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From the Chair

In the newsletter a year ago, I talked about cold weather and several new trails being discussed or worked on. Since I like winter, I'm happy to say we are having a nice one again. I'm also happy to report that the Elora to Kissing Bridge trail will be built this summer. This project is heading up by the Country of Wellington and will include both trail and road portions. The G2G has also made great progress.

Our guest speaker at this year's AGM will be Doug Cerson, Executive Director of the G2G Rail Trail Charitable Foundation. It's a fascinating story as there are many similarities to the G2G story and the founding of the Elora Cataract Trailway. I invite you all to the upcoming AGM on Sunday March 22nd at 2PM. We'll give you an update on what the association has been up to and as always, we'll have a great guest speaker for you.

If you're looking to volunteer and want to be outside, we have several opportunities listed in this newsletter. You can care for and plant trees with the Communitrees Project. If you've noticed Garlic Mustard on the trail in the past few years and would like to help get rid of it (and other invasive species), we have several ways for you to get involved.

The ECTA will once again participate in the Fergus-Elora Doors Open/Trails Open in 2015. The date will be Saturday June



20th. As we get closer to the date, more details will be posted at www.doorsopenontario.on.ca and on the ECTA website, facebook page and twitter account.

The ECTA board has been focused on improved signage for several years. Each year we make some progress. This summer looks to be particularly successful. We should see better signage going up on the Trailway with "distance to" signs and crossroad naming signs as well.

In closing, I'd like to welcome our new members and thank those members that have been longtime supporters of the Trailway. Your faith in the Trailway Association has been truly appreciated.

Happy Trails, J Raymond Soucy



Mark Your Calendar
Annual General Meeting
Sunday March 22, 2015
@ 2:00 p.m.

Victoria Park Seniors' Centre
 150 Albert St. W, Fergus

Guest Speaker will talk about
on the New Goderich to
Guelph Rail Trail or "G2G"



Elora Cataract Trail

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Twitter account for the Elora Cataract Trailway Association

Guest Speaker from
"G2G Rail Trail"



ELORA CATARACT
TRAILWAY

Annual General Meeting

Elora Cataract Trailway Association

Sunday March 22nd, 2015 @ 2:00PM

WHERE: Victoria Park Senior Centre - Fergus

*Special Guest Speaker on the new
"Guelph to Goderich Rail Trail"*

Free Event
Public & Members
welcome

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Food Cycle Ride 2015 *You Ride Because You Care*

Sunday, May 24, 2015 . Elora Public School

The Food Cycle Ride is an annual event held to benefit the [Centre Wellington Food Bank](#). Consisting of scenic routes through beautiful Centre Wellington, this event has raised over \$37,000 for the Food Bank in the four years since its inception in 2011. For 2015, the goal is a minimum of \$16,000!

There will be 35KM and 70KM road routes and 20KM and 40KM routes along the Elora Cataract Trailway.

Sign up early, go to www.foodcycleride.ca



Invasive Species on The Trail

The Trailway has a number of "healthy" patches of invasive species such as Buckthorn, Wild Cucumber and Grape Vines. We are also seeing Garlic Mustard starting to proliferate. We've wanted to tackle these for some time now but haven't had the people power to do so. We are



looking for someone(s) who would be interested in heading up an initiative to start ridding the trail of these invasive species. We'll also need people who would like to volunteer for work parties. If you're interested you can speak to anyone on the Board. You can also email info@trailway.org or call Raymond Soucy at 519-843-7703.



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When does my membership expire?

If you look at your envelope, above the address field and to the right, you'll see "Membership Expiry:" followed by a year. For example if you see Membership Expiry: 2014, this means your membership expired 12/31/2014 and is due for renewal. If you are receiving your newsletter electronically, your email notification will include this information.

Check out our website for trail user surveys at www.trailway.org.

New Board Members Needed