



Halifax North West Trails - November

Many thanks to the trails members and friends who participated in a recent Maintenance work party at the Mainland Common Loop Trail. Brush cutting, raking and spreading 2cu yards of Hemlock bark chips kept about 15 volunteers busy in a misty rain. We will have more work parties in the spring if you missed out and would like to help....keep in touch.

The local trails are open year round, however some of the garbage pails may disappear for the winter and garbage may not get packed out. If you are a dog walker, please carry bags to another garbage can nearby. Tossing trash in the woods or under the trees will not help anyone. And remember that most Halifax trails are Dogs ON Leash unless marked otherwise.

If there are other issues on a trail, such as a fallen tree obstructing use, call 311 to report the problem. You will be asked for the location and be given a Service Number. This will allow you to check on progress in a couple of weeks if Halifax staff has not responded to your call.

Many of you may have participated in the Fall Trail Challenge hosted by Halifax Recreation staff. If you enjoyed the local trails or ran in the Food Run and want to support the volunteers who try to make a difference on our trails, you can do so by making a donation and receive a tax receipt. Go to the website <http://www.novascotiatrails.com/> and *Get Involved* on the drop down menu will guide you to the Red button where you can follow through. Remember to include Halifax North West Trails in the message box so your donation will come back from NS Trails to this region. If you want a certificate to give as a memento, you can also request that.

We want to acknowledge the support we have had from Councillor Reg Rankin, now retired, over the past four years as Councillor in District 12. He was able to offer financial support associated with the 2 large map signs in the Mainland Common. In addition, funding is available for some benches and a picnic table on the Linear Trail 7/or Belchers Marsh. Let us know where you think these should be placed to help you enjoy your walks with friends and family Thank you, Reg.

Finally, we have learned that the Linear Trail crossing at Main Avenue will be receiving Crosswalk status with zebra stripes to be added. This may not happen until the spring however but it is positive news for all users at this busy crossing. Crosswalk flags will be added when the time comes.

Wendy McDonald
Board member