



KLGTA Newsletter

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Happy New Year Kawartha Lakes Green Trails Alliance (KLGTA) members, supporters and partners! KLGTA directors are excited for all that 2011 will bring for our organization. One of our resolutions for 2011 is to keep in regular communication with our membership. Over the past few years we have kept very busy with grant writing and management, trail upgrading, maintenance and beautification. We realize that those efforts would not be possible without the contributions of our membership and volunteers, and so, we would like to ensure you are kept up to date with everything we are doing to improve our trail system for non-motorized trail users.

What Have We Been Up To?

Legacy Trail

The Legacy Trail, between William Street North and Thunderbridge Road, is part of the 84 km. north/south Victoria Rail Trail owned by The City of Kawartha Lakes. Since paving the Legacy Trail, there has been landscaping completed along the trail as well as an interpretive kiosk erected at the William Street/Orchard Park Road trailhead thanks to Lindsay Legacy CHEST funding. The kiosk is modeled after a historical railway stop and the interpretive panels share history, health and environmental information about the area and the railway. If you have not yet seen the kiosk, it is worth checking out. Take a hike, snowshoe or cross-country ski on the Legacy Trail while you are there!

Last spring, KLGTA worked with several community partners to bring forward a community appeal to extend the Legacy Trail to Ken Reid Conservation Area, creating an urban greenway for non-motorized use of approximately 4 kms. in length. Despite convincing presentations from students of I.E. Weldon and Fleming College and over 800 signatures on the appeal, the majority of Council did not support the community request. KLGTA will continue to pursue the extension of the Legacy Trail as we believe it is in the best interest of residents and the Conservation Area.

Close the Gap

Several years ago, KLGTA received funding through Kawartha Lakes Community Futures' Eastern Ontario Development Program to hire a consultant to prepare drawings of potential routes to 'close the gap' between the two sections of paved rail trail in Lindsay (the Legacy Trail in the north end and the Rotary Trail along the east side of the Scugog River in the south). Drawings were prepared and the pros and cons of each route were discussed through public meetings and consultations with stakeholders. A

preferred route was selected that follows the Scugog River and existing parks in town. Since the preferred route was selected, efforts have been underway applying for grants to develop a trail along the Scugog River to close the gap between these two trails. Stay tuned for more information on this project later in 2011.

Kawartha Trans Canada Trail Managing Partner

The Kawartha Trans Canada Trail runs east and west at the south end of Lindsay, from Peterborough to County Road 2 (Simcoe Street). The Kawartha Lakes Green Trails Alliance is a managing partner with the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail Association managing that portion of the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail from Marlene James Park in Lindsay east to Post Road and helps to promote the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail at any event where we are promoting our own organization.

How to Get Involved

Volunteer Opportunities

Throughout the year, KLGTA is involved in events where we can promote the trails and our efforts and encourage community members to join our organization. We are always in need of volunteers for short periods of time (2-3 hours) to help in roles such as:

- staffing a booth at a promotional event
- helping with trail clean-ups or landscaping efforts, or,
- if you want to become more involved, serving as a director on our board

Please contact us at info@greentrailsalliance.ca if you are interested in becoming involved as a volunteer.

Membership

KLGTA is a registered not-for-profit organization. Any funds that we have, are obtained through grants and annual membership fees. Each year, KLGTA asks non-motorized trail users in City of Kawartha Lakes to show their support to the efforts of our organization through a modest \$5 donation. If you use the trails in our community and support the concept that trails are great places to be physically active and you enjoy nature, please consider joining KLGTA by renewing your annual membership today!

Planned Activities 2011

Stay tuned for more details on the following events in future newsletters:

- Spring trail clean-up
- Annual General Meeting in late spring
- Booth at Lindsay Farmers Market (June-September)

For more information about KLGTA, check out our website at www.greentrailsalliance.ca

All the best to you and your family in 2011. Hope to see you on the trails!