



To the Membership

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First, I would like to thank you for your support over the years. This support has helped us build the Legacy Trail and the Carew Park Trail. These trails are part of the urban trails infrastructure that is developing in Lindsay. Now we would like to build on that infrastructure base. The following is a snapshot of where we are now and where we would like to go.

THE EXISTING URBAN TRAIL BASE

The existing urban trails in Lindsay are: The Legacy Trail, The Carew Park Trail, The McDonald Park Trail, The Rotary Trail, and the Trans Canada Trail. We recently produced a "Lindsay Parks & Trails Map". We have been distributing these maps, which clearly show the location of these trails. Some other projects include producing and installing historical panels and producing some signage to help users navigate these trails – ultimately we hope to have signage along the entire urban trails system.

Here is brief description of the current urban trails system in Lindsay. Starting at Thunderbridge Road on the north side of Lindsay, you can follow these trails in a southeast direction - generally paralleling the Scugog River. This takes you to Logie Street and the Lilac Gardens. From here you can take the Trans Canada, which travels west to Angeline St. That is, with minimal road use, you can now travel half way around Lindsay using urban trails.

The ultimate goal is to complete the "circle". The potential to achieve this is quite good as there is undeveloped land in the Jennings Creek area between the Legacy Trail and Angeline Street. Undeveloped land continues on the west side of Angeline Street and runs south to Wilson Fields.

This circle will form a Hub to which current and future urban areas can connect to, using trails and bike lanes.

To achieve this goal we need to broaden the support base in both numbers and participation. Future communications will provide details about how you can help. For now here is a general overview of areas for participation and some of what is entailed.

Director: Planning. This ranges from scheduling spring cleanups to consulting with and coordinating with the City and other Trail Groups on initiatives and projects.

Volunteer: Trail Maintenance, Trail Cleanup

Volunteer on a Committee: Out of planning comes projects. Projects require people to complete them.

We will be having a membership drive and trail clean up this spring. Once the dates have been set, we'll communicate these with the membership.

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