



**Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee
Meeting**

Thursday, September 25, 2025 –10:00 a.m.

Council Chamber,

County of Frontenac Administration Building,

2069 Battersea Road, Glenburnie, ON

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AGENDA

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1. Call to Order

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2. Adoption of the Agenda

- a) **That** the agenda for the September 25, 2025 meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee be adopted.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

4. Adoption of Minutes

- a) Minutes of Meeting held June 5, 2025

That the minutes of the Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held June 5, 2025 be adopted.

[Minutes of Meeting held June 5, 2025](#)

5. Deputations and/or Presentations

6. Briefings

- a) Mr. Joe Gallivan, Director of Planning and Economic Development provided the Planning Advisory Committee with the planning briefing [Director of Planning and Economic Development Briefing](#)

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7. **Reports to the Planning Advisory Committee**

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- a) **2025-077**
Planning and Economic Development
Frontenac County Official Plan Update

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3. That the Official Plan be consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement (2024) while offering a solutions-oriented planning approach to deal with land use planning issues that are common in the Frontenac region.

And Further That Council authorize staff to draw up to a maximum of \$6,000 from the Sustainability Reserve towards the preparation of the Official Plan update for any costs related to meetings and public consultation.

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- b) **Staff Briefing:** Sonya Bolton, Manager of Community Planning, will take the Committee through the 2026-2030 Business Plan for Planning Services

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[2026-2030 Business Plan for the Frontenac K&P Trail](#)

8. **Communications**

9. **Other Business**

10. Next Meeting

- a) The next meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee is schedule for Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the County Administrative Building.

11. Adjournment



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**Minutes of the Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee
Meeting
June 5, 2025**

[Note: Minutes are not Verbatim, please refer to full video at
https://youtube.com/live/_3CV3whcaME?feature=share**]**

A meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee was held in the Council Chamber at the County Administrative Office, 2069 Battersea Road, Glenburnie on Thursday, June 5, 2025 and was called to order at 10:00 AM

Present:

Councillor Judy Greenwood-Speers, Chair
Councillor Ron Vandewal, Vice Chair
Councillor Fred Fowler
Councillor Fran Smith
Mike Hage
Phil Leonard
Jim McIntosh

Present Virtually:

Leona Fleischmann

Staff Present:

Jannette Amini, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk
Sonya Bolton, Manager of Community Planning
Joe Gallivan, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Richard Allen, Manager of Economic Development
Debbi Miller, Community Development Officer
Jenna Norman, Economic Development Student
Alex Petracca, Planning Student

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2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved By: Councillor Smith
Seconded By: Mr. Hage

That the agenda for the June 5, 2025 meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee be adopted.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were none.

4. Adoption of Minutes

a) Minutes of Meeting held March 27, 2025

Moved By: Councillor Fowler
Seconded By: Councillor Vandewal

That the minutes of the Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held March 27, 2025 be adopted.

Carried

5. Deputations and/or Presentations

6. Briefings

- a) Mr. Joe Gallivan**, Director of Planning and Economic Development provided the Planning Advisory Committee with the planning briefing. A copy of the presentation is attached to the record in the Clerk's Office.

To the question asked, Mr. Gallivan advised that Bill 17 will only affect new construction and not construction currently underway.

To questions regarding the survey on waterfront, Mr. Gallivan confirmed that the survey itself is open to anyone but specifically asks the participant if they own waterfront property. He also confirmed that the survey will be up over the summer as staff are looking to get as many comments as possible.

In terms of communal services, it was asked why an open house is not planned for Frontenac Islands, to which Mr. Gallivan noted that Frontenac Islands already has policies for Marysville built into its Official Plan so the rules are clear regarding

communal service. However, there needs to be broader conversations with the community which should take place when the Township updates its Official Plan.

7. Reports to the Planning Advisory Committee

- a) **Consultant Briefing:** Mr. Richard Allen introduced Bonnie Ruddock of Regional Tourism Organization 9 (Southeastern Ontario) and Nicole Whiting of Regional Tourism Organization 11 (Ontario's Highlands) who provided the Committee with a briefing and presentation on Investing in Community Through Tourism and why the Municipal Accommodation Tax Matters in Rural Municipalities.

To questions on how this is enforced, Ms. Ruddock noted that the City of Kingston for example has licensing in place to enforce this so it would be the same as collecting any other type of tax or revenue from a business.

To questions on if there is any evidence that this would lower tourism as well as the amount of municipal staff time required, Ms. Ruddock noted that it is a 50/50 split after any administrative costs are deducted, whether this is done by municipal staff or contracted out. Ms. Whiting noted that the 50/50 split is the minimum and some municipalities give 100% back to tourism. From a by-law perspective it varies where some are very basic, and some are very specific so it depends on the community. Mr. Allen noted that staff did an initial analysis and estimate approximately \$560,000 per year but this would be the base amount. This is why staff are looking to do the feasibility work. This estimate does not include B&B's or fishing camps so these are things staff will investigate as we will need to speak to each of the municipal partners.

To questions around marketing and whether that will be Township specific or across the County, Mr. Allen noted that this will be part of the conversation. During the 2017 review, staff identified over 350 short term rentals and approximately 100 others such as B&B's, campgrounds, cabin rental resorts, etc. Staff will look at what other municipalities do in determining what is out there and how to enforce this on non-business rentals.

- b) **2025-051
Planning and Economic Development
Municipal Accommodation Tax Feasibility**

Moved By: Councillor Smith
Seconded By: Ms. Fleishman

Be It Resolved That the Planning and Economic Development Committee receives for information Report 2025-051 Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee – Municipal Accommodation Tax Feasibility

And Further That County Council direct staff to explore the feasibility of a municipal accommodation tax in Frontenac County

And Further That up to \$6,000 be allocated from the Community Development Reserve to assist with facilitation and engagement costs for the feasibility review.

Carried

8. Communications

9. Other Business

10. Next Meeting

- a) The next meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the County Administration Building.

11. Adjournment

Moved By: Mr. Leonard
Seconded By: Councillor Smith

That the meeting hereby adjourn at 11:09 a.m.

Carried



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Director's Briefing
Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee
September 25th, 2025



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Community Planning Permit System



Community Planning Permit System (CPPS)

Protecting our lakes and shorelines



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If you are a resident or frequent visitor of any of the four townships in Frontenac County, we need your input on the implementation of a new planning application approvals process.

[Click here to complete the State of the Waterfront Survey](#)

[REGISTER](#) to get involved!

Frequently asked questions

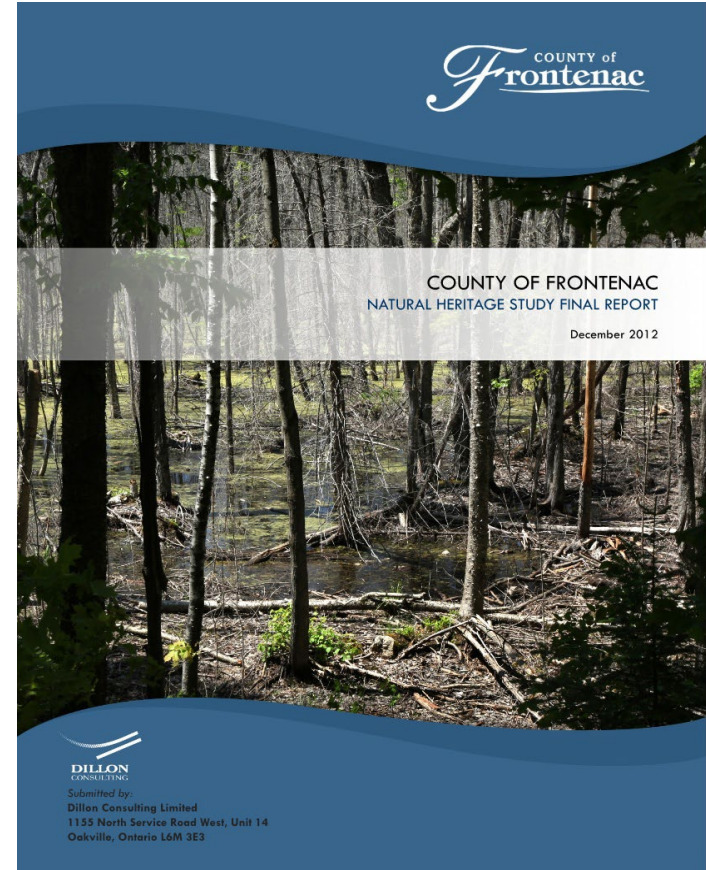
- What is the Community Planning Permit System?
- What are the advantages to CPPS in Frontenac?
- What do we need to do to implement CPPS in Frontenac?

<https://engagefrontenac.ca/community-planning-permit-system>

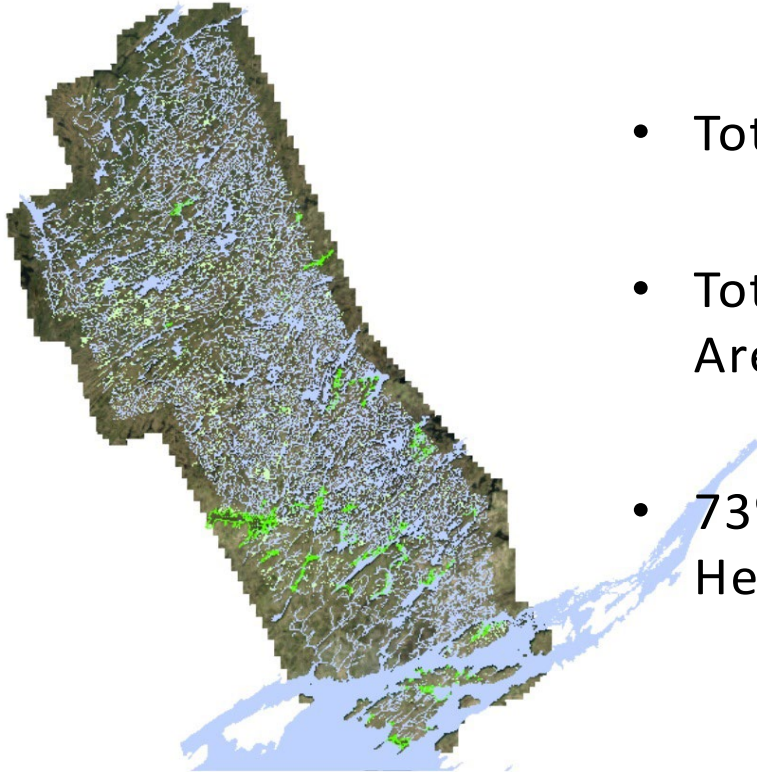


Natural Heritage Study update

- First Region-Wide Study in 2012
- Completed for 2016 County Official Plan
- Goal: regional protection for Frontenac's natural environment



FRONTENAC'S NATURAL HERITAGE

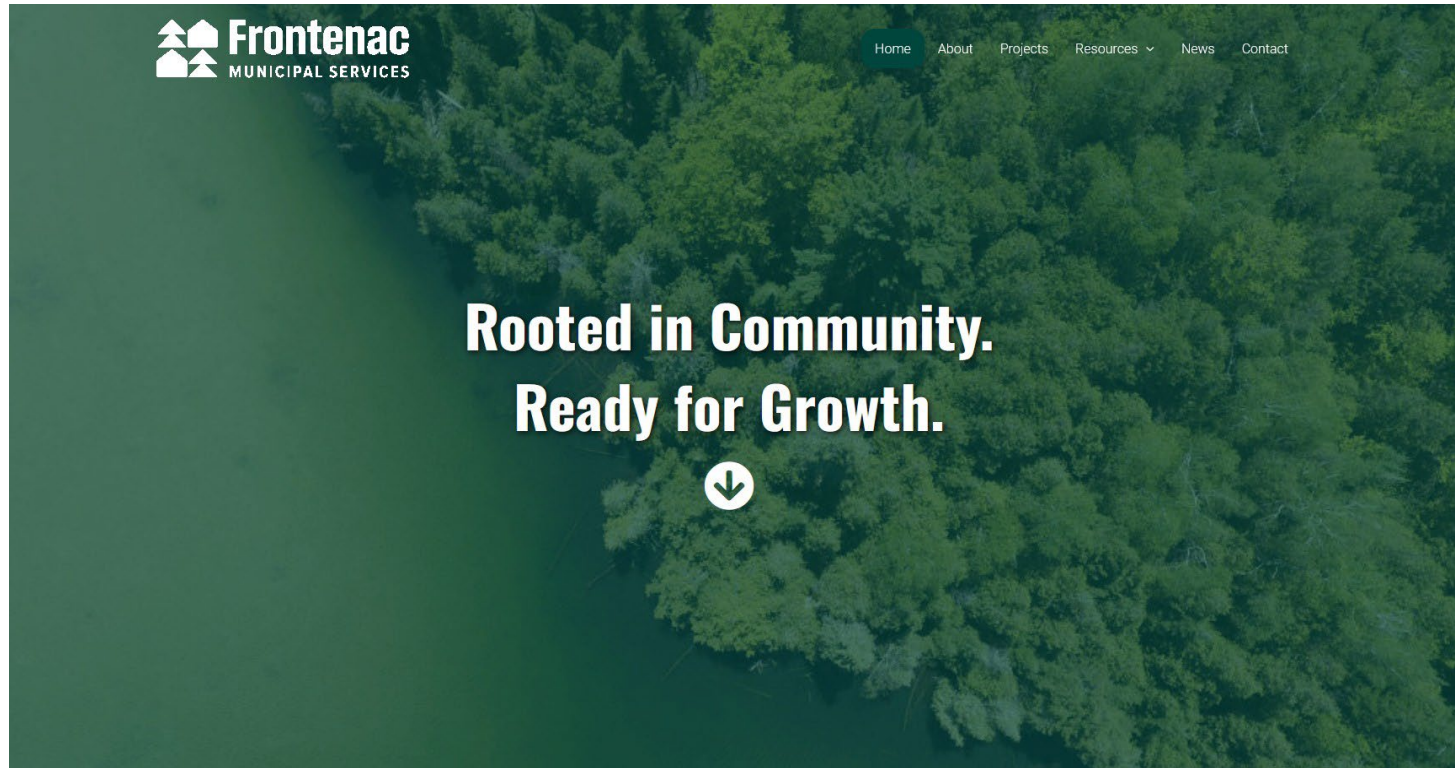


- Total Frontenac Area = 4,000 sq km
- Total Frontenac Natural Heritage Area = 2,920 sq km
- 73% of Frontenac is “Natural Heritage”



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Communal Services



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South Frontenac Official Plan



Development Services
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Sydenham ON, K0H 2T0
613-376-3027 Ext 2224
planning@southfrontenac.net

Notice of Adoption of New Official Plan

Date of Notice: May 22, 2025

Date of Decision: May 20, 2025

On the date noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Frontenac passed By-law 2025-041 being a by-law to adopt a "Township of South Frontenac New Official Plan" (May 2025). The New Official Plan was adopted under Section 17(23) and 26 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, c. P.13, 1990. The New Official Plan applies to all lands within the Township of South Frontenac and as such, no key map has been provided in this notice.

Purpose & Effect of the Amendment:

The purpose of the "Township of South Frontenac New Official Plan" (May 2025) is to establish an Official Plan which identifies goals, objectives and policies to manage and direct physical change and the effects on the social, economic, built and natural environment of the Township, in accordance with Section 16 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O.1990, c. P.13, 1990. The Official Plan describes how the Township will plan to accommodate future growth and development and meet the needs of the community. The Plan includes policies to build healthy communities, promote diverse housing options, promote economic development, and protect agricultural and natural heritage systems.

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<https://engagefrontenac.ca/official-plan-review-south-frontenac-2040>



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Township Planning Projects

- Communal service policies for township Official Plans
- Additional residential units – updates for Township Official Plans
- Severance review for Central Frontenac
- Update to the North Frontenac Community Improvement Plan

Business Development

Business Networking At **Lehlewa Lakeside Retreat** In Sharbot Lake.

- Date: July 22, 2025 – Morning Event
- Coffee & snack provided by Cardinal Café & Belong Sharbot Lake
- 44 Attendees From Across Frontenac County



Debbi continues to work Frontenac Business Services to conduct Monthly Business Visits throughout the County



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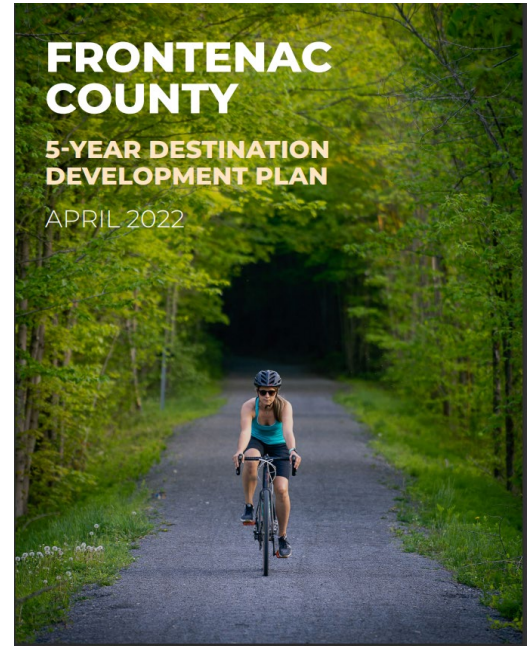
Open Farms

- September 5, 6 & 7
- Kick Off Event - Frontenac Farmers Market
- The Farmers Markets hosted events through the weekend highlighting locally grown products.
- Sunday in the County feature event took place at the Frontenac Plowing Match in Sydenham.
 - The event included wagon rides with speakers explaining the plowing match, vendors, food trucks, and live music.
 - Over 1,000 people attended the event.
- Survey for participating farms and businesses is currently open for input.
- A full report will be brought to committee in November.



Municipal Accommodation Tax Feasibility

- Research and background work ongoing
- Survey Open September 22 – November 16
- Open Houses:
 - October 29, Frontenac Islands
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Marysville Town Hall
 - October 29, South Frontenac
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM, Verona Lions Centre
 - October 30, North Frontenac
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM, Township Offices
 - October 30, Central Frontenac
5:30 – 7:00 PM, Oso Hall
- Virtual Open House - Short Term Rental Hosts
on November 13, 2025



Details available on Engage Frontenac:

<https://engagefrontenac.ca/municipal-accommodation-tax-feasibility>

Healthcare

- Implementation Plan is progressing
- RIO Score meeting - Township of Frontenac Islands, MPP Ted Hsu and Ontario Medical Association (OMA)
- Through EOPRA, Debbi Miller attended a recruitment event in Montreal with Fédération des médecins résidents du Québec with EOPRA.
- **Upcoming:** Local Community Working Groups
 - Facilitated sessions for ideas
 - September 29 – Virtual
 - October 7 - in-person, Verona
- FLA OHT
 - Health Home, Working Group Sub Committee Recruitment & Retention, Lead



Frontenac County 2025 Business Retreat

October 21- 10:45am – 4:00 pm at RKY
Camp (Eagle Lake)

Registration is open until October 15

- *Registration is required to plan for experiences and order food.*

This year's event focuses on experiences

- 3 experiences for participants to choose
- Collaboration with both Regional Tourism Organizations (OHTO and RTO9)
- Business Supports Presentation
- Panel discussions



2025 Frontenac County Business Awards

Categories:

- Business of the Year
- New Business
- Partnership and Collaboration
- Innovation in Sustainability
- Women-Led Business

To nominate, visit:

<https://engagefrontenac.ca/frontenac-business-awards>

Nominations open on September 23

Awards will be presented to the recipients on Tuesday, November 18. The location of the awards event will be confirmed and announced in October.



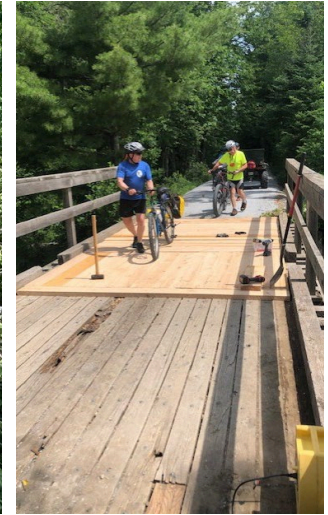
K&P Trail

Trail use has been steady throughout the summer, with a steady presence from the Frontenac ATV Club who has made several contributions:

- Events (2-3 per month)
- Weekend patrols (with AED)
- Events (Night Ride, Poker Run)
- Bridge deck replacements (3)
- Tree clearing (almost weekly)

Upcoming Projects:

- Antoine Creek Bridge replacement (October 2025)
- Rehabilitation from Snow Road to Wilbur (2026)



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Ontario East Municipal Conference September 17th - Rail Trail Loop



Collaborating for Prosperity:
**UNITING COMMUNITIES TO CREATE
THE EASTERN ONTARIO RAIL TRAIL
LOOP**

September 17, 2025 | Ontario East Municipal Conference



Questions ?



Report 2025-077

Committee Recommend Report

To: Chair and Members of the Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee

From: Joe Gallivan, Director, Planning & Economic Development

Date of meeting: September 25th, 2025

Re: **Planning and Economic Development – Frontenac County Official Plan Update**

Recommendation

Be It Resolved That the County Council endorse the work plan to update the existing County Official Plan, which will commence in the Fall of 2025;

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Comment

Background and Plan Details

This update will be the first significant review of the County Official Plan since it was adopted by County Council in 2014 and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in 2016.

Prior to 2014, there was no regional land use plan for Frontenac. Having a County Plan in place helps ensure that land use planning occurs in a coordinated, integrated, and comprehensive way when dealing with planning matters that cross both Township boundaries and the boundaries of adjacent Counties. Some issues, including natural heritage (wetlands, rivers, woodlands, wildlife corridors, etc.) can be more effectively handled through a County-wide approach.

Another benefit of having a County Plan is that it serves to coordinate both Provincial and local planning interests, both of which must be addressed in accordance with the *Planning Act* and the Provincial Planning Statement.

The existing County Plan takes a strategic approach which will be continued with this update. From Section 1.2 of the current Plan:

“The Plan implements a strategic approach to land use planning based on a watershed planning process. This Plan sets out the general direction for planning and development in Frontenac County by defining strategic goals, broad objectives, and policies.

It is not the intention of the Frontenac County Official Plan to interfere with those planning matters which are considered to be the responsibility of the local municipalities. Local municipal Official Plans complement the Frontenac County Official Plan by providing detailed strategies, policies, and land use designations for planning and development at the local level.”

Finally, the updated Plan will continue to take a ‘watershed approach’. Integrating land use and watershed planning allows for the opportunity to interconnect the relationship between the development of land and the protection our water resources in a proactive manner. Watershed planning and land use planning consider the same environmental issues but from different perspectives and levels of detail. The integration of watershed and land use planning together can be achieved through a watershed management plan.

Timing

Should the Committee and Council endorse this project, staff can commence work this Fall.

At this stage, staff are recommending three different amendments to the Plan over the next two years:

Amendment #1 – This amendment will be technical and not result in any new or substantial policy changes. The expected amendments would include:

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September 25, 2025

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- Mapping changes to the Land Use Schedule (Schedule “A”) to remove some of the “settlement area” designations that are no longer part of the North Frontenac, Central Frontenac, and South Frontenac Official Plans;
- Updates and improvements to the quality of the maps/figures in the current plan to improve legibility;
- Update policies in the Plan to conform to the latest Provincial Planning Statement (2024); and
- Revisions and updates to wording in the Plan that have no impact on land use policy but reflect changes in the County since the first Plan was adopted in 2014.

Amendment #2 – Population, Housing, and Employment Projections – The existing Official Plan uses growth projections for the County that were completed in 2014. Updated population, housing, and employment forecasts will be completed by mid-2026 and Section 3 of the Plan (Growth Management) will be updated.

Amendment #3 – Natural heritage policies – This Amendment will implement new policies that are delivered as part of the Natural Heritage Study update that will commence in late 2025 and be completed in 2026. Most of the current Section 7.1 (Natural Environment) policies will be revised and new mapping will be added.

Financial Implications

It is recommended that Council direct staff to draw up to a maximum of \$6,000 from the Sustainability Reserve towards the preparation of the Official Plan update for any costs related to meetings and public consultation.

Strategic Priorities

2. Contribute to the Progress of Sustainable Economic Growth and Prosperity Throughout the County: Develop regional tools and policies to support long-term protection of lakes, rivers, and other important environmental features in Frontenac.

Organizations, Departments and Individuals Consulted and/or Affected

Frontenac County
 All Four Townships
 Conservation Authorities (Mississippi Valley, Rideau Valley, Quinte, Cataraqui)



2026-2030 Business Plan for Planning Services Planning and Economic Development

Regional/County Projects



Community Planning Permit System (CPPS)

- By-law template to be complete in 2025
- 2026: administrative process and documents, staff training, and refining the by-law for at least one of the townships

Communal Services

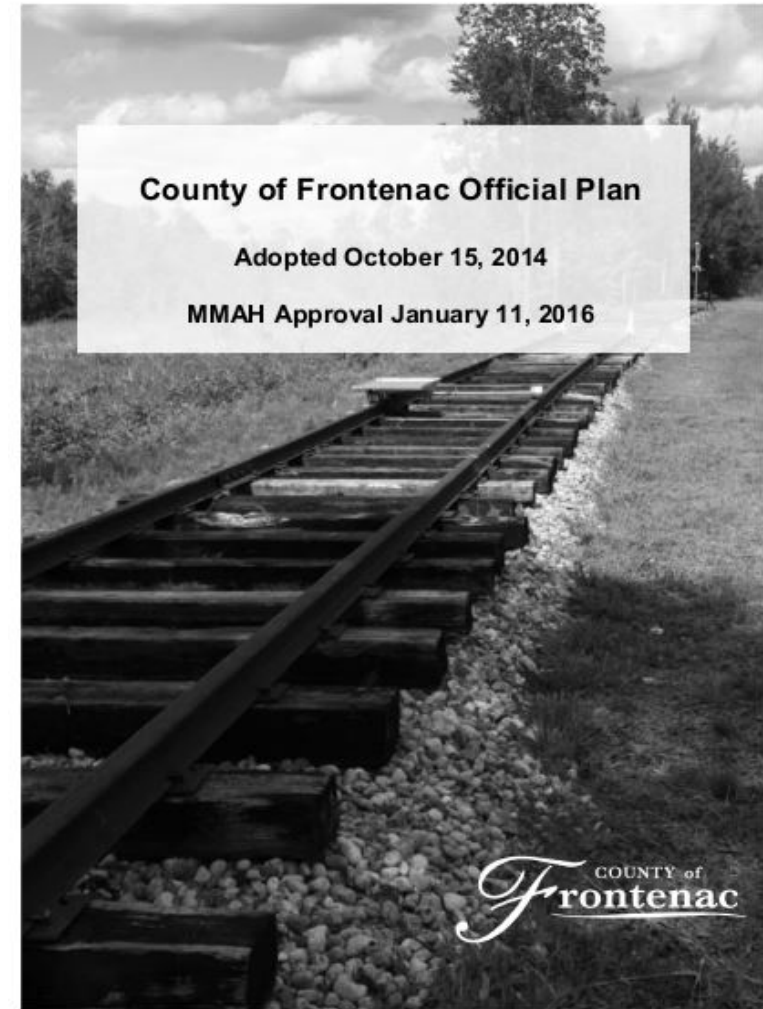
- Official Plan Amendments for townships (2025)
- 2026 and beyond
 - » On-going support for Frontenac Municipal Services Corporation
 - » Advocacy work and presentations



County Official Plan Update

Series of key amendments:

- Compliance with Provincial Planning Statement and provincial legislative changes
- Internal review for private lanes and business friendly policies
- Implementation of
 - Natural Heritage Study
 - Population, Housing & Employment Projections



Archaeological Master Plan

- Future project proposal (2027-2028)
- Protection of archaeological resources is a provincial requirement
- More information is needed about when to require detailed study

Township Projects

- Additional residential units – amendments to Official Plans and Zoning By-Laws for North Frontenac, Central Frontenac, and Frontenac Islands (2025-2026)
- Implementation of the Community Planning Permit System for all four townships (2026-2029)



North Frontenac

- 10-year Official Plan update (2027)
- 10-year Zoning By-Law update (2028-2029)

Central Frontenac

- Redevelopment of the former school site in Sharbot Lake (on-going)



South Frontenac

- New Official Plan (2025)
- Delegation of approval for plans of subdivision and condominium (2026)



Frontenac Islands

- Marysville – Zoning By-Law Amendment for existing village (2025-2026)
- New Official Plan (to be determined)

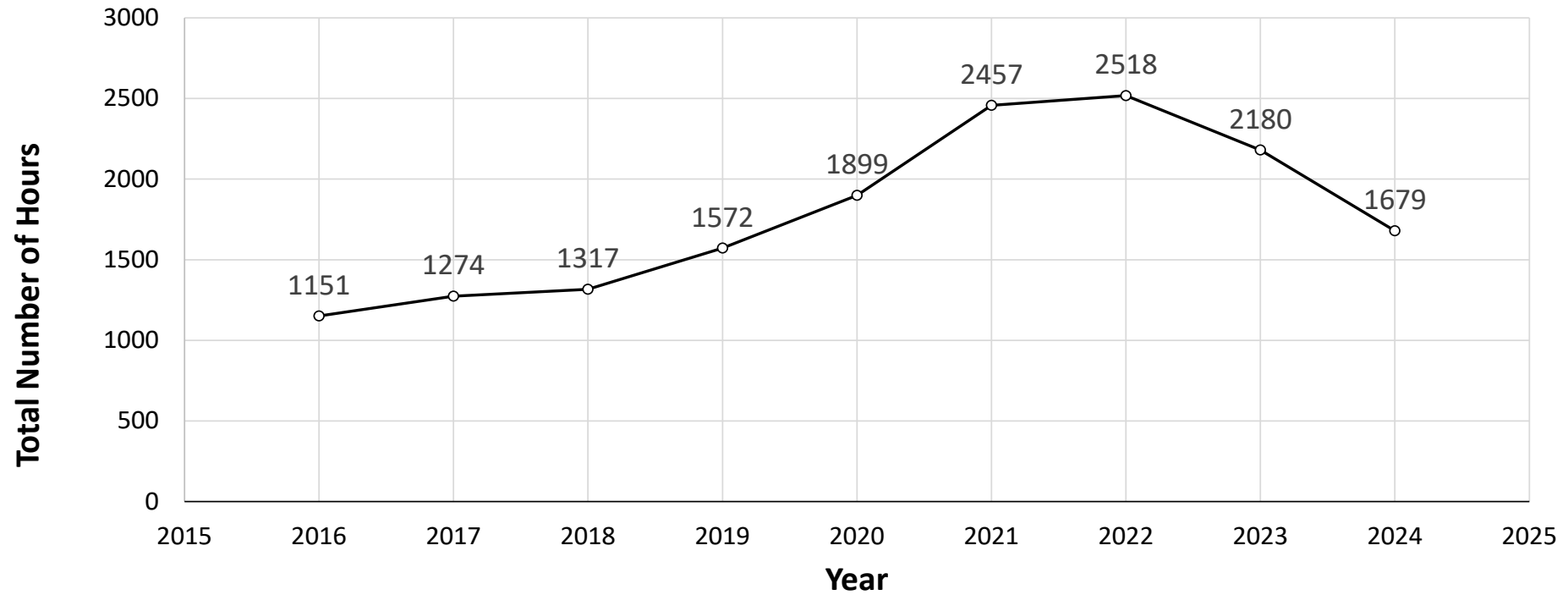


Development Approvals – County

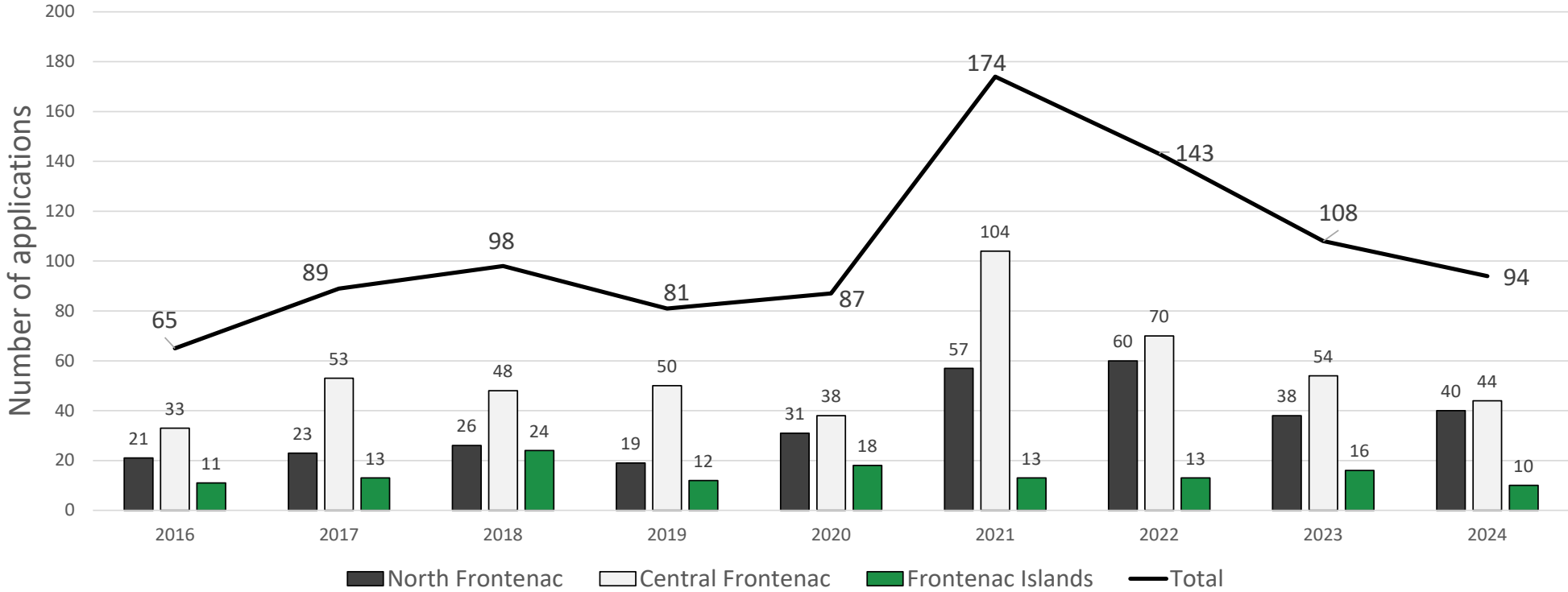
- Applications for plans of subdivision and condominium are relatively slow
- Most recent applications have been for final approvals or extensions of draft plan approval
- Future level of applications unknown, especially with communal services coming online
- Delegation of approval for plans of subdivision and condominium to South Frontenac will help balance future workload

Township Planning Hours

(North Frontenac, Central Frontenac, and Frontenac Islands)



Township Application Numbers



Risk Analysis and Mitigation – Planning

Level	Issue
<p>Advisement</p>	<p>Delays to Strategic Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff time spent addressing and implementing changes from the province • Unknown annual workload related to private planning applications submitted
<p>Mitigation</p>	
<p>Delays to Strategic Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with process efficiencies (e.g., CPPS by-law) • Townships may need to retain consultants to do large-scale policy projects depending on the workload of County staff (e.g., new Official Plans and Zoning By-Laws) 	

Questions?



2026 – 2030 Economic Development Business Plan Planning & Economic Development

October 2025

Context -

- Trade & Tariff Uncertainty
- Inflation, Interest Rates & Recession risk
- “Elbows Up” – Supporting Local
- Shifts in Tourism
- Capacity increase



The Charter for Economic Development

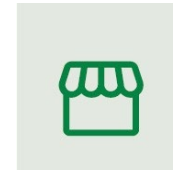
- Developed over two years including consultation with local business community
- Approved by County Council at its regular meeting on July 17, 2024.
- Guides Economic Development Business Planning



Tourism



Food &
Beverage



Economic
Infrastructure



Housing

Tourism

- Implement Destination Development Plan
- Increase consumer marketing efforts
- Regional Tourism Partnerships
- County Website transition

Looking ahead:
Outcomes from the Municipal Accommodation Tax feasibility will influence this work.



Food & Beverage

- Strengthen Farm to Table Opportunities
- Leverage Food & Beverage Frontenac Website
- Partner with Culinary Tourism Alliance

Economic Infrastructure

- Business Development
 - Visits
 - Networking
 - Requests for support
- Business Retreat
- Business Awards
- Healthcare in our Community



Housing

- Collaboration with Developers
- Housing in Frontenac Event
- Co-Marketing efforts with Frontenac Municipal Services

Looking Ahead:

The evolution of Frontenac Municipal Services will influence density and capacity of housing and commercial developments



Administration

- Grant writing & reporting
 - \$210,000 in grants awarded in 2024
- Participating in Township & partner committees
 - North Frontenac Economic Development Task Force
 - Central Frontenac Economic Development Committee

Questions?



2026 – 2030 Business Plan Frontenac K&P Trail

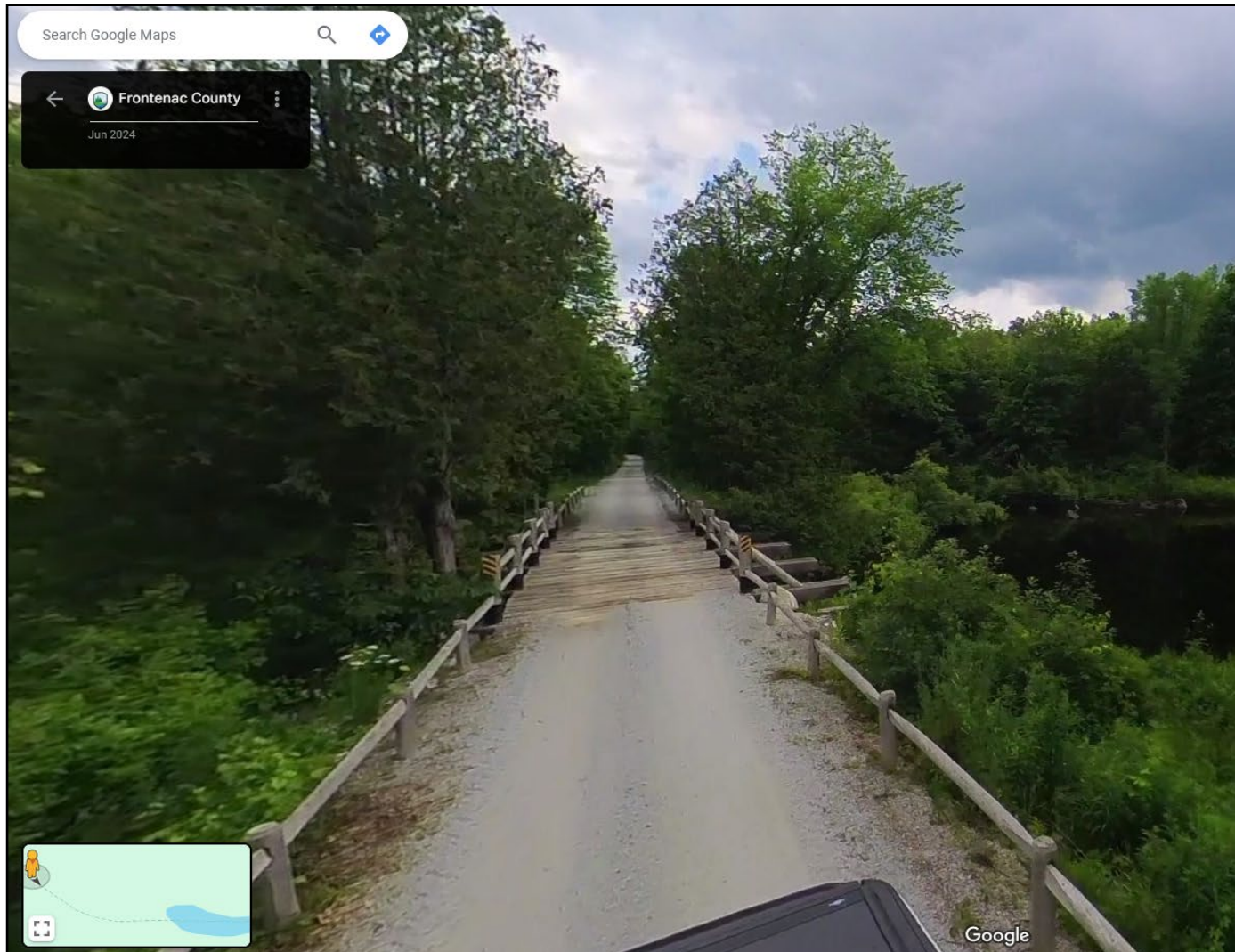


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Current State

- 78 km operating from Orser Road to Snow Road Station
- 63 km available for motorized use during the summer months
- 2025 was the first-year permits were required for summer motorized use.
- Estimated 191,578 visits to the trail in 2024
- Equal split between cycling, hiking, motorized as well as other uses such as horseback riding, cross-country skiing.
- Staffing: Manager of Economic Development and 1 contract Project Manager for capital projects.
- Operating Budget: \$180,000/year
 - Includes Marketing and Promotion
 - \$30,000 contributed by partners organizations in 2025





Accomplishments

- 2025 User survey completed with 311 responses
- Acquisition of Trail Corridor in North Frontenac is substantially complete.
- Eastern Ontario Rail Trail Loop
 - » Partnership growth
 - » New Brand
 - » Roadmap to 2030
- Over 20 events on the K&P Trail in 2025 (primarily organized by Frontenac ATV Club)
- Successful implementation of permit requirement for ATV's & Side by Side vehicles.



Capital Development

- Emergency Replacement of the Antoine Creek Trail Bridge to be completed in October.
- Additional bridge replacements may be required in 2026
- Trail upgrades are planned for Snow Road Station to Wilbur in 2026.

Eastern Ontario Rail Trail Loop

This project has vision of establishing the “loop” as a signature trail experience in eastern Ontario, ready to be promoted internationally by 2030.

In 2026, Partners will focus on engagement with businesses and communities along the loop route. The planned work in North Frontenac will help relieve a key gap identified in the assessment.

Partners:

- Ontario’s Highlands Tourism Organization
- County of Renfrew
- County of Lanark
- Town of Smiths Falls
- Township of Rideau Lakes
- Cataraqui Conservation



Selected 2025 Events

May 11: ATV Club Ride to Wheeler's

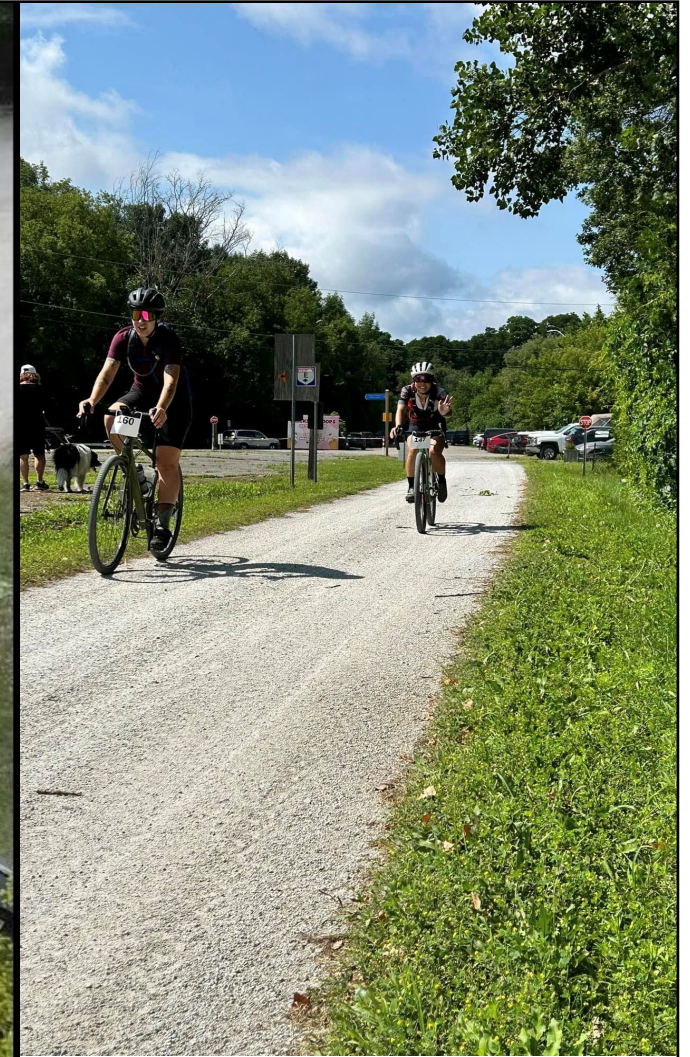
June 14: Back Road ATV Poker Run

July 12: ATV Ride to Calabogie

July 21: Kick & Push Century Ride

August 23: Light Up the Night ATV Ride
Picadilly to Sharbot Lake

September 14: ATV Club Ride to
Calabogie



2025 Trail User Survey

- June 16 – July 24, 2025
- 311 Responses
- Responses dominated by cyclists and pedestrians
- Most use the trail 2–3 times per month
- Usually 0–40 km round trip

Feedback Highlights:

- Desire for increased amenities
- Requests for improved signage : maps, distances, business info, etiquette.
- Trail maintenance highly praised, but with some requests for pothole repair, erosion control, vegetation trimming.
- About half of survey respondents stop at local businesses; value welcoming, bike/pet-friendly services.



Implications for Business Planning 2026-2030

1. **Consider Investment in trail-adjacent amenities** (water refill stations, public washrooms, shaded seating).
2. **Enhance signage & wayfinding** to capture more off-trail business traffic.
3. **Develop Trail-Friendly Business Standards/Toolkit** (bike racks, pet-friendly, inclusive service)
4. **Attract more Trail-side businesses**
(food trucks, cafes, restaurants, convenience stores)
5. **Strengthen business partnerships and Trail Town efforts** (expanded trail sign program, collaborative marketing)

Planned Trail Economy Projects

- Trail Etiquette Initiative
- Rail Trail Loop
 - Trail Towns Engagements
 - Branding and Marketing Campaigns
 - Governance and Policy alignment
- Policies
 - Adjacent Land Uses
 - Management Plan Update





Planned Capital Projects 2026-2030

- Rehabilitation of K&P Trail from Snow Road Station to County Boundary (Estimated \$500,000)
- Bridge repairs identified for completion in the short term by 2024 OSIM inspections:
 - » Hardwood Creek in Verona
 - » Fish Creek in Tichborne
 - » Black Creek in Mississippi Station
 - » Bolton Creek at Clarendon Station
 - » Cranberry Creek at Snow Road Station(Estimated \$1,500,000)

Risk: Lack of Capital Resources

Level	Issue
Risk	Lack of Capital Resources

Mitigation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus remaining trail development funds on completing the trail connection to Lanark County (however, the current CCBF reserve does not have enough funds to complete this work)• Seek strategic partnerships on bridge projects• Consider allocating other funding available to the County or creating new funding mechanisms to support Trails.

Caution: Liability

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Caution	Liability

Mitigation

- Adhere to the policies and procedures set out in the K&P Trail Management Plan and update as necessary.
- Sign language must indicate “recreational trail” and “use at own risk”
- Clear parameters must be set about appropriate uses and behaviours, and these must be posted at trail entrances.
- Develop a training program and volunteer program to ensure partners and volunteers are aware of their responsibilities and how to fulfill them.



Questions?