



Ontario Trails Council Trail Facts

An Ontario Trail Council
Presidents Meeting
February 12, 2009



Purpose

- To provide President's of Ontario Trails Council members, where those members are Presidents of Provincial Organizations, with a primary mandate for trails on:
 - OTC Developments - Federal Budget Funding Announcement
 - Ontario Trail Strategy
 - Trillium Trail Network and Safe Trail Manual
 - Trails Act
 - To Reach Cohesion and Consensus for ongoing and continued OTC representation

Today's Invitees

| <u>Attending Presidents</u> | <u>Regrets</u> |
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| Ontario Equestrian Federation - Jack De Wit for Gary Yaghdjian | Cycle Ontario - David Hunt Past President |
| Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs - Brenda Welsh for Bruce Robinson | Ontario Federation of Dog-Sled Sports - Janice Erker |
| Ontario Federation of All-Terrain Vehicle Clubs - Wayne Daub for Bruce Murphy | Cross Country Ontario - Dorothy Latham |
| Ontario Trail Riders Association - Bonnie Simpson for Janice Glegg | Ontario Recreational Canoe and Kayak Association - Gordon Haggert* |
| Hike Ontario - Harold Sellers for Tom Freisen | Trans Canada Trail - Cam Clarke* |
| International Mountain Biking Association - Jason Murray | Ontario Federation of Trail Riders - Rick Currah* |
| United 4X4 - Wayne Groom | Ontario Biosphere Reserves - Kirsten Spence (rep)* |
| Tread Lightly Ontario - Patrick Connor for John Farley | Canadian Trails Federation (ON) - Patrick Connor* |
| Conservation Ontario - Don Pearson | Rural Ontario Municipalities Association - Bill Vrebosch |
| Ontario Federation of 4 Wheel Drive Enthusiasts - Peter Wood | Other OTCC Groups - BTA, WRT, OLSC - no answer |
| Park and Recreation Ontario - Terry Aylman | |

Agenda

- 0930AM - Opening Remarks Jack De Wit OTC President
- Slide presentation - Patrick Connor OTC Executive Director - Status of Trails Overview
- Meeting Facilitation - Tim West OTC Vice-President
 - Review of minutes and outcomes from December 6, 2008
- Section A) President Check-in
 - » Organization Represented
 - » Goals, Purpose and Role in Trails
- 1100-1230PM Extension of Section A) or inclusion of other Ontario Trails Committee Organizations as required.
- Slide presentation synopsis - Patrick Connor OTC Executive Director
- Section B) President Check-in
 - » Organization Represented
 - » Goals, Purpose and Role in Trails
- 12:30 - 1:30 Open Lunch
- 1:30 - 3:30 Ministry of Health Promotion - Carol Oitment and Craig Stewart

OTC Mission Statement

- The Ontario Trails Council is the lead charitable organization promoting the creation, preservation, management and use of recreational trails in Ontario.

OTC Members and Partners

- 2002-2008 Grow from 33 to 111 members
- 30% Non-profits, 45% Municipalities, 25% Programs
- 2002-2007 focused on internal governance
- MOU's with: Trans Canada Trail Ontario, Get Active Now, Park and Recreation Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Parks Association, COMAP, EOTA and OFATV
- Annual Budget @ \$250,000, largely membership and 2 grants, MNR and MHP

Services performed by OTC

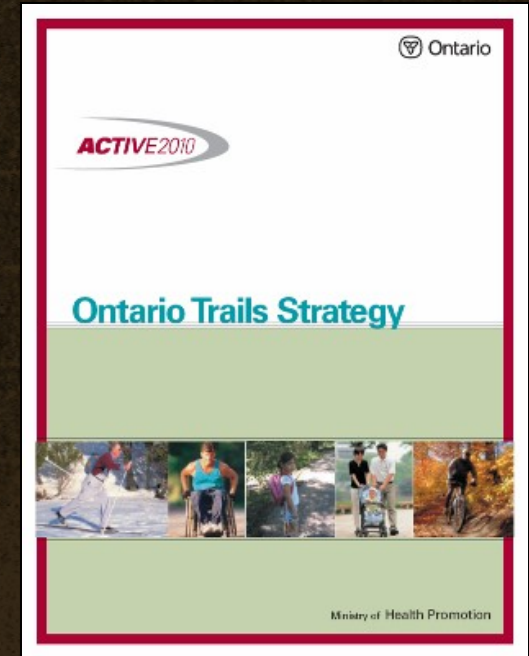
- Governance 2002-2007
- Centralized Website for Trails 2006-2010
- Regional Trail Council Development 2006-2010
- Advocacy, since 1988
- Member Canadian Trails Federation, NTC Executive Member
- Education and Communication, trail database
- Conferences and meetings
- Youth Programs 2004-09
- Trillium Trail Network and Trails Permit - 2006-08

Ministry of Health Promotion OTS Initiatives

- Legislative Review and Off-Road Conflicts
- Project Granting Ontario's Best trails
 - » Centralized Website
 - » Trail Events and Celebrations
 - » Intra-Ministerial Committee
 - » Safe Trails Manual
- Public/Government Interface - Ontario Trails Coordinating Committee
- Increasing Trail Use
 - » Insurance Issue
 - » Trail Sustainability

Ontario Trails Strategy (OTS)

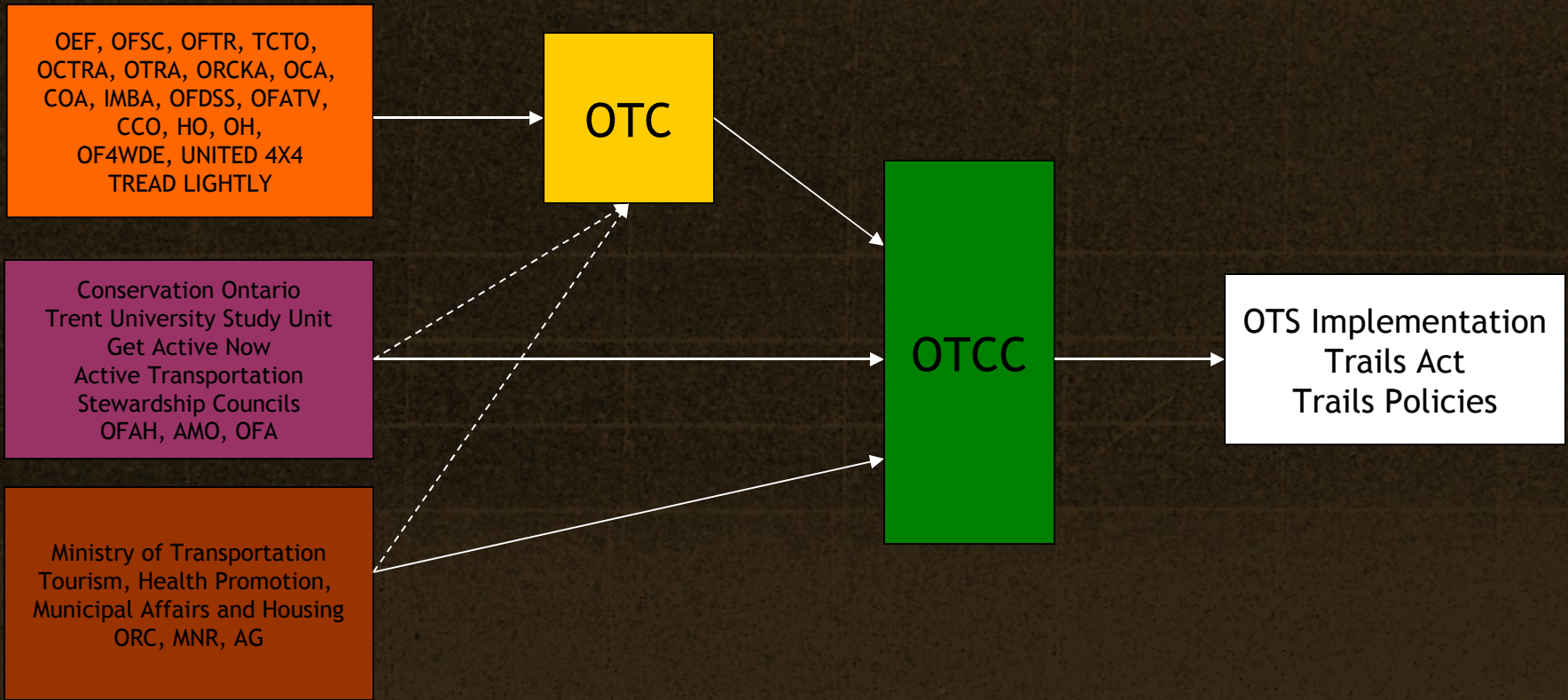
- Funded 3.5 million for 5 years
- Ends in 2010
- Led Ministry Health Promotion
- Managed by the government
- Single communication mechanism - Ontario Trails Coordinating Committee (OTCC)
- Meets 3 times a year.
- OTCC your voice from trails at table



Ontario Trails Coordinating Committee (OTCC)

- Provides Coordinating Function to Ontario Trails Strategy (OTS)
- Provides oversight to goals and objectives of OTS
- Made up of trail groups and programs and services to trails
- Members and OTC relationship

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| Conservation Ontario | |
| Association of Municipalities of Ontario | |
| Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters | |
| Trent University Trail Study Unit | |
| Ministry of Natural Resources | |
| Ministry of Health Promotion | |
| Ministry of Transportation | |
| Get Active Now | |
| Ministry of Attorney General | |
| Ministry of Tourism | |
| Ontario Federation of Agriculture | |
| Ontario Realty Corporation | |



Trails Act and other ideas

- Decision to propose a Trails Act for Ontario
- Decision to recommend positive adjustments to Line Fences Act
- Decision to recommend positive reduction in trails liability exposure for trail organizations
- Decision to recommend licence fee recapture for ATV/ORV
- Decision to recommend linkage for motorcycles
- Decision to recommend tax breaks and incentives for trail development
- Decision to recommend softening Ontarians with Disabilities language for trails
- Decision to recommend a trails sustainability model for trails.
- Response to National Funding Announcement

Next Steps - a suggested resolution

- In order to deal effectively with government initiatives in pursuit of a more robust legal framework for trails in Ontario, we the Presidents of Trail organizations in Ontario, endorse the ongoing lead position of the Ontario Trails Council, as the voice for cohesion and collaboration amongst us in continued relations and trails advocacy with the Government of Ontario. - February 2009

Results

To date this resolution has received endorsement from:

- IMBA, OFSC, OFATV, TCTO, OEF, ORCKA, OTRA, OCTRA, OFTR, Tread Lightly, CTF (ON).
- Pending - OCA, CCO, OFDDS, and others here today.