

# Burin Peninsula Trailway Board

## Newsletter



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### From the President

A lot has transpired since the idea of a loop trail around the Burin Peninsula was first discussed. We have formed our own incorporated organization and have grown from two trail associations to fourteen with more to come. Our united front has served us well and we must continue to work together to ensure that our long term plan to connect the whole of the Burin Peninsula to the NL T' Railway becomes a reality. We cannot accomplish this overnight. It must be done in stages, which means that some areas will get connected earlier than others. Still, this must be done in a manner that shows government and other funding agencies our commitment to the big picture. We have to remain united in our attempts to access funding and grow our organization as we continue to seek any and all funding opportunities to advance towards our goal. I thank each of you for your active participation in our meetings and planning sessions and look forward to our AGM in the fall.

*Gerard Dicks - President*

### Financial Report To July 31, 2010

Marilyn Dicks – Treasurer

Total Income	- \$ 1 150
Total Expenses	- \$ 14
Balance	- \$ 1 136.00

*More Details upon request and at AGM*

### A Recap.....

Some of you will remember the very first meeting in Marystown to discuss the possibilities and potential of our Trailway Project. Much has happened since.

- Oct 2008 – Meeting of trail associations, called by HRTA
- Nov. 2008 – Formation of HRTA Steering Committee to build loop trail
- May 2009 – partnered with Avalon Trailway to find funding for Phase 1
- July 2009 – met with Dept. of Tourism and link to Goobies added to the plan
- August 2009 – Funding approved for new trail for Phase 1 of Loop Trail
- Sept 2009 – Construction started
- Nov. 2009 – Formation of Burin Peninsula Trailway Board with Interim Executive
- Feb. 2010 - Executive met with MHA Calvin Peach, Ministers Jackman and King
- March 2010 – Construction ended for Phase 1
- June 2010 – Board meeting with Norm Morris (Dept. of Tourism) and Trevor Bungay (INTRD) to discuss Proposal for Phase 2 funding.
- July 2010 – Long Term Plan submitted to Dept. of Tourism and INTRD
- July 2010 – Funders assess Peninsula Trails
- Aug. 16, 2010 Board meeting scheduled
- Fall 2010 – Board Meeting AGM TBA

## Trail as of March 2010



Garnish to Parker's Cove – 90 kms

## Progress to Date

- Provincial and Federal funders approved \$192 000
- New trail build to connect Point Rosie and the Powderhorn.
- 8 kms of new trail to link Powderhorn Horn Trail and Parker's Cove.
- Brush cleared off dirt road and culvert installed between Red Harbour and Jean de Baie.
- Higher than expected cost of construction prevented completion of 5 kms between Baine Harbour and Rushoon and 2 kms between Red Harbour and Jean de Baie. These sections now part of Phase 2.
- Permits applied for related to all sections in Phase 2 Proposal.

## A Set Back

The rain in June, 2010, did serious damage to the bridge on the Trail just south of Red Harbour.

The Bridge is damaged so badly it will have to be removed and replaced. Red Harbour Municipal Council has requested Dept. of Public Works to remove this hazard. They have also requested that something, perhaps a Bailey Bridge, be put back in its place. Minister Jackman, MHA for the area, has received a letter from the Trailway Board requesting the same. Let's hope for the best on that one.

## Community Enhancement Project

The Board has applied for CE funding on behalf of all 14 trail associations. Local associations will have to request funding from the Board, hire the labour, put them to work then report hours to Project Administrator. We will know about the success of the application in September.

## What Next???

- Summer 2010 - Mapping of Trail Route between North Harbour and Clam Brook
  - Fall 2010 - Board AGM (Time and Place TBA)

More Information at the Board's Temporary Website URL

<http://townofgarnish.com/Burin%20Peninsula%20Trailway/>

or

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=19567078382>