

Inverness County Trails Federation – Municipal 2021 Presentation, May 20th, 2021

NS Trails Federation Members Motto: “Take Trails to H.E.A.R.T “

1) 2019-2020- Projects Review: Total Cost/ ICTF

Capital Project

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| a) Ceilidh Groomers Assoc | \$150,000 / \$15,000 10% | Groomer Upgraded |
| b) Seawall Trail Society | \$100,000 / \$10,000 10% | Concept Plan Underway |
| c) Whycocomagh Dev Assoc | \$110,000 / \$11,000 10% | Trailhead Project |
| d) Celtic Shores Coastal Trail | \$740,000 / \$20,000 3% | 6 Capital Projects |
| Mabou Rivers Trail Km 59 \$250,000/Chestico Trail Km 53.7 \$220,000/ Troy Beach Km 4 \$100,000/ Inverness Shean \$11,000/ Structures & Equip \$160,000. | | |
| e) Margaree Snowmobile Club | \$300,000 / \$30,000 | New Groomer |
| f) Meat Cove Trail Committee | \$ 45,000 / \$ 4,500 | Trail Development |

2 Inv. County Trails Recent Pride Pegs

- a) Ceilidh Groomers New Groomer
- b) Margaree Highlanders New Groomer
- c) Seawall Trail Development Concept Planning underway.
- d) DCBA commits to promote: Celtic Shores Coastal Trail & Winter Snowmobiling
as Regional Destinations, or “Motivations to Experience”
- e) Gypsum Mine Trail recognized for upgraded promotion by NS Tourism.
- f) Inv County has 14 community land & water trails as part of the Trans Canada Trail.

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| Lake Ainslie – Beolach Breagh | Cape Clear Lewis Mountain Trail |
| Whycocomagh Dev. Assoc. | We’Koqma’q- Skye River Waterfront |
| Whycocomagh Waterfront Dev Centre | Marble Mountain Waterfront |
| Orangedale Waterfront | Inverness Shean Trail |
| Mabou Rivers Trail | Chestico Trail |
| Judique Flyer Trail | Ceilidh Coastal Trail |

- g) Trailhead Property acquired for Whycocomagh Dev Assoc Trail

ICTF has Four Priority Requests in 2021 to The Municipality.

1) Annual Trail Capital, Maintenance & Promotion - \$60,000 (Breakdown next page)

2) Inverness County Trails Strategy **AND** Trails Economic Impact Study

The ICTF requests the Municipality to implement a Municipal Trail Strategy to lead the way in trail development, sustainability and promotion over the next decade. (Requested every year since 2014) Trails Economic Impact Study: - The ICTF requests the Municipality to implement a Inv County Trails Economic Impact Study in complete conjunction with a Trails Strategy, to help realize the economic value of trails and trail management groups to the economy of Inverness County and its residents. (Outstanding- requested since 2014)

3) Trails Coordinator:

The ICTF requests the Municipality create a position of Inverness County Trails Coordinator to help coordinate the priorities and activities of both ICTF Member Groups and the Municipality. There are currently approx. 28 trail groups in the County. The total amount of trail applications, permitting, registrations, insurances, promotion and public relations needs a director to help the trails and their managers navigate the year round processes needed for safe, scenic and sustainable trails throughout the County. A trails coordinator would help Inverness County trails receive elevated access to trail funding, programs and resources. The financial and coordination benefits would outweigh the positions costs from day one! (Outstanding since 2015)

4) Tourism Strategy Re-Prioritize: The ICTF requests the Municipality re-prioritize Trails within the existing its Municipal Tourism Strategy. The impact of trails in Inverness Co, as well as trail developers, trail managers, and trail promoters have been taken for granted as ranked in the current Municipal Tourism Strategy. There is an immediate need to re-evaluated to support the value of trails and their multiple benefits to the Municipality and its residents. It would be perceived this council's tweaking or second thoughts of an inherited strategy.

The Vision of the Inverness County Trails Federation:

1) To make Inverness County a more attractive place to live and visit by building a high quality County wide trail system and to promote the County through the promotion of the trail system.

2) To encourage healthy living through a variety of outdoor activities and conservation through exposure to our natural and cultural heritage.

3) To maximize the quality of the whole trail system by improving the development and management of individual trails.

ICTF 2020 Annual Funding Request Proposal to Municipality:

1) Inv. Co. Trail Promotion :

- Est. 2014 - Request \$5,000 per year

- Digital, Print & Pres. Promotion of Inverness County Land Road & Water Trail Experiences.
- Website Renew/ Mobile App/ Brochure Update, Reprints, Branding , Digital Media
- “ *Inverness County Has a unique experience for every weekend of your year!*” 52+..

2) ICTF Trail Maintenance Fund :

- Est. 2014- Request \$15,000 per year

- Divided Annually for Trail Maintenance, Admin & Upkeep of ICTF Member Trail Groups_(Up to 50% of Annual Maintenance Costs)
- Eligibility includes groups paid up membership by June 1st, LOA, RCSC, Insured, & Budget Submission to ICTF of LOA, RJSC, Insurance, Project Proposal & Budget.

3) Trail Infrastructure/ Equipment Projects: - Est. 2000 **Request \$40,000 per year**

Established in 2000, **this fund provides seed municipal stakeholder funding up to 10%** for capital infrastructure trail projects that may need Municipal support due to stakeholder funding formulas.

This fund has many times, generated 20 to 50 times its financial 10% maximum participation.

Many Capital trail projects do not require any Municipal assistance & can be done without

Municipal assistance. This fund was established before the (Federal Gas Tax funding was

Established. With the Integrated Communities Sustainability Plans (ICSP) priorities identified, many

Municipalities now commit from \$4-\$12 per resident to assist with trail development and sustainability.

Requested ICTF Annual Commitment from Inverness Municipal Council **\$60,000 per year**

- **\$4.00 Per Inverness County Resident - “Take Trails to H.E.A.R.T” -**

2021-23 Capital Project Estimates

Est Costs:

ICTF Estimate 10%

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| Seawall Trail Society | - Phase 1 Development | \$ 1,000,000 | \$100,000 |
| Celtic Shores Coastal Trail | - 2021 Capital Plan-5 Projects | \$ 240,000 | \$ 24,000 |
| Egypt Falls Trail | - Trail Project | \$ 100,000 | \$ 10,000 |
| Cheticamp Highland SC | - Groomer | \$ 300,000 | \$ 30,000 |
| Marble Mountain Trail | - Trail Project | \$ 50,000 | \$ 5,000 |
| Bayview Education Trail | - Trail - Outdoor Classroom Project | \$ 60,000 | \$? |
| Water Trail Developments | - Coast, Margaree's & Bras'dor Shores | ? | ? |
| Other? | | ? | ? |

Inverness County Trails & Active Transit project initiatives earmarked by ICTF:

- 1) AT Connector across new Round- A-Bout at Port Hastings.
- 2) AT Connector from Port Hastings to Canso Canal. Proposed in 2001.
- 3) AT Connector From Port Hastings to Port Hawkesbury – (Partnerships)
- 4) Development of Recreational Trail from St Peters Junction(Port Hawkesbury) to Victoria County line.

2020 - ICTF Member Groups: (16)

Ceilidh Coastal Trail Assoc
Chestico Trail Com.
Inverness Shean Trail Com.
Whycocomagh Dev. Trail Com.
Cape Mabou Trail Club
Cape Clear SC
Inverness Capers SC
Velo Club Cheticamp

Judique Flyer Trail Assoc.
Mabou Rivers Trail Com.
Lake Anslie Dev. Trail Com.
Seawall Trail Society
CB West ATV Club
Alpine SC
Margaree SC
Cheticamp Highland Groomers SC

2020 - Other County Trail Management Groups: (12)

Margaree ATV Assoc.
Port Hood Dev. Assoc.
Salt Mountain Trail Com.
Whycocomagh Waterfront - Water
Orangedale - Water
Strait Area Trails

Meat Cove Trail Com.
Inverness Dev. Assoc.
Craigmore Creek Dualsport Park
Waycobah Skye River - Water
Marble Mountain - Water
Marble Mountain - Land Trail

The Inverness County Trails Federation would like to thank both the Municipal Councils past and present for their support of trails and trail management groups across Inverness County. We also want to recognize the constant support of Municipal staff in various depts that annually assist county trail groups over and above their very full workloads.

ICTF 2020-21

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