



Friends of the Trail Inc.

Press Release

Friends of the Trail Inc. Receive \$44,900 OTF Grant for Lower Trent Trail Projects

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Quinte West, Ontario – Users of the Lower Trent Trail will have improved accessibility and safety on the trail thanks to a \$44,900 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). Martin Halloran, a local member of OTF's Grant Review Team, visited the group at the Lower Trent Trails to officially present a plaque from the Foundation in honour of the new grant.



Pictured is Bill Gray, Chair Friends of the Trail Inc. on the left and Martin Halloran, Volunteer, Grant Review Committee, Ontario Trillium Foundation.

"This grant will provide important enhancements and upgrades. The Lower Trent Trail provides outstanding opportunities to showcase the excellent recreational opportunities we have in our region," said Lou Rinaldi, MPP for Northumberland-Quinte West.

Over the next year, the OTF grant will be used to apply the final limestone surface to 3.2 km of the northern section of the trail; to replace the worn wooden decking on the Cold

Creek bridge section with permanent, tread-safe metal decking; and to undertake Phase I of a project to create a shared use,

accessible, historically significant, community park at the mid-point trail staging area at the site of the former CN rail station in Frankford.

"The trail provides a healthy lifestyle opportunity for people of all ages and abilities while protecting the environment and ecosystem of the communities along the trail," said Friends of the Trail Inc. Chair Bill Gray. "We are thankful for the Ontario Trillium Foundation's support of our community's health and well-being."

Established in 2004, the Friends of the Trail Inc. is a registered not-for-profit charitable organization dedicated to the promotion, protection and preservation of the Lower Trent Trail as a four season, non-motorized recreational trail.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency of the Government of Ontario.

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