

Meeting Date	March 25, 2025
Subject	Bonnechere River Trail Development Plan
Road to 2035	Examine opportunities to increase safe and accessible public use of the Bonnechere River and its riparian areas.
Recommendation	That Committee of the Whole recommends that Renfrew Town Council direct staff to proceed with work required to construct the Bonnechere River Trail in accordance with the Development Plan
Originator	Amanda Springer, MESc., C.Tech – Manager of Environmental Services
CAO Review	<p>This project has no immediate impact to the Town as the funding received will cover 2025 expenses involved. Future costs are expected to be approximately \$3,000 annually in tax impact (remaining amounts noted are in-kind costs). The project will help provide additional tourism opportunities with opening up the river access with a trail. The report is detailed and provides necessary information needed for decision making.</p> <p>Gloria Raybone, CPA, CA, Dipl.M.A. – Chief Administrative Officer.</p>
Financial Comment	<p>The \$25,000 donation from the Schad Foundation for this project is still available to support its funding. However, if the project does not proceed in 2025, these funds must be returned to the Schad Foundation. At present, the Town has \$39,600 in reserves to cover the costs associated with new infrastructure along Town Trails.</p> <p>Charlene Jackson – Treasurer/Director of Finance and Corporate Services.</p>
Committee and Council Timing	To be considered on March 25, 2025 for final adoption by Council on April 8, 2025.
Background	<p>At the April 23, 2024 Regular Meeting, Council passed the following resolution: Resolution:2024-04-26 Moved by: Councillor McDonald Seconded by: Councillor Legris</p>

That Renfrew Town Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Bonnechere River Park/Trail Working Group.

At the **May 28, 2024 Regular Meeting**, Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution:24-05-21

Moved by: Councillor McDonald

Seconded by: Councillor McWhirter

That Renfrew Town Council approve the community member appointments as recommended by staff, for the Bonnechere River Park and Trail Working Group

At the **August 6, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting**, Committee of the Whole received a delegation from the Stevenson Crescent Ratepayers in regards to the Bonnechere River Nature Trail where Bruce Rozycki and Edmond Lamek spoke on behalf of the Stevenson Crescent Ratepayers group. Concern regarding the Bonnechere River Nature Trail, community communication, and the intended use was noted. The following questions were raised:

- Where will the park be located?
- Why the need for the park?

Upon discussion, staff were directed to bring forward an information report, including an update from the working group in early September.

The former CAO addressed concerns raised about current parks and expressed appreciation for the feedback and the conversation regarding prioritization and level of the service. A Parks and Recreation Masterplan was underway and is now approved, and further discussion towards recreation asset management is under review.

At the **September 10, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council** Manager Springer presented an update from the Bonnechere River Park and Trails Project. Clarification and justification on the project scope were provided. It was noted that a \$25,000 donation was received from the Schad Foundation for trail development. Phasing and next steps were discussed. Terry Edwards, Hayley Heaslip, Tauney Stinson, and Paddy Enright, community members of the Working Group, spoke to the project.

Concerns and points of clarification were made on the following:

- Terms of Reference of the working group

- Future costs not yet identified
- Inhouse resources required
- Size of the foot trail and trail marking
- Consideration of garbage cans, benches, and parking
- Community support and donation requests
- Location of trail in relation to privately owned land
- Council reconsideration.

Additionally, Councillor Dick provided a Notice of Motion to suspend the Bonnechere River Parks and Trails project until a healthy debate by Council takes place and a comprehensive analysis of costs, impact on taxpayers, Town resources and liability concerns has been conducted. Once this information has been gathered, Council will direct staff to determine the appropriate timing to move forward research and potential implementation of the project.

At the **September 24, 2024 Regular Meeting**, Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution: 24-09-33

Moved by: Councillor Dick

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

That Renfrew Town Council direct the Bonnechere River Park and Trails Working Group to continue its work pursuant to its mandate and hold off on any trail work in 2024 to allow for a report back to Council on a comprehensive cost analysis, including funding, Town resources and liability.

Additionally, the Motion of Which Notice has Previously been Given contained the following note: A request was made to remove all reference to trails privately owned land on Stevenson Crescent, and that further discussion with the working group is required to determine the extent and financial implications of the project. It was noted that preliminary work will be undertaken by the working group, for remediation of the invasive species identified.

As requested by Resolution 24-09-33, the Working Group has prepared the Bonnechere River Trail Development Plan to address the concerns brought forward by Council. Of note:

- M.J. Enright Tree Service Inc. has offered to complete preliminary downed tree clearing at no cost. M.J. Enright Tree Service Inc. is a fully insured, local tree removal company that has done past in-kind work for the Town.

- Public Works is still proposed to complete the brush hog work due to nature of the work and specialized equipment required. This will require minimal resources from Public Works, and the Director of Infrastructure, Public Works and Engineering and has indicated that these resources can be made available.
- No increase in insurance premiums will occur as a result of the Trail. Additionally, the Occupiers' Liability Act, provides property owner's protection for recreational trails when reasonable care is taken to maintain the trail and ensure safety, provided that the trail is free to use.
- A trail access agreement has been drafted and reviewed by our insurance provider and legal team for the privately owned lands associated with Hunter Gate Subdivision future development, given that dedication of the lands to the Town will occur along with the subdivision agreement for the development.
- The Schad Foundation continues to work with the Federal Government to formalize the Town's ability to construct a portion of the trail on the National Library and Archives Canada Property. The Foundation is confident this work will be completed soon.
- Recreation, Public Works, by-law, fire department and our insurance provider have been consulted and have not identified any unmanageable concerns.
- The \$25,000 donation from the Schad foundation is expected to cover all consumable trail development costs.
- Ongoing expenses are estimated at \$2000 in staff time value and \$3000 in consumables and reserve contributions annually.

Options

The options available to the Town are noted below:

1. Direct staff to proceed with Trail construction and opening in 2025.
2. Postpone the project for a determinate amount of time.
3. Abandon the project.

Impact of Options

Various considerations for each of the three options are noted by option number below:

1. The Working Group is confident that there is the momentum and financing in place to complete this project in 2025. Completion of the project will result in

- additional recreational opportunities for residents and visitors meet the goals of the Town's Strategic Plan.
2. A significant postponement of the project may result in the loss of momentum and the Town potentially risks forfeiting the Schad Foundation's financial contribution.
 3. Abandonment of the project will require the return the Schad Foundation's financial contribution. Other projects and funding sources will need to be identified to meet the goals of the Town's Strategic Plan.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration.



Bonnechere River Trail

Development Plan

Description of the Trail

The initial trail proposal described in this Development Plan includes ~1.9 km of trail stretching from Forestview Cres to Hwy 17 (Appendix A). Other areas beyond this scope could be added in the future, however expansion would be dependent on the availability of funding, community interest, and continued or new partnerships.

Currently the Bonnechere River Trail and Working Group have partnered with the following organizations:

- Schad Foundation - Private family foundation that works to build a healthy future for people and nature through grants supporting environmental education, biodiversity conservation, and access to nutrition. They work closely with Conservation Authorities, land trusts, the Ontario Government, Federal Government and Ontario Conservation Accelerator on the establishment of new nature areas.
- Bruce Trail Conservancy - The stewards of Canada's longest marked footpath, a nature trail stretching from Niagara to Tobermory, crossing ecologically sensitive lands, geologically unique landscapes and various types of public land and private land. The Bruce Trail Conservancy are experts in volunteer engagement, building and maintaining their trail system primarily with volunteers.
- The Nature Conservancy of Canada - The largest land conservation organization in the country. They are experts in nature conservation and habitat restoration.
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) - Assisting with the incorporation of a portion of the National Library and Archives lands (770 Gibbons Road) into the trail system.

The trail is proposed to be different than other trails currently in the Town. The Bonnechere River Trail is proposed to be an easy to moderate difficulty, single-track wilderness trail, with a minimal footprint and maintenance requirements. Foot traffic would be the only permitted use, ATVs, bicycles, and horseback riding would be prohibited. The trail would include lookouts and picnic areas, however camping would be prohibited. Initially, a parking area is proposed at the Forestview Crescent Pumping Station. Parking would be prohibited in front of the pumping station gates, however the remaining paved area could accommodate 2-3 cars. On street parking would be limited. Initially, it is believed that the trail will attract local residents that will access the trail on foot and parking will be adequate. However the pumping station site has space for a small gravel parking area for an additional 4-5 cars that could easily be implemented should additional parking be required. Should parking demand exceed available space the trail could be extended to the intersection of Hall Ave. and Gillan Road where there is plentiful space for parking, however the terrain between the Forestview Pumping Station and the Hall/Gillan area is difficult in the areas owned by the Town. Additional work is required to determine the feasibility of this area, and this work is outside the scope of this Development Plan.

Vision for the Trail

The Bonnechere River Park and Trail will feature a carefully designed pathway system weaving through the serene landscape along the Bonnechere River. The trail will provide:

- **Eco-tourism Opportunities:** Nature trails such as the one being proposed are becoming increasingly popular, attracting people from outside the community, who may further support

local business and restaurants while in the community to utilize the trail. The 2024 Waterfront Master Plan included recommendations to develop a small-craft (kayak/canoe) put-in/take-out at the end of Arthur Ave., upstream from the proposed trail location. A picnic area along the proposed trail, located 3.3 km upstream from the proposed Arthur Ave. put-in/take-out, could serve as a point of interest for small craft paddlers, providing visitors an opportunity to explore the Bonnechere River from a unique perspective. However the establishment of the proposed Arthur Ave. put-in/take-out is outside the scope of the Bonnechere River trail project.

- **Recreational Opportunities:** In addition to attracting visitors, the trail will provide passive recreational opportunities for locals such as dog-walkers, bird & wildlife watchers, foragers, snowshoers, photographers, etc.
- **Community-Friendly Amenities:** The trail will feature designated picnic areas with tables and shaded rest spots, providing a welcoming environment for families and groups.
- **Scenic Lookout Points:** Additional lookout points will be constructed along the trail, offering panoramic views of the river and its surrounding natural beauty, perfect for photography, bird watching, or quiet reflection.
- **Sustainable Design:** The trail will integrate eco-friendly materials and practices, such as permeable pathways and native vegetation landscaping, to minimize environmental impact.
- **Cultural Integration:** Informational signage will educate trail users about the region's cultural and environmental heritage, highlighting Indigenous connections and the historical significance of the Bonnechere River.

Liability and Security

Limiting liability for a hiking trail involves several strategies designed to reduce the risk and increase security. The Bonnechere River Park and Trail Working Group discussed various strategies based on the recommendations of the Bruce Trail Conservancy and Nature Conservancy of Canada, as well as our personal experiences utilizing hiking trails of various sizes and difficulty levels in various jurisdictions. Additionally the Town's insurance provider, Fire Chief, and Recreation Department were consulted. We focused on strategies that are easy to implement and maintain, without considerably altering the natural feel of the trail. We looked towards local examples such as the Ma-te-way trails, Millenium Trail and Algonquin Trail in order to understand the potential issues and mitigation measures. These measures, when implemented effectively, help limit liability while encouraging responsible use of public hiking spaces.

- **Signage:**
 - At the trail head: Trail rules, safety instructions, emergency & non-emergency contact information, and trail maps, example provided in Appendix B.
 - Along the trail: Clear and consistent trail markers, reminders to stay on trail, additional trail maps, and hazard signage (e.g. poison ivy or steep terrain), examples provided in Appendix C.
- **Rest Areas:**
 - Rest areas are important because they provide trail users of various ages and physical abilities the opportunity enjoy the trail without over-exerting themselves.
- **Clear Corridors**

- The clear trail corridor encompasses not only the trail tread but also the space above it, where users are expected to travel, as well as an additional buffer zone that separates users from surrounding vegetation. Maintaining clear corridors is essential for the safety and enjoyment of trail users and the health of the surrounding environment.
- Key considerations include:
 - **User Safety:** Ensuring that vegetation does not intrude into or hang above the trail tread reduces the risk of injuries caused by overhanging branches or obstructive growth.
 - **Trail Enjoyment:** Keeping the path clear enhances the experience for all users, whether walking, cycling, or kayaking to adjacent areas.
 - **Vegetation Health:** Preventing vegetation from encroaching on the trail minimizes the likelihood of plants being damaged by users brushing past, stripping foliage, or breaking branches.
 - **Buffer Zone Design:** Trails with adequate buffer zones encourage a sustainable coexistence between recreational use and the natural environment, promoting healthier ecosystems.
- Routine inspections and maintenance of the trail corridors will ensure vegetation is trimmed and maintained in a way that balances usability and environmental integrity. Volunteers and maintenance teams will play a critical role in upholding these standards.
- **Barriers:**
 - The utilization of strategically placed barriers can help to keep unauthorized users off the trail and authorized users on the trail and away from neighbouring properties or hazards. Low-cost barriers can include large rocks, logs, planting of bushy vegetation, or rope fences.
 - Due to the higher cost and un-natural look, formal fencing (e.g. chain-link or wood) is not recommended for large installations. However for this project, due to the presence of existing chain link fencing at the Forestview Cres. Trailhead, modifications to the existing chain-link fencing are proposed.
- **Insurance:**
 - The Town's insurance advisor has advised that there will be no insurance premiums associated with the trail, however will need to be formerly declared with our insurer.
 - Occupiers' Liability Act, provides property owner's protection for recreational trails when reasonable care is taken to maintain the trail and ensure safety, provided that the trail is free to use.
 - Due diligence can be demonstrated by building and maintaining the trail to standards utilized by other trail organizations (e.g. Bruce Trail, Ontario Parks, etc.) and by conducting regular documented trail inspections and acting on deficiencies.
- **Regular Inspections**
 - Volunteers or local community groups could periodically patrol the trail or assist in maintaining its upkeep, which would provide a visible presence without the expense of staff time. Furthermore, engaging with local hikers to encourage reporting any suspicious activity or safety concerns could foster a collaborative community approach to safety. These initiatives, along with promoting the use of a well-defined, well-maintained trail, would provide a sense of security at minimal cost.

- **Emergency Preparedness:**
 - Consult with local fire departments and paramedics to confirm existing emergency response plans for natural and remote locations.
 - Utilization of trail mileage markers and trail names will allow first responders to identify and respond quickly to a person in distress. Trail has cellular coverage.
 - Promotion of the “what3words” app, a smart phone app designed to easily communicate one’s location, especially in areas with no fixed address.
- **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)**
 The Bonnechere River Trail would be exempt from the AODA based on:
 - Being a wilderness trail
 - A case where making the trail accessible would have a negative effect on water, fish, wildlife, plants, invertebrates, species at risk, ecological integrity or natural heritage values
 Although exempt from the AODA development of the trail will occur with accessibility in mind.

Environmental Impact

Trails allow people to enjoy nature and engage in outdoor recreation in a controlled manner, encouraging low-impact activities. The presence of well-designed trails often leads to increased awareness and appreciation of the environment. Many people who experience nature through wilderness trails become more invested in conservation efforts. The recreational use of trails can foster a sense of stewardship, as visitors recognize the importance of maintaining these paths and the surrounding landscapes. By promoting sustainable use, wilderness trails provide a way for people to connect with nature while minimizing their environmental footprint.

BCH Environmental Consulting was contracted by the Town in the fall of 2023 to conduct an initial Species at Risk (SAR) Habitat Assessment on the lands within the project area. Potential habitat for snapping turtle, bandings turtle, bank swallow, eastern wood pewee and bats were identified in the subject lands. Additionally, high potential habitat for barn swallow, grasshopper sparrow, eastern meadowlark and bobolink were identified in adjacent lands, and butternut trees were also confirmed in adjacent lands. The potential habitat of these species has been factored into the proposed trail alignment to minimize any SAR habitat impact. Algonquin College’s Environmental Technician Program has expressed interest in having its students complete a partial Environmental Assessment (EA) of the lands, providing their students the opportunity to complete ground truthing, species IDs, soil testing, water sampling, benthic sampling, and more, while providing the Town with the data they collect and recommendations for future environmental considerations (e.g. if a full EA was needed). Due to the timing of the school year and seasonality of field work, this could occur in the fall.

The lands surrounding the trail are known to have invasive species such as garlic mustard and creeping jenny. The development of the trail will permit safe access to these areas for volunteers to remove these species. Additionally, as new invasive species establish, use of the trail will mean these species will be identified earlier and could be removed before becoming problematic.

Development Plan & Timelines

Building a new hiking trail is a complex and multi-faceted endeavor that requires careful planning, coordination, and investment of time and resources. The Town of Renfrew has not, in recent history, developed a trail like this. The Development Plan pulls on resources provided by our partners, site specific recommendations from the Bruce Trail Conservancy and Nature Conservancy representatives who visited the site in April 2024, and from online resources such as the Ontario Trail Council to estimate the level of effort required to develop the trail. Based on these sources and our understanding of the site conditions, 2-3 workdays are estimated to be required to develop the trail. The development timeline is designed to have some flexibility leading up to the Grand Opening on July 1, 2025.

Task	Timeframe	Assigned/Volunteered Person(s)
Presentation to Council and Approval to proceed	March 2025	Working Group
Solidify land access Agreement with federal government and local developer	March 2025	Schad Foundation working with Environment and Climate Change Canada Director Withers and Manager Springer working with developer
Solidify volunteer commitments	April 2025	Working Group
Flag the final Route	Late April 2025	Manager Springer
Plan workday(s)	Late April 2025	Working Group
Clear large brush and windfalls	Late April 2025	Donated by Enright Tree Service
Purchase supplies, finalize & order signage	Late April 2025	Working Group
Conduct gate modifications	Early May 2025	Contracted
Brush hog through stormwater complex	Early May 2025	Public Works
Workday(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trimming, pruning, raking, trail marking - Bridge building, switchbacks and side logging - Installation of picnic tables and benches - Construction of trailhead structures 	Late May – early June 2025	Working Group & volunteers
Trail inspection and soft opening	June 2025	Working Group
Grand Opening	July 1, 2025 (Canada Day)	Working Group in collaboration with Recreation & Community Services Department led events

Fundraising

Donation Stations

- Install donation kiosks at key points along the trail, such as the trail head and picnic areas, to collect contributions from visitors who wish to support the trail. The Working Group explored various options to receive donations including cash boxes, tip tap stations, e-transfer and QR codes. QR codes were determined to be the preferred method of accepting donations.

Sponsorship Opportunities

- Offer naming rights for benches, lookout points, decorative rocks, and trail sections.
- Examples of sponsorship from other Organizations are provided in Appendix D.

Community Support

- Collaborate with local businesses and organizations to sponsor specific amenities like trail markers or to offer canoe/kayak rental stations.
- Potential to establish “Friends of the Trail” group to assist with trail inspections and minor Maintenance activities (e.g. litter pick up).
- Potential to establish a trail volunteer of the year award as a low/no cost means of recognition for those who support trail maintenance, particularly youth.

Grant Funding

Various organizations provide full or partial funding for capital works related to trail building, access to nature and environmental stewardship. Some examples include:

- Ontario Trillium Foundation - provides funding for projects that aim to improve the quality of life in Ontario, including initiatives that support the environment, recreation, and community development.
- Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) - supports projects that revitalize public spaces, including the development of outdoor spaces like trails, parks, and green spaces.
- Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Community Stewardship Fund - Funding for community organizations working on trail building and maintenance, especially for wilderness or natural trails.
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund (GMF) – GMF funds initiatives that focus on environmental and community sustainability, which can include green spaces and outdoor trails.
- Ontario Tourism and Recreation Grants - Grants aimed at enhancing tourism and recreation opportunities. These grants can support trail development as a tourism initiative.

Volunteers

Pending approval to proceed, the Working Group intends to reach out to the following community organizations who may be interested in volunteering. Some initial conversations have already taken place to gauge interest in participating, with positive responses received.

- Renfrew Collegiate Institute & St. Joseph Catholic High School
- Scouts Canada
- Girl Guides
- Ottawa Outdoor Club
- Macnamara Field Naturalists Club
- Friends of Algonquin Park
- Algonquin College Environmental Technician & Outdoor Adventure Students

Marketing and Promotion

Some promotion and marketing of the trail is initially proposed, however the need for on-going marketing will be assessed as needed. Photos from volunteer workdays and from along the trail will be shared on the Town's existing social media platforms and website to build up excitement about the trail with a Grand Opening Event proposed for July 1, 2025 (Canada Day). The Working Group Plans to collaborate with the Recreation and Community Services Department to make the Trail Opening part of the Town's greater Canada Day Celebrations. Details of the Grand Opening have yet to be finalized but may include guided tours and trail scavenger hunts focusing on local history and natural elements. Visitors would be encouraged to share their own experiences through social media and word of mouth. Additionally, the trail would be listed on free outdoor directories like AllTrails, and Google Maps.

Development Budget

The following budget represents the projected initial up-front costs for the trail's development from the Forestview Cres. trailhead to the Hwy 17 bridge.

Expense	Estimated Cost (consumables)	Estimated Town of Renfrew in-kind costs*
Chainsaw work	\$0 (donated by Enright Tree Service)	
Mowing/brush-hog		\$200
Fence/Gate Modifications at Trailhead	\$3,000	
Signs and Trail Markers	\$3,000	
Wood & Posts for Bridges & Switchbacks	\$6,000	
Picnic Tables & Benches	\$6,000	
Miscellaneous Materials	\$2,000	
Marketing and Promotion	\$0	
Parking Area improvements (if required)		\$5000
Total	\$20,000	\$5,200 (in-kind)

*excludes staff time associated with participating in the Working Group

The Schad foundation has provided \$25,000 in funding to cover trail development costs. Based on the above noted cost estimate, this donation will cover up-front trail development costs.

Ongoing Maintenance Requirements & Budgets

Various documents including the Bruce Trail Guide for Trail Workers, and Ontario's Best Trails Guide were consulted to determine the requirements for long-term maintenance of the trail.

Annual Tasks:

- Regular inspections of pathways and built features. The Bruce Trail Conservancy recommends formal inspections twice a year, additionally inspections should occur after significant weather events. Costs for four (4) inspections a year by Town of Renfrew staff have been estimated. A sample Trail Status Report Form is provided in Appendix E.
- Litter cleanup cost estimates are based on one (1) trash can installed at the trail head which would be collected weekly by staff on the existing pick-up route for parks. Litter clean-up on the trail would occur during inspections and be promoted with volunteer participation.
- General maintenance includes grass cutting and weed-whacking around the trail head and parking area (estimated to be required monthly during the growing season), and brush trimming and wind fall removal (estimated to be required once annually).
- Trail improvements include the construction of new features to improve the functioning of the trail (e.g. boardwalk section to avoid muddy spots) and on-going consumables such as dog waste bags.
- It is assumed that replacement costs would be low in the first few years of operation. Wooden trail features are estimated to have useable lifespan of 10-15 years depending on type of wood used and purpose. It is recommended that any un-used budget from the replacement materials budget be put into a reserve for future repairs.

Maintenance Budget:

Task	Estimated Annual Cost	Notes
Inspections	\$750	In-kind Costs associated with staff time
Litter Cleanup	\$250	In-kind Costs associated with staff time
General maintenance	\$1000	In-kind Costs associated with staff time and equipment use
Trail Improvements	\$1500	Costs associated with consumables
Replacement Materials	\$1500	Costs associated with consumables, unused funds to be put into reserve
Total	\$2000 (staff time & equipment) \$3000 (Consumables)	

Appendices:

Appendix A – Trail Map (working version)

Appendix B – Example trailhead sign

Appendix C – Example signage for the trail route

Appendix D – Examples of trail sponsorship from other Municipalities

Appendix E - Sample Trail Inspection Report Form

Bonnechere River Trail - 2025 Focus Area



Welcome to the Bonnechere River Trail

About the Trail

The Bonnechere River Trail was established in 2025 with the support of the Town of Renfrew, Community Members, Schad Foundation and Government of Canada. The trail showcases the natural beauty, unique geology and history of the Bonnechere River and surrounding watershed. The trail is marked with colour coded trail markers. For your safety, please stay on trail.

Trail Rules

- Hike only along marked routes. Do not take shortcuts. Stay on trail.
- Respect the privacy of those living near the trail.
- No speakers.
- Leave the trail cleaner that you found it. Carry out all litter.
- No camping. No open fires.
- Trail hours are from sunrise to sunset.
- Do not damage trees, strip bark or remove leaves.
- Do not disturb wildlife. Do not feed wildlife.
- Dogs must be on leash and under control at all times. Poop must be picked up.
- Obey all signs.
- Foot traffic only. Motorized vehicles, horses, and bicycles prohibited.



Stay Alert for Noxious Plants. Stay on Trail.



Poison Ivy



Wild Parsnip



Stinging Nettle

To report an issue with the trail please contact the Town of Renfrew at 613-432-4848. For after-hours public works related emergencies please contact the Town of Renfrew's Emergency Dispatch Centre at 613-432-6446.



911

For emergency services (fire, ambulance, police) please dial 911
You are at 390 Forestview Crescent, Renfrew Ontario



Appendix C - Example Signage for Trail Route



Appendix D – Sponsorship Examples

Any Sponsorship shall be subject to the conditions of the Town's Corporate Sponsorship and Advertising Policy

Memorial / Sponsored Bench Programs

[Lake Simcoe](#): \$2,000

[Huntsville](#): \$450

[Grand River](#): \$3,000

[Hearst](#): \$3,600

[Town of Belleville](#): \$3,800

[Peace River](#): \$2,500

[Barrie](#): \$2,100

[City of Woodstock](#): \$2,230

[Port Hope](#): \$2,100

Town of Renfrew: By Donation



Lake Simcoe Conservation

Trail Sponsorship Program

Grand River: \$2,500/KM

Elora Cataract Trailway (ECT): \$2,500

City of Woodstock: 10m of Stone Dust Trail \$100 | 10m of Hard Surface Trail \$250



Belleville Waterfront Trail



Almonte Alameda Trail

Picnic Tables:

Belleville: \$1,500

Port Hope: \$3,000

Hearst: \$2,460

Town of Renfrew: \$300 (policy should be reviewed)

Other:

Memory Lane Stones (Belleville): \$200

Commemorative Stones (Barrie): \$620

Bike Racks (Hearst): \$1,660



Belleville Waterfront Trail

Date of Inspection: _____

	N/A	None/ Good	Some/ Minor	Many/ Major
Garbage, litter or trash on the trail?				
Brush, stumps, overhanging branches or windfalls on trail path?				
Hazardous plants present?				
Overgrown grass or vegetation?				
Gates and barriers intact?				
Signage in place and in a good state?				
Signs of Vandalism?				
Signs of overnight camping?				
Signs of prohibited use?				
Culverts and drainage operational?				
Trail surface in good repair?				
Trail structures (e.g. bridges, boardwalks, stairs) in good state?				
Other: _____				

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