

## 2021-2022 Board Chair Report

The past year has been another busy one on the St Margaret's Bay Trail. Since the beginning of the COVID pandemic, the number of users on the Trail has increased dramatically. We are delighted that more people are enjoying the healthy outdoor recreation we offer.

We continue to focus on trying to ensure a safe enjoyable experience for everyone. Courtesy to other users is our mantra. And that means ensuring that you leave the trail in the same condition or better than you found it! Please take your litter, including "poop" bags home with you. Cyclists are reminded to ring their bells or call out when overtaking and to respect the 20 kmh speed limit.

I would like to thank the other members of the Executive Committee: Neil Mooy, Vice-Chair and Head of Operations, Suzanne Berryman, Secretary, and Andrea Flight, Treasurer. They have devoted many hours of volunteer time to ensuring that we have the funds we need to maintain the trail and overseeing the work involved in that maintenance. The Operations Report and Financial Report attached cover those areas in much more detail.

I would also like to extend particular thanks to SMBARTA member, Bill Roberts. Bill represents our Association on the Bay Treasure Chest Board. He is also the Operations Director for the BTCA. SMBARTA Board member, Jacqui Tupper, also plays an important role in our contribution to the BTCA through her work at the Toonie Counts. The funds we earn as a BTC Partner are hugely important to the maintenance and enhancement of the trail. Bill, Jacqui and a number of other Trail supporters volunteer regularly with BTC. They ensure that we fulfill our commitments to the Bay Treasure Chest.

This is my last report as Chair of the SMBARTA Board. Thank you to all the Board members, past and present, with whom I have worked.

I became involved with SMBARTA because I love the trail and treasure my time on it. Please, if the Trail is important to you, consider how you can help us maintain it for the years to come. We are always looking for more volunteers.

Respectfully,  
Anne Patrick  
Board Chair