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# EASTERN ONTARIO TRAILS ALLIANCE

# 2018 Highlights



#### **Directors:**

## Tom Dewey

Twp of Central Frontenac

#### Bill Cox

Township of Addington Highlands

#### Jeremy Solmes

Township of Stirling/Rawdon

## Bill Blenkinsop

Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs

## Rick English

Municipality of Trent Hills

## Wayne Wiggins

Town of Bancroft

#### Dan Hughey

Twp of Carlow-Mayo

#### Jason Carman

Twp of Marmora and Lake

#### Cam McKenzie

Highlands East

## Lovde Blackburn

County of Hastings

## Alex Walder

Mun of Hastings Highlands

## Cindy Cassidy

General Manager

## Kelly Way

Office Manager

## Erica Graham

Marketing & Special Events

## Municipalities Involved

- County of Hastings, Northumberland, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Renfrew
   City of Belleville and City of Quinte West
  - Municipality of Tweed, Centre Hastings, Hastings Highlands and Trent Hills
    - Town of Bancroft, TWP of Marmora & Lake, Wollaston, Limerick, Stirling-Rawdon, Belmont & Methuen, Addington Highlands, Highlands East, Greater Madawaska Valley, North, Central and South Frontenac, Carlow-Mayo
- This does not include the Municipalities that our partners work with like Park to Park, ATV Ontario, PTBO ATV club, Napanee ATV Club, South Bruce ATV Club and Huron Shores ATV club.

# **EOTA Economic Impact Study**

- ✓ Over a ten year build out period the economic and tourism benefits could be \$45.8 million and the creation of 1659 jobs
- ✓ Based on 520 km trail network
- ✓ To date EOTA now assists in the operation of over 2400 km of shared use trails
- ✓ Having passed the 10 year build out period 25,0000 annual users are spending \$6 million and creating 70 jobs

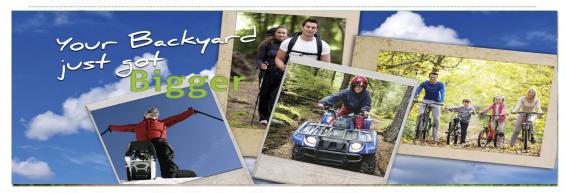
Trails has been identified as the biggest tourism opportunity in Hastings County

# Ontario's economic impacts from off-highway vehicle

**users** (excluding snowmobiles) currently results in over \$211 million in GDP, creates over 9,000 direct and indirect jobs, and contributes \$27 million annually in tax revenue for provincial and federal governments, with an additional \$5.8 million in tourism spending, and creates an additional 70 full time equivalent jobs







## Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance

Strategic and Business Plan, 2014-2023

Presented by Paul Blais, Principal

September 18, 2014

## **EOTA Mission**

The EOTA was incorporated in 1999 as a not for profit charitable organization with a mandate to develop, manage, maintain and market a comprehensive network of yearround shared use trails for their health, economic, tourism and job creation benefits.

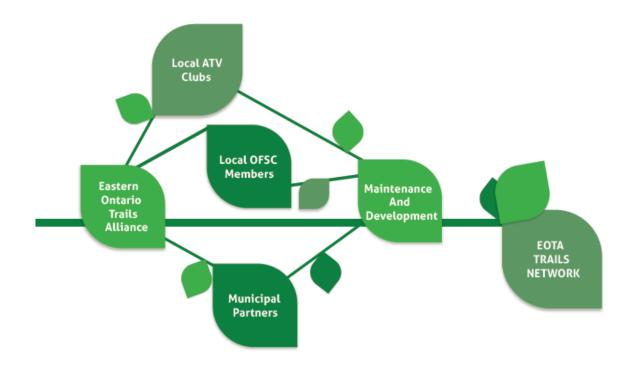
> All EOTA activities are actively supported by partners within the service area, and EOTA supports provincial advocacy efforts.

**EOTA inspires** leadership at every level of its organization.

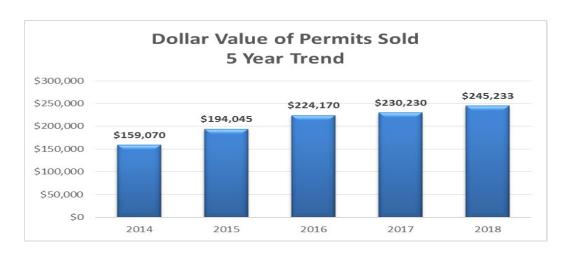
EOTA manages a growing, high-quality trail network, targeting a diverse group of outdoor recreation activities.

EOTA trail network is a regional tourism destination that supports local business and communities within its area of service.

EOTA's diversified funding model is designed to support the trail network on an ongoing basis.



## **Permit Chart**

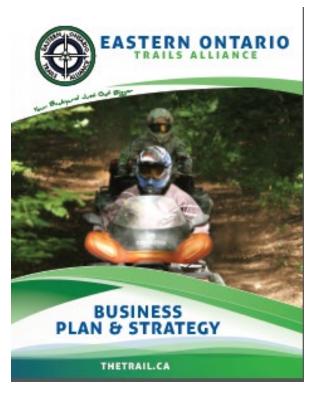


Between the EOTA shared use permit sales and the local snowmobile clubs/districts permits, over \$500,000 dollars from user pay is brought in to help support trails.

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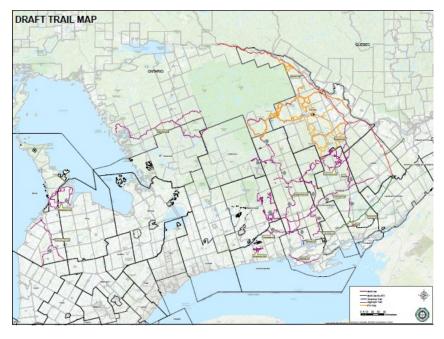
EOTA has created a booklet and brochure from the Recreational Trails Coalition – Ontario (RTCO) strategic business and action plan that was created from MDB Insight. The booklet has been presented and distributed to local municipalities, as well as handed out at ROMA conference in Toronto. The booklet is currently in front of Government and has been presented to the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. To obtain a copy of the booklet or brochure please contact the EOTA office.



# **ONE PASS**

THE ONE PASS IS A PERMIT TO USE THE PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS TRAILS IN ONTARIO.





## **Grants & Municipal Funding**

- Hastings County \$25,000
- Twp of Central Frontenac \$10,000
- Municipality of Centre Hastings \$10,000
- Municipality of Trent Hills \$5,000
- Township of Marmora and Lake \$3,000
- Frontenac County \$200,000
- COHV support for RTCO strategic business & action plan \$13,500
- COHV support for ROMA booth and printing of marketing material \$12,000
- Tourism Development Fund RTCO strategic business & action plan \$53,500
- Destination Ontario ATV World videos & articles \$32,000
- Destination Ontario media campaign \$50,000
- Frontenac Community Futures to assist with special event coordinator, marketing & advertising - \$23,591
- Frontenac Community Futures for K&P improvements \$56,000
- Frontenac Community Futures One Pass & Admin support \$13,000
- Community Futures of North & Central Hastings \$12,200
- Ongoing funding is being sought at all times

## **Continued Plans**

- Work with the municipal, provincial and federal government for continued investment to sustain trails
- To continue to keep the trail safe and user friendly
- To continue to build on the trail tourism opportunities to increase the economy and job creation
- To develop more packages with accommodations
- To continue to create user friendly maps for the area trails
- To continue to build partnerships
- To create and maintain special events



2019 is shaping up to be a great year! Funding requests are in front of Government.



Cindy Cassidy with Honourable Michael Tibollo, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport



Cindy Cassidy with Doug Downey,
Parliamentary Assistant to the
Ontario Minister of Finance and MPP Daryl
Kramp