

Operations update for SMBRTA 2021-2022

The past year was a busy year for operations, SMBRTA allocated funds and the following work was done:

1. Trail was graded and compacted from Hubley to Hubbards.
2. Tree and Canopy Management was done with approx. 10 km finished for the report year.
3. Ditching was completed in various areas to focus on drainage due to significant rain events as well as the changes due to climate change. For the remainder of 2022, we will continue both ditching and canopy management.
4. A parking area was made in Tantallon at the two restaurants located next to the trail, this is to accommodate all users and to provide passerby trail users un-impeded access.
5. Many small boulders were removed along the trail, this was done for safety as well as side mowing.
6. The twinning of Highway 103 will cause construction of 320 ft of new trail, with the new section of trail being completed before the old portion is removed.
7. There is going to be a new parking area made on the new Vinegar Lake road in Hubbards, this project will be done by fall of 2022.
8. Municipal Contracting will also be sprucing up the trail head in Hubbard's as well as trail maintenance from Hubbard's to Station Road in Hubbards by fall of 2022.

Operations are always working on the trail, whether its signage, fallen tree after storms or washouts- all of this work is done by the volunteers of the society. SMBRTA would like to thank all of our volunteers and those that report issues on the trail to allow SMBRTA team members to respond and keep the trail in great condition to allow a safe and enjoyable user experience for everyone.

SMBRTA would also like to thank all our partners in operations and our funding partners:

Partners in Operations:

- Corey Robar - ATVANS Trail Co-ordination
- Nathan Pick- DNRR Forestry Technicians
- Reg MacKinnon - R MacKinnon Holdings
- SMATVA
- Ron Leblanc - Municipal Group

Funding Partners:

- HRM
- Community Cultures and Heritage
- Off Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund
- Bay Treasure Chest

Respectfully submitted,

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