00
2013-12-06-041	Annapolis Valley Ridge Runners	\$10,323.00
2013-12-06-042	Sutherlands Lake Trail Groomer Association	\$29,925.00
2013-12-06-043	Sunrise Trails ATV Club	\$8,400.00
2013-12-06-044	Oxford and Area Trails Association	\$14,250.00
2013-12-06-045	Route Six Snowmobile Club	\$14,250.00
2013-12-06-046	North Shore Snowmobile Club	\$8,312.50

File Number	Description	Approved Amount
2013-12-06-047	Cole Harbour parks and Trails Association	\$7,560.00
2013-12-06-048	Pictou County Trails Association	\$35,000.00
2013-12-06-049	Lake Ainslie Development Association Trail Committee	\$23,750.00
2013-12-06-050	Colchester Five Islands ATV Club	\$12,102.44
2013-12-06-051	Highland ATV Club	\$15,140.95
2013-12-06-052	Highland Trail Grooming Association	\$12,540.00
2013-12-06-053	Tatamagouche Area Trails Association	\$46,703.90
Total		\$882,670.30