

**SHORE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION (S.A.T.A.)
and
SATA Trails Society**

**ANNUAL REPORT
2016- 2017**

Annual General Meeting (AGM) – May 29, 2017

Location: Chezzetcook and District Lions Community Centre

Who we are:

The Shore Active Transportation Association (SATA) is a volunteer, non-profit association on the Eastern Shore of Nova Scotia promoting safe places to walk, hike, cycle and all forms of non-motorized travel in our communities. SATA incorporated under the Society's Act on March 18, 2013.

SATA Trails Society is a volunteer, non-profit association created as an extension of the Shore Active Transportation Association to focus on development, maintenance, and promotion of greenway active transportation trails in the Porters Lake and surrounding communities. It was incorporated May 13, 2014.

S.A.T.A. and SATA Trails Society - Directors and Executive: - 2016-2017

Patricia Richards, Chairperson – East Chezzetcook

Mary MacDonald, Vice Chairperson – East Chezzetcook

Judy Myatt – Gaetz Brook

Shirley Smith, Recording Secretary – West Chezzetcook

John Hawkins Treasurer – East Chezzetcook

Tobbi Dyer – Porter's Lake

Mary Elizabeth O'Toole, Communications – West Chezzetcook

Denise Zareski, East Chezzetcook

Paul Euloth, Porter's Lake

With much appreciation:

To all Directors: very grateful for all you do.

A big thank-you to all volunteers and committee members working together to promote active transportation in our communities.

MAJOR INITIATIVES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2016-2017:

ACTIVITIES

Bike Week June 2016: West Chezzetcook bike ride included a short trail ride and a longer road loop. Met for lunch at La Cuisine de Brigitte at the Acadian Museum where we participated in a short focus group for SATA's web site design. Well attended and a fun day with amazing views of the Chezzetcook Inlet and communities.

Weekly organized outings: Bike Rides, Hikes and Walks – organized - Thursday bike rides, snow showing, cross country skiing, hikes and Friday Nordic pole walks. These are well documented in our Newsletters at ShoreAT.ca. Thanks to everyone who organized, attended and led the events. Average attendance at these outings: ten.

PROJECTS

Gaetz Brook Connector Bridges - Bridges Inspection and Upgrading

The three bridges on the Connector were inspected and a report prepared in March of 2016 by CBCL Limited – Consulting Engineers. Dept of Natural Resources gave SATA an interim Letter of Authority to carry out this inspection.

Gaetz Brook Connector – moving toward a Letter of Authority

The Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) selected SATA Trails to develop and manage this Greenway which will link East Chezzetcook to the intersection of Highway 107 #7 in Musquodoboit Harbour. This Greenway will be developed in several phases. The authorization to move ahead with the necessary upgrades including the bridges is in process.

Acadian Marsh Trail:

SATA completed a Feasibility Study for this important connection and gap in the Trans Canada Trail. The Study recommended the South side of Hwy #107. This is an involved project and is currently with the Dept of Transportation and Infrastructure (TIR) to see how it can be moved forward. Halifax Municipality will work with TIR to help find an acceptable route.

Exit 20 – Porters Lake Connector

The first phase of the Porters Lake Greenway is now completed. This phase runs from the Metro X Bus Station around to Porters Lake Elementary School to Station Rd. This section is a paved trail and provides a place for safe active transportation for community members of all ages. The next phase of the project, managed by Halifax Municipality will connect to Exit 20.

COMMUNICATIONS

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Newsletter – We now have 161 subscribers to our email newsletter, which are also available on our web site. Our next issue will celebrate a year of regular newsletters sharing dynamic information our past and future events as well as other related organizations supporting AT in our communities including beautiful photos.

Web site - ShoreAt.ca – updated to responsive design and managed. More revisions are planned to include more resources.

Facebook – focused on our bike rides and walk photos, calendar of events and Active transportation information.

Articles – Eastern Shore Cooperator and ShoreAT.ca

Meetings/events - attendance

- ❖ Community Health Board meetings and events
- ❖ Halifax Regional Trails Association (HRTA) monthly meetings and events
- ❖ Blue Route announcement – Wolfville - June 2016
- ❖ Deanery Project, Ship Harbour – special events including led rides for Women on Wheels (WoW)
- ❖ Various events and meetings in our communities stressing the importance of active transportation and active living.

FINANCIAL REPORT: attached

Outlook for the Year and future:

- ❖ Continue to advocate for active transportation in our communities
- ❖ Continue Walking, cycling and winter activities
- ❖ Acadian Marsh Greenway
Keep connected with Halifax Municipality and Dept of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to move along
- ❖ Gaetz Brook Greenway
Move forward on bridges and Letter of Authority with detail trail design, tendering and construction
- ❖ Historical significance, interpretation and our trails and communities
- ❖ Paved shoulders continue to advocate
- ❖ Newsletter - monthly

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia Richards
Chairperson – SATA and SATA Trails Association

Financial Report: John Hawkins, Treasurer SATA and SATA Trails Association

Public Consultation Former Rail Corridor Chezzetcook - Gaetz Brook Meeting Minutes

Purpose: Annual General Meeting	
Location: Porters Lake Recreation Centre , Inspiration Drive Porters Lake.	Date/Time: May 16 2016 / 5 :30 pm- 8:15pm
Chair: Patricia Richards	Secretary: Shirley Smith
Attendees: Patricia Richards, John Hawkins, Mary MacDonald, Howard Hart, Tobbi Dyer, Judy Myatt, Shirley Smith, Paul Euloth, Denise Zareski, Mona Bordage Jim Colford, Dolores Wilmshurst, Bonnie Drake, Darlene Hart, Bert Myatt, David Hendsbee (Counsellor), Dan Smith, Catherine Berry	
Regrets: Mary Elizabeth O'toole, Kevin Murphy MLA,	

Record of Discussion:

Item	Discussion	Attachment	Action
1	<p>8 people went out for a walk in the area and looked at the Porter Lake Core Greenway, It should begin construction soon.</p> <p>Patricia gave a welcome to all of the attendees and gave a thank you to Howard Hart for serving as Director on SATA . He is resigning as a for SATA but will remain as lead for the Gaetz Brook Connector Greenway project.</p> <p>It was also noted by Patricia that Paul Euloth has been recognized for his work with the province by Kevin Murphy</p>		
2	<p>Reports</p> <p>Financial report for 2016 given by treasurer Judy Myatt</p> <p>Judy Myatt moved acceptance of this report and Howard Hart second it. Motion carried</p> <p>Annual Report reviewed, Patricia Richards moved</p>		

	<p>acceptance of the report and Judy Myatt seconded it motion carried.</p> <p>Minutes of AGM 2015 reviewed, Dolores Wilmshurst moved acceptance of the minutes , Tobbi Dyer 2nd and motion carried.</p>		
3	<p>Nominations for Directors</p> <p>Howard Hart asked for nominations from the floor</p> <p>The following are the nominations for Directors for 2016 for SATA</p> <p>Patricia Richards, Mary MacDonald, John Hawkins, Judy Myatt, Tobbi Dyer, Shirley Smith, Paul Euloth, Denise Zareski, Mary Elizabeth O'toole</p> <p>No nominations from the floor</p> <p>Howard Hart moved acceptance of these Directors and Mona Bordage seconded it motion carried</p>		
4	<p>Reports</p> <p>Advocacy and Activities : Mary MacDonald gave an interesting overview of what SATA is doing in the area and held Q and A following her presentation</p> <p>Darlene Hart asked re paved shoulders . David Hendsbee answered that the traffic count is not high enough for Middle Porters Lake Road to have paved shoulders</p> <p>We are a member of HRTA, BNS, Mary MacDonald and Shirley Smith sit on a committee with BNS about advocacy and education</p> <p>SATA sits at the round table with the local health board in Musquodoboit Harbour.</p> <p>Webpage</p> <p>John Hawkins, Mary MacDonald and Mary Elizabeth O'toole and Tobbi Dyer are working on the page</p> <p>We keep the calendar up to date and will put cancellations on facebook.</p> <p>Judy Myatt leads pole walking weekly and also organized a team for Heart and Stroke walk month.</p> <p>Tobbi Dyer looks after our facebook page</p> <p>Advocacy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To see the AT Plan implemented for Porters Lake and surrounding area 2) Core Greenway across Highway 107 at exit 20 3) Part of the Community Health Plan community meeting June 8th 2016 at the Porters Lake Community Centre 		

	<p>4) Asked everyone to go online to fill out the survey</p> <p>5) we have 12-13 letters of support from community stakeholders.</p> <p>Trails Report Howard Hart gave a review of all of SATA's work on the Gaetz Brook Connector, Acadian Marsh Greenway, and the Porters Lake Core Greenway. He reviewed the feasibility study done by WSP for the Acadian Marsh Greenway. T I R have not accepted their report and have said the greenway would be too close to the 107. John Hawkins and Paul Euloth will go out and do another route on the south side of highway 107 Discussion on land ownership of the land that the greenway would cross.</p> <p>Accomplishments for Trails working on Gaetz Brook Connector, we have a bridge inspection report, and have awarded the preliminary design work contract to WSP. The Province will do Public Consultation process. We need to voice our opinions about the process. Goals for 2016/2017</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Continue to advocate for the implementation of the AT Plan for Porters Lake and Surrounding Area 2) Want LOA for Gaetz Brook Greenway 		
5	<p>Our Historical Places Patricia Richards gave a history of the East Chezzetcook Train Station. And the beautiful Belleclaire Hotel using powerpoint and</p> <p>Judy Myatt moved we adjourn. We adjourned at 8 15 pm</p>		
6	<p>Goals for 2016/2017</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3) Continue to advocate for the implementation of the AT Plan for Porters Lake and Surrounding Area 4) Want LOA for Gaetz Brook Connector Greenway 		
7	Judy Myatt moved we adjourn our meeting at 8:15		

Action Items Arising:

Action	Description	Owner	Date Due
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Note: After the meeting, actions are copied into the Action Register.

Attachments:

Attachment	Description	Filename
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Note: Attachments are provided as separate documents, but are kept with and considered part of the minutes.