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**Ontario Trails Council – Brantford Conference Completed**

The OTC 2006 Conference is completed. The Theme of this year's conference was "**Trail Connections Bringing Ontario's Communities Together.**" The program included on-site use of Brantford trail infrastructure to complete training and certification, as a Hike Ontario Hike Leader, for Ontario Recreational Canoe Association Instructors a re-certification took place at Brantford, and Can-Bike Training for cycle leaders was offered. Thanks to all who joined us in Brantford! The OTC wishes to express its thanks to MPP Dave Levac, and MP Lloyd St. Amand, as well as MC Paul Randorf and all who joined us for the OTC banquet. The sessions on the on the Provincial Trails Strategy, completion of the gaps in the Trans Canada Trail, and general discussion on Regional Management Councils was of great value. Many thanks to Lindsay Elder and Karen Hoover for managing another successful OTC auction!!

We wish to express thanks as well as the local organisers, all presenters, and the members of the OTC who participated and supported another solid event. Watch for our webpage synopsis and conference 2006 Proceedings, coming soon to [www.ontariotrails.on.ca/Conference2006.htm](http://www.ontariotrails.on.ca/Conference2006.htm)

**Future meeting of the Ontario Trails Strategy Coordinating Committee June 26<sup>th</sup> in Toronto**

The next meeting of the Ontario Trails Strategy Coordinating Committee is June 26<sup>th</sup> in Toronto. We are pleased to provide a link to a fact sheet detailing the grant recipients [http://www.ontariotrails.on.ca/OTS Trails for Life Grants.xls](http://www.ontariotrails.on.ca/OTS_Trails_for_Life_Grants.xls) and related projects currently funded under this year's trails for life program. One of the topics up for discussion at the next meeting is the assessment of projects for the next round of Trails for Life grants. Your input is valuable and necessary as we determine where we might best make us of the available dollars. For more information on the new Ministry of Health Promotion go to: <http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/english/default.asp> and for more information on the OTC recommendations to the Ministry of Health Promotion, [http://www.ontariotrails.on.ca/OTS\\_OTC.pdf](http://www.ontariotrails.on.ca/OTS_OTC.pdf)

**OTC Projects move into full swing**

Did you know that the OTC is actively starting the process of implementing three Ontario Trails Strategy, "Trails for Life" Program Grants. We are working with Paradigm Events, <http://www.paradigmevents.com> and Hike Ontario <http://www.hikeontario.com> to break the Guinness World Record for most walking trips in a single day. We are looking to make the attempt in October 2006 with the support of all OTC members, our partners and walking clubs. We will soon begin work on the Centralized Website [http://www.ontariotrails.on.ca/Centralized website project.pdf](http://www.ontariotrails.on.ca/Centralized_website_project.pdf) and the economic sustainability project for trails. [http://www.ontariotrails.on.ca/TTN RFP.pdf](http://www.ontariotrails.on.ca/TTN_RFP.pdf) via the initiation of the Trillium Trails Network

**Attention all Members**

Did you know that a full and complete documentation of the actions of your Board and Executive are available on-line? If you lost your membership access code, please contact Suzanne, [admin@ontariotrails.on.ca](mailto:admin@ontariotrails.on.ca) at the OTC office and she'll forward you your code. View our on-line reports to the Ministry of Finance, the latest in newsletters, governance development and more.

For information on other projects just "click the pic", for information on "June is Recreation Month Activity, click PRO, for information on trails-Health Events click Ontario Trails "Yours to Explore" poster, and for information on the Active 2010.

