February 18, 2019

His Worship Shawn Pankow
Mayor of Smiths Falls
77 Beckwith St North
Smith Falls, ON K7A 4T6

Via email: mayor@smithsfalls.ca

Dear Mayor Pankow,

I am writing today to update you on, and invite your community to represent, an iconic Canadian project – The Great Trail, created by Trans Canada Trail (TCT) and its partners.

Following coast-to-coast-to-coast connection in 2017, we are thrilled that we are now the world’s longest network of multi-use recreational trails, connecting Canadians in almost 15,000 communities across the country. The Trail inspires Canadians to be active and to see and experience their country at human speed. It is a national dream with great potential to impact many facets of Canadian life: by giving everyone access to free recreation spaces; by protecting the environment and preserving green space and promoting conservation; by deepening awareness of our history, culture and natural heritage; and by spurring economic development through tourism and job creation. The myriad benefits of the Trail can advance and enhance the mandate of governments across the country.

Ontario is home to over 5,000 kilometres of The Great Trail, with impressive gems such as the Waterfront Trail in Toronto, the Voyageur Cycling Route from North Bay to Sudbury and the Chrysler Canada Greenway in Essex Region, and, of course, your community’s beautiful section.

We are delighted that Her Honour the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Premier Doug Ford and many other well-known and respected Canadians have joined us as TCT Champions. Also, over 60 communities along the Trail in Ontario, including Mississauga, Kenora and Niagara Falls, have declared themselves to be Champion Communities, supportive of this national project. A list of all TCT Champions is included with this letter.

As a TCT Champion, you will be invited to attend and participate in Trail-related events, and to speak to the importance of the Trail, as opportunities arise and your schedule permits. We would appreciate an electronic copy of your municipality’s logo, which will be included on our website along with other TCT Champion Communities. We may contact you for a quote, for possible use in future publications, on why you value the Trail and what it means for Ontario and our great country.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Deborah Apps
President & CEO
## GOVERNMENT CHAMPIONS

### Alberta

**Champion Communities**
- Argentia Beach
- Athabasca
- Banff
- Blackfalds
- Calgary
- Canmore

**Lieutenant Governor Lois Mitchell**
- Cochrane
- Devon
- Edmonton
- Fort Saskatchewan
- Gibbons
- Irricana
- Itaska Beach

**Premier Rachel Notley**
- Lacombe
- Lacombe County
- Leduc
- Lloydminster
- Medicine Hat
- Opportunity
- Parkland County

### British Columbia

**Champion Communities**
- Abbotsford
- Burnaby
- Chilliwack
- Cranbrook
- Dawson Creek
- District of North Vancouver
- Elkford
- Fernie
- Fort St. John

**Lieutenant Governor Janet Austin**
- Fruitvale
- Kimberley
- Ladysmith
- Lake Cowichan
- Langley Township
- Maple Ridge
- Midway
- Montrose
- Nanaimo
- North Vancouver

**Premier Brian Pallister**
- Penticton
- Pitt Meadows
- Port Coquitlam
- Princeton
- Regional District of East Kootenay
- Rossland
- Sparwood
- Squamish
- Summerland
- Sunshine Coast Regional District
- Trail
- Tsawout First Nation
- Tzaghchen First Nation
- Vancouver
- Victoria
- View Royal
- West Vancouver
- Whistler

### Manitoba

**Champion Communities**
- East St. Paul
- Emerson-Franklin
- Lac du Bonnet

**Lieutenant Governor Janice C. Filmon**
- Morden
- Neepawa
- Powerview-Pine Falls
- RM of Alexander

**Premier Brian Pallister**
- RM of De Salaberry
- Roblin
- Rossburn
- Sagkeeng First Nation
- St. Clements
- Winnipeg
- Saint John
- Saint-André
- Saint-Léonard

### New Brunswick

**Champion Communities**
- Alma
- Dieppe
- Edmundston

**Lieutenant Governor Jocelyne Roy Vienneau**
- Fredericton
- Grand Bay-Westfield
- Grand Falls Town Council
- Memramcook

**Premier Brian Gallant**
- Moncton
- Perth-Andover
- Rothesay
- Saint John
- Saint-André
- Saint-Léonard

### Newfoundland and Labrador

**Champion Communities**
- Appleton

**Lieutenant-Governor Judy M. Foote**
- Channel-Port aux Basques
- Clarencville

**Premier Bob仙马Old**
- Conception Bay South
- Gander
- Paradise
- St. John’s

### Northwest Territories

**Champion Communities**
- Hay River

**Premier Bob McLeod**
- Inuvik
- Norman Wells
- Tuktoyaktuk
- Yellowknife

### Nova Scotia

**Champion Communities**
- Halifax
- Oxford

**Lieutenant Governor Arthur J. LeBlanc**
- RM of Cape Breton
- Richmond County

**Minister Margaret Miller**
- Stewiacke
- Truro
- Victoria County
- Westville

### Nunavut

**Champion Communities**
- Kimmirut
### Ontario

**Champion Communities**
- Ajax
- Asphodel-Norwood
- Atikokan
- Barrie
- Bayham
- Beckwith Township
- Brantford
- Caledon
- Callander
- Central Elgin
- Centre Hastings
- East Ferris
- Erin
- Fort Erie
- French River
- Guelph
- Halton County
- Kawartha Lakes
- Kenora
- Kingsville
- Kitchener
- Lakeshore
- Leamington
- Machar
- Marathon
- Midland
- Milton
- Mississauga
- Mississippi Mills
- Niagara Falls
- Niagara-on-the-Lake
- Norfolk
- North Bay
- Oakville
- Ochiichagwe'Babigo'Ining Ojibway Nation

**Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell**

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### Prince Edward Island

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- Cornwall
- Hunter River
- Kensington

**Lieutenant Governor Wade MacLauchlan**

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### Québec

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- Baie-Saint-Paul
- Canton de Shefford
- Chambly
- Château-Richer
- Chelsea
- Compton
- Danville
- Délegage
- Huron Wendat First Nation
- Ivry-sur-le-Lac
- La Conception
- La Macaza
- La Pêche
- Labelle
- Lac Saguay
- Lachine
- Lac-Tremblant-Nord
- Lorraine
- Mont-Laurier
- Montréal

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- Dawson City
- Haines Junction
- Hamlet of Mount Lorne

**Territorial Commissioner Angélique Bernard**

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