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Sentiers Chelsea Trails 2015 - 2016

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SCT's mandate

A community based, not-for-profit group dedicated to the preservation and creation of a green trail network linking the village centre, schools and community centres to neighbourhoods and to the natural assets of Gatineau Park and the Gatineau River.

Strives to give the trail network a stronger voice in our community.

Works with the Municipality of Chelsea to plan, establish, and maintain trails within the municipality.

Mobilizes and trains volunteers to build and maintain trails.



Board of Directors 2015-2016

Officers:

Michel Gravel – President

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Alain Piché – Treasurer

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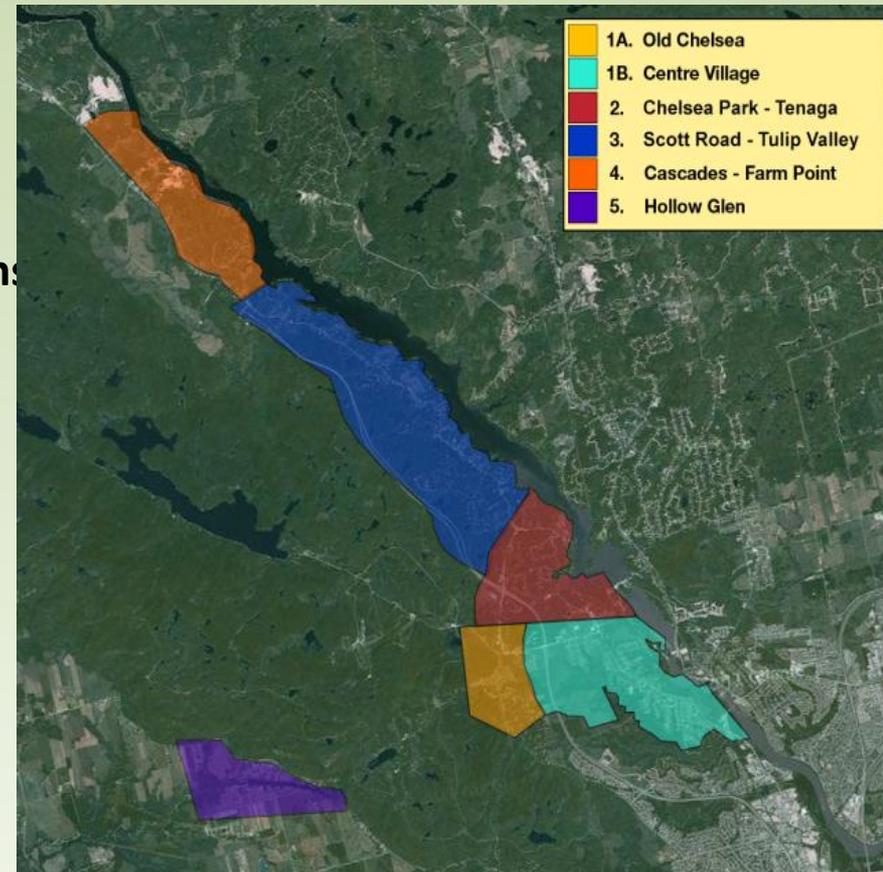
Michel Hébert – Champion Sector 1B

Marc Desjardins – Champion Sector 2

Doug Taylor – Champion Sector 4

Chris Pawluk – Champion Sector 5 (Acting)

Eric Partington



Sectors 1-5



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Active Transportation Plan 2012-2015

- Completed in October
2014 and approved in
December 2014, the
Plan constitutes:**
- **A guide for the
Municipality and SCT to
plan and develop local
community trails, cycling
lanes and multi-functional
trails (refer to handout)**





Active Transportation Plan Implementation Group

Created in January 2015, the committee, made up of representatives from Chelsea Municipality and SCT, is charged with ensuring an orderly follow-up on the plan's recommendations.

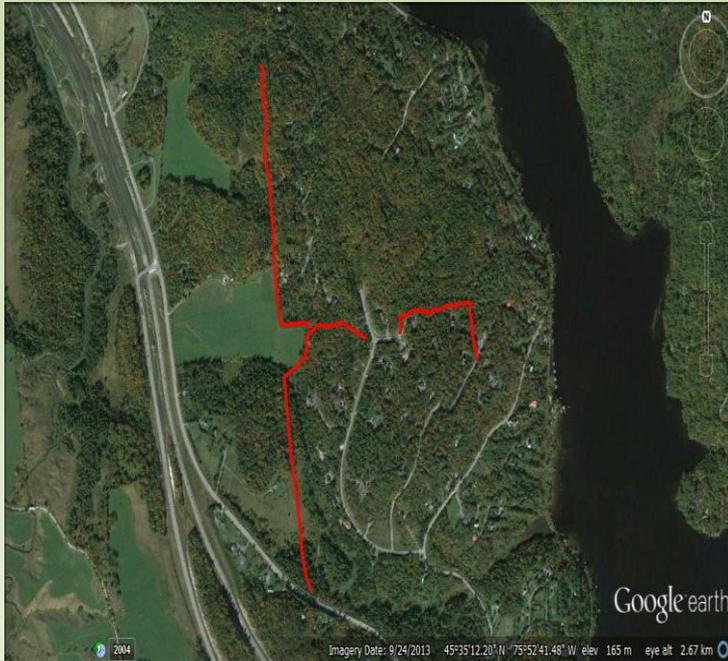
Examples of issues that have been addressed:

- Follow-up with the MTQ – A50
- Priorities and budgets for trail projects for 2016
 - e.g., transformation of the railway corridor
- Input on cycle lane projects (Route 105, Notch Rd, Kingsmere Rd)
- Public access to the Gatineau Park



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Trail building : des Pommiers-Winnisic



SCT's first trail was built in the des Pommiers sector. Doug Taylor coordinated the work which began in the Fall of 2013 and by 2015 was nearly complete all the way to Winnisic.

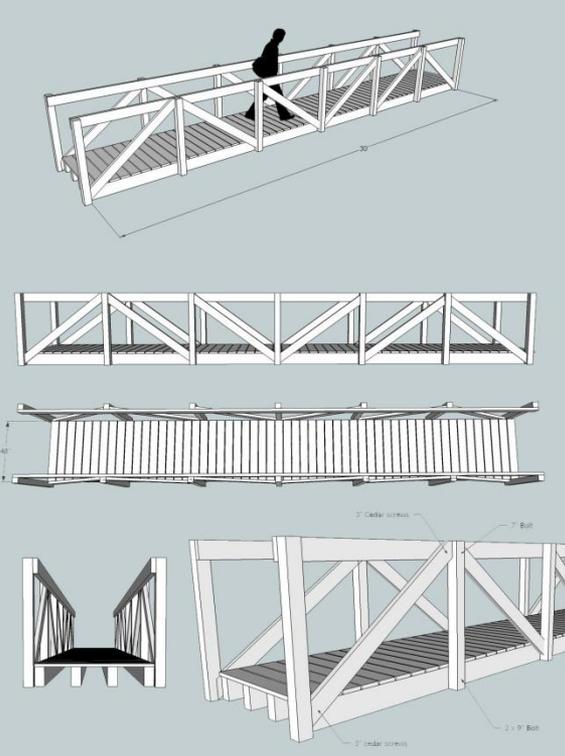
Trail Building: Chelsea Park: du Manoir to Route 105





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Chelsea Park : du Manoir to Route 105



Revitalization of NCC Trails along Chelsea Creek, October, 2015



A group of happy volunteers just finished a project to revitalize trails along Chelsea Creek. This project was coordinated with the NCC: SCT provided the labour and enthusiasm with NCC officer Laura Marks providing the materials and guidance. The project was managed by Gordon Mamen (third from left) on behalf of SCT. (Photo: Laura Marks)

New signage

Simple, discreet and aesthetically pleasing: respecting privacy, the environment, and nature; and prohibiting motorized vehicles





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Winter Community Trail



Lead by Alain Piché, SCT has partnered with Chelsea Municipality to fund the grooming and maintenance of the 18 km Chelsea Community Winter Trail along the railway corridor.

Winter Community Trail Work Bees



This Fall, Alain organized another series of three trail clearing work bees. The trail must be cleared to allow grooming of the trail in the winter.



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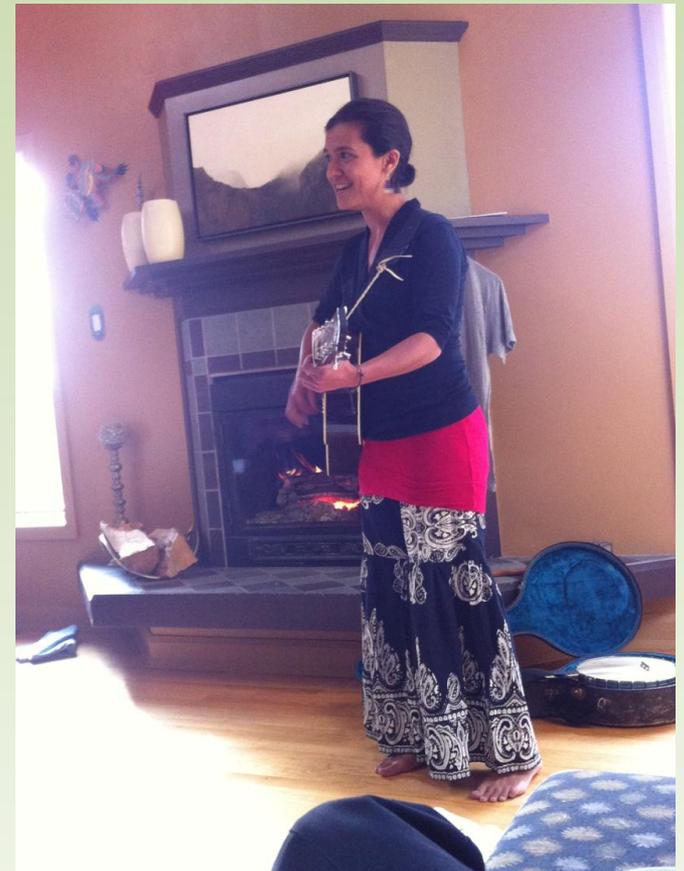
Fundraising for Winter Community Trail

Every year, we appeal to Chelsea residents to contribute online to the grooming of the Winter Community Trail. In 2015, we raised ±\$5,000 from the community, including corporate sponsors.

Donate to the
Community Trail Fund

October 18, 2015

Kyra Shaughnessy performed an intimate house concert at the home of Roberta Walker and Sandy Foote. The event raised \$1,200 in support of the winter trail.



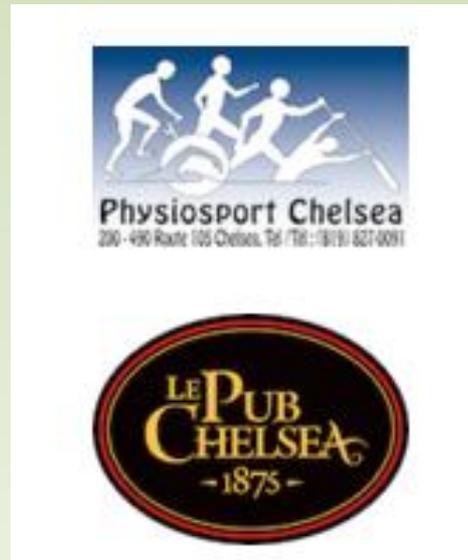


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Thank you to our corporate sponsors 2015-2016

Corporate Trail Leaders – Gold

Trail Community Sponsors – Silver



Partnership with GVHS: Historical panels at Cascades



A second series of six historical panels went up along the railway in the Cascades area. GVHS members Louise Schwartz and RJ Hughes planned and located the positions of the panels.

Alain Piché, Volunteer of the Year 2015



SCT Annual Board Hike, National Trails Day, 6 June 2015



Thirty people joined the hike of the des Pommiers – Winnisic Trail this year. Doug Taylor described the trail building process and guided the hike.

Transformation of the rail corridor – SCT's vision

Family-friendly community trail designed primarily for local use:

- Multi-purpose: walking, jogging, skiing, snowshoeing, low-speed biking, dog-walking
- 4 seasons
- Non-motorized
- Stone dust surface
- Phased approach in order to minimize disruption to neighbouring properties

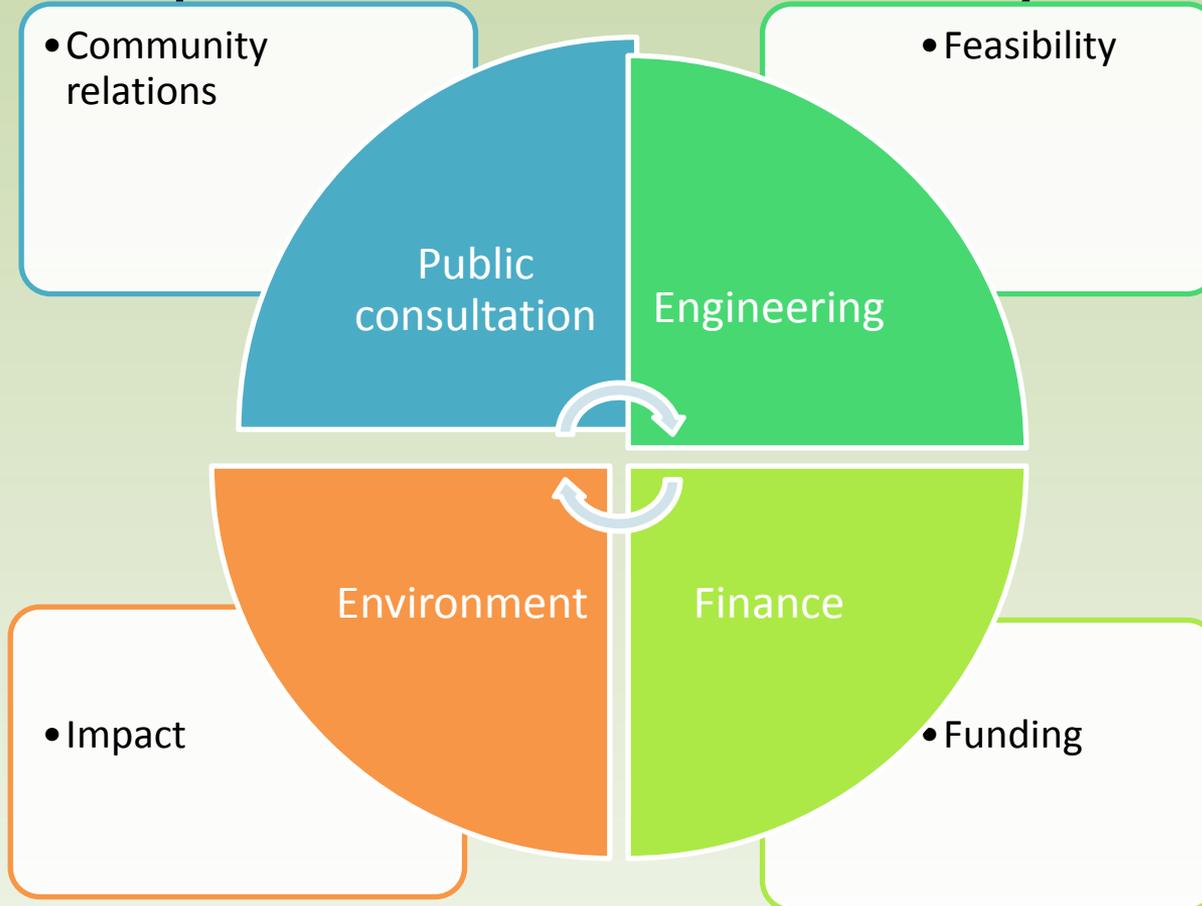




Guiding Principles

- Respecting the environment
- Supporting an active lifestyle
- Ensuring affordability without major financial impacts on the Municipality and residents
- Building community partnerships
- Reinforcing safe community links
- Minimizing impact on adjacent landowners
- Respecting the history and heritage of the railway corridor

Components of the Feasibility Study





Key Elements

- Present the major findings of the Feasibility Study to the public and receive comments and suggestions as input to decision-making by the Municipality
- Project must be affordable, doable and of a modest scale
- Completion of the follow-up environmental studies a critical next step



Critical Issues

- Parking
- Safety of users and infrastructure
- Protection of privacy and of neighbouring properties
- Affordability with no major financial impact on the Municipality and residents

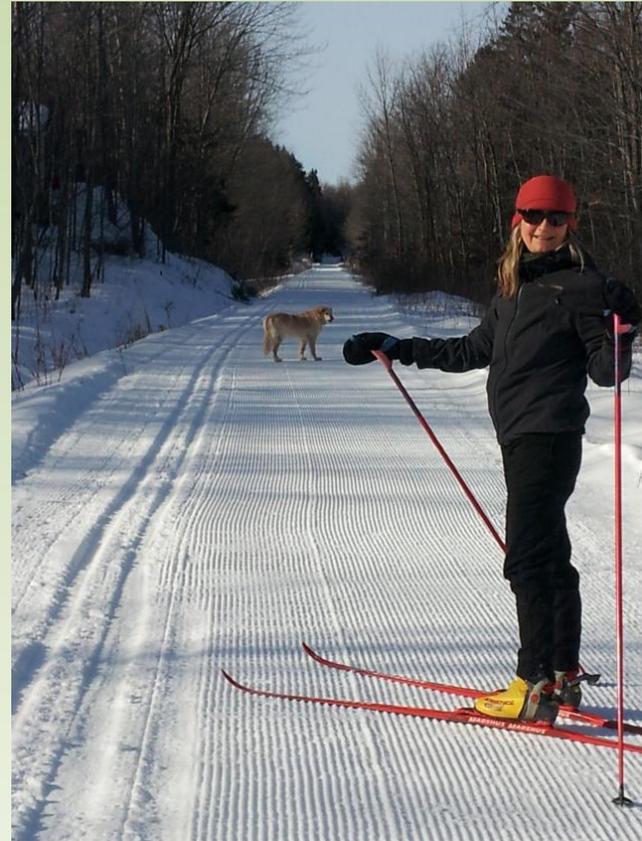


Community Trail Ambassadors

- Group drawn from over 20 community leaders and engaged Chelsea citizens
- Group's mandate:
 - Publicly support the conversion of the rail corridor to a community trail
 - Lend their names and voices in favour of the project



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Thank You!

Please consider making a contribution to the Winter Trail Fund or volunteering!
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