

Chair Report 2022-2023

Another year in the books, many challenges faced in 2022-2023

1. Hurricane Fiona- 44 Trees were down along the trail, trail closure was lifted from the Dept when each section had been checked and safety measures were ensured, this was done in 24 hrs for the entire section of SMBRTA.
2. The new section of Trail was completed in Hubbard's by Fall of 2022, and Municipal Group also did 2 km of extra gravels, grading and tree removal before new section opened.
3. The Vinegar Lake Road was built and will be open for Public Fall 2023. There is also a new Public Parking area built to accommodate roughly six cars for the Community.
4. Meetings were held with the Various Stake Holders throughout the year.
5. HRM now has taken over the streets and roads to Ingramport and will also assume responsibility for the Trail heads that meet Public Roads, this is new for SMBRTA, but so far so good.
6. The Trail group purchased a new Tow Behind Mower, this was bought with BTC funds and will do the side mowing of the Trail and towed by Volunteers.
7. SMBRTA dealt with a few negative responses from Tree clearing and as such, the complaints were dealt with. There will be more done in Fall of 2023 to finish project.
8. The Puddle Bridge tender has not been awarded as waiting on Quotes, will be done in 2024.
9. Special thanks to MLA Danielle Barkhouse, she has been very responsive for SMBRTA and been very helpful when her constituents contact her office.
10. Thank you to Bill Roberts from BTC, he is retiring from managing our counts thank you Bill. Ms Anne Patrick has taken this over and Board member Jaqui Tupper is also involved, thank you to both.
11. As always, thank you to the Board who assisted throughout the year and to our Funding Partners

Submitted by Neil Mooy

Operations Report