



# Halifax Regional Trails Association

**DRAFT Minutes Monday January 8, 2018**

## **Halifax Regional Trails Association (HRTA) Board of Directors Meeting**

**Host:** Sackville River Association

**Location:** Room is booked at the SHCC [45 Connolly Rd Sackville](#), (Silver and Gold Room)

Attendees: Anne Patrick (D-SMBARTA); Cathy McCarthy (D-FOMI); Wendy MacDonald (HNWTA); Bob MacDonald (HNWTA); Alice Morgan (D-MRWA); Bob Taylor (D-FOFL); Shane O'Neil (SLP&TA); John Hawkins (D-SATATS); Michael McFadden (D-CHPTA); Paul Euloth (SATATS); Stanley van Dyke (D-MTA); Walter Regan (D-SRA); David Waugh (SRA); Catharine Klefenz (D-BLTR2T); Mike Basford (D-HNWTA); Doug MacLeod (D-AVTA); Paul Berry (D-WRWEO); Zane Fraser (D-PLATA); Tom Musial (BLT Trail); Ian Watt (D-COLTA); Gordon Kyle (FOFL); Karine Renton (D-HUGA);

Halifax staff attendees: Dawn Neil (HRM); Emma Martine (HRM)

Guests: Leanne Lucas; Cynthia Lucas; John A. Young (Lucasville Greenway Walking Biking Trail Committee)

[Community Group Acronyms](#)

Attendance: 15 / 23 groups AVTA; BLTR2TA; CHPTA; COLTA; FOFL; HNWTA; HUGA; FOMI; MRWA; PLATA; SATATS; SLPTA SMBARTA; SRA; WRWEO

1.	Call to order at 5:45 pm Mi'kmaw Land Acknowledgment provided by Paul Berry  Introductions
2.	Welcoming remarks from host: David Waugh (SRA) , 8 people attended the 4pm hike on the greenway trail from KFC to Lion's ballfield, we anticipate finishing construction in September 2018. 2018 will be the 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SRA Bridge Date = June 30 2018

3.	Facilitated Discussion on Topic of Interest. - None was provided
4.	Approval of agenda – Chair Add item #15 - Anne Patrick, report on Provincial Interdepartmental Trail Committee Add item #16 - Wendy McDonald, information items. Walter Regan (SRA) moves, Shane O’Neil (SLPTA) seconded Agenda – Agenda approved
5.	Approval of previous minutes ( <a href="#">Minutes November 13, 2017</a> ) Walter Regan (SRA) moves, Shane O’Neil (SLPTA) seconded – Minutes approved
	Reports and old business
6.	Recreational Trails Funding - Cathy McCarthy (McNabs Island) Trying to get funds for recreational trails last year. Conducted a rough survey of which trails are recreational – there are 9 groups which represent recreational trails. Paul Adlakha/Kaarin Tae / Cathy McCarthy made a presentation to Halifax and asked for a pilot project, Warren Ervine was an observer. We are fine-tuning a proposal and will circulate it shortly – hopefully this week. The pilot would seek \$250,000 for 2018-2019 and \$1 m for next five years based on estimates of the trail work needed. These are funds in addition to our current HRTA funds <a href="#">The proposal</a> was finalized and is available on the HRTA website: <a href="#">Recreational Trail Pilot Proposal</a> All community groups are asked to speak to your councillors to get support. Thanks from Anne Patrick for Cathy McCarthy (McNabs Island) and the committee for really moving this forward.
7.	Treasurer’s report - Zane Fraser Report submitted, see Item 2 below. Zane Fraser (D-PLATA) moved and Walter Regan (SRA) seconded, report approved
8.	Capital Funding Committee report - Paul Adlakha (SWEPS) No Capital Committee
9.	Maintenance Funding Committee report - Stan Van Dyke (MTA) The committee has not had any meetings. Next Wednesday (Jan 17 <sup>th</sup> 2018) meeting will include: changes to agreements; improving definitions; changing the template; assume the capital committee will be looking at recapitalization projects
10.	Active Transportation report - Ian Watt Minutes for Nov - <a href="https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/boards-committees-commissions/november-16-2017-active-transportation-advisory-committee">https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/boards-committees-commissions/november-16-2017-active-transportation-advisory-committee</a> ; January 18 <sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled Only 6% of Haligonians are on bikes for commuting The impact of AT committee on HRTA funding is little to none but it is good to be plugged in and give AT Committee members information about HRTA and its initiatives. Wrap up discussion of bike week – only 2 trail groups applied for grants (0-\$500).

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11.	Events Committee report No report.
12.	NS Trails report - Holly Woodill Snow shoeing events hapening across the province -
13.	<p>Halifax Staff Report</p> <p>AT greenway components that Halifax staff are working on:</p> <p>Mainland North</p> <p>Sackville/Bedford greenway – Range Park tender this spring</p> <p>Glendale / Sackville Drive – bridge is ordered / Halifax Water</p> <p>Union St recap – land negotiation with Loblaws</p> <p>COLT – railing tender for spring</p> <p>Mount Hope Greenway connector</p> <p>Penhorn Greenway connection design section with land negotiation</p> <p>HUGA Chevron and updated plan</p> <p>Burnside Dr. greenway</p> <p>Dartmouth Harbour front Parker St design</p> <p>Forest Hills Parkway – extension to Colby is being looked at</p> <p>Porters Lake Exit 20 = Province of NS reviewing</p> <p>Staff are also working on AT wayfinding on HRM Greenway</p> <p>Bike Parking Amenities</p> <p>Emma Martin = Feb 5 2018 is end date, she is preparing the report for Administrative Order Reviewed 20 years of history.</p> <p>How does HRTA see the project moving forward? - Barriers / drivers / move us forward How does it evolve? How can relationship be improved? Send ideas outside the survey to: <a href="mailto:martinem@halifax.ca">martinem@halifax.ca</a> Hope to have debriefing session after the survey</p> <p>Walter Regan (SRA) important for the Administrative Order to be in place; suggest that ATR connection in survey and report</p> <p>Lucasville Greenway – John Young = community centre to Old Sackville Road</p> <p>Phase I: 2 community engagement sessions</p> <p>Going for Phase II: Become a society</p>
14.	Executive Committee report – Chair No report

	New Business
15.	<p>Ann Patrick Report from SMBARTA to Provincial Inter-departmental Trail Committee  No one wants to be on the community trail board, why? There is no enforcement - issues of user conflict and Sustainable maintenance are huge. In order to continue the community organizations need simple funding applications, with simple standards. Currently many local contractors are not paid because of funding model, the funding application is a morass. Enforcement cannot be done by volunteers we need the city and province to undertake this and jurisdiction issues are used to avoid doing anything.  DNR offers no money and insufficient enforcement resources.</p> <p>Maintenance – Rum Runners shared program = 4 municipalities and the province</p> <p>Catherine Klefenz (D-BLTR2TA) volunteers give them a lot of in kind money through volunteer hours - a lot of us will be out soon if they do not meet some of our needs.</p> <p>Doug MacLeod (ATVA) = it is true – gave up on the province a long time ago. Walking away from the province NS – lethargy and disinclination in their interest to change their approach  Actively and Strenuously lobby to tie our lot to Halifax</p> <p>Tom Musial (BLTR2TA) Funding and Enforcement trails were the “orphan”; Parents are the Province and Municipality, groups could rescind LOA unless something is done  CHPTA has made that threat</p> <p>John Young can groups look to Private Sector, seek a Champion?</p> <p>The Province offers no leadership on trails issues, some are worried and say that community groups should not withdraw from their LOAs/Management agreements because ATV groups will take over.  Catherine Klefenz (D-BLTR2T) need staff dedicated to the trails  Stan Van Dyke (MTA) use some HRTA funds to get a strategy developed.  Agreed to send this issue to executive for a future meeting, they will discuss and see about moving it forward. Maybe meet with provincial politicians and put together a case.</p>
	Any other business
16.	<p>Information/Announcements  Wendy MacDonald (HNWTA)– Hike NS Snowshoeing Fundraiser Feb 12 2018</p>
17.	Adjournment – Ian Watt (COLTA) motion to adjourn
	Next meeting March 12, 2018 - HNWTA to host. AGM April 9, 2018 at Fairbanks Center.

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Name	Group
Paul Berry	<del>HRTA</del> WRWEO
David Naugh	SR A.
Doug Macleod	AVTA
Zakie Farsen	PLATA
Anne Patrick	SNBARTA
Shane O'Neil	Sackville Lakes Park + Trails
Bob TAYLOR	FOFL.
CATHERINE KLEFENZ	BLT.
Mike Basford	HNWTA
Jan WATT	COLTA.
Wendy McDonald	HNWTA
Bob McDonald	HNWTA
Carol Kyle	FOFL
John Schuchman	SATA Trails
Paul Paul	" "
Walter N Rogon	SRA
Leanne Lucas	Lucasville Greenway
Dallen Neil	HRM.
Emma Martin	HRM.
Sharon Pyle	KTA
Alice Morgan	MRNA
Tom Musial	BLT Trail
Cathy McCarthy	McNabs Island -
Michael McFadden	COLE HARBOUR PARKS + TRAILS ASSN
Naime Roulton	HUGA
Cynthia Lucas	Lucasville Greenway
John A. Young	Lucasville Greenway Walking/Biking Trail Committee

Item 2 - Treasurer's Report

Financial Summary and Treasurers Report  
Period October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

<b>Opening Balance Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b>		<b>\$7427.99</b>
<b>Debits</b>		
Nov 13/17		
Chq# 000002 – Hosting Nov HRTA meet: Sackville Lakes Parks & Trails Assoc		612.11
Dec 11/17		
CUA Chq# 003 – HRTA Holiday Social Supplies – Zane Fraser		33.00
Dec 11/17		
CUA Chq# 004 – HRTA Holiday Social Supplies – Cathy McCarthy		65.74
Dec 14/17		
CUA Chq# 005 – HRTA Holiday Social Catering- C&R Distributions/All Occassions	299.00	
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$1009.85</b>	
<b>Credits/Adjustments ...</b>		
Dec 1/17		
HRM Maintenance: First Cheque 2017 – 18 , Invoice # 171031		1000.00
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$1000.00</b>	
<b>Balance January 7, 2018</b>	<b>\$7418.14</b>	

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