



ELORA CATARACT
TRAILWAY
ASSOCIATION

SPRING 2017 NEWSLETTER

From the Chair

Our AGM is coming up on Sunday March 19th and I'd like to extend an invitation to everyone to come out and enjoy the company of likeminded trail users. Guest speakers Lynda and Doug Wilson will regale you with the tales from the first end-to-end on the new G2G (Guelph to Goderich) trail.

One of our big projects this year has been the Founder's Project. This included the Founders Forum which I wrote about in the last newsletter. Mark your calendar because on the afternoon of Sunday June 4th we will host an official opening of the Founders Museum exhibit at the Wellington County Museum and Archives. This exhibit will run for six months and follows the founding of the railway to the founding of the Trailway and to present day. We'll have a preview at the AGM.

We'll be participating on June 17th Doors Open (Trails Open) again this year with a bit of a twist. ECTA board members will be staffing the Founder's Project exhibit at the Museum from 10AM - 4:00pm.

I've often talked about how important partnerships are to successfully completing the various projects

we work on. It was important to us that the Founder's Forum be both professionally taped and that we have a professional moderator. We achieved our goal because of the dedication of Larry and Andy at CogecoTV Fergus. Without them the Founders Forum simply would not have happened. We were very fortunate that Mark Paine (The Grand 101 morning co-host) enthusiastically embraced our project and not only moderated the taping but helped us develop the concept.

We are seeing new trails being developed with the great work on G2G, the Cottontail Road Trail last year and now in Erin with the newly formed Trails Advisory Council (TAC). This group is working hard at adding new trails and further developing current trails. If you live in the Town of Erin area and want to get involved, contact Robyn Mulder, robyn.mulder@erin.ca.

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 keeps us going.

See you at the AGM. See you on the trail.

J Raymond Soucy

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Grand Opening of our Founder's Project Museum Exhibit will take place on
June 4th 2017

Everyone is welcome to join us at the Wellington County Museum and Archives

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THERE IS STILL TIME TO SHARE YOUR PHOTOS!

Do you have any photos from the Trailway? We want to hear from you and see your photos! Please submit your photos along with a brief explanation of where you are on the Trailway to: info@trailway.org

Your photos have a chance of being included in our exhibit at the Wellington County Museum in 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS WITH THE ECTA WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Annual General Meeting

ELORA CATARACT TRAILWAY ASSOCIATION

Guest Speakers: Doug and Lynda Wilson who walked the entire
G2G Trail
and wrote a book about it!



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March 19, 2017 at 2PM

**Free and open
to everyone!**

Location: Victoria Park Seniors Centre
Address: 150 Albert St W, Fergus, ON N1M 1X2
Time: Meeting starts at 2PM
More information: email info@trailway.org
Call Raymond Soucy 519-843-7703
Visit trailway.org

You Make It Fun.
You Make It Happen.
You Make It Worthwhile.
Food Cycle Ride
Sunday May 28th, 2017



Have fun and make a difference!
Challenge yourself, your family or
your friends and colleagues!
There's a ride made just for you.

Register Early or
On-line and Save.
It's easy at: foodcycleride.ca



You Ride Because You Care
In support of the Centre Wellington Food Bank

Be sure to check out our website for all the latest news: www.trailway.org



A Special Thank you to Township of Centre Wellington for all of their continued support

Wellington Country Museum and Archives The Founder's Project Exhibit

Starting June 4th and running until November of 2017 there will be an extensive exhibit of the history of the Elora Cataract Trailway and the railway that came before it. This will incorporate the Founder's Project as a part of the exhibit. Many of the ECTA board members past and present as well as numerous members of the public have worked together to gather a variety of information and pictures.

Here is a preview of what you might see!



A Special Thank You

The ECTA would like to extend a special thank you to the Centre Wellington Community Foundation for the Grant awarded to us to support the development of the Founder's Project. Without this we would not have been able to make this as successful as we have with all of the audio/ visual and displays.



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DOORS/ TRAILS OPEN 2017

We are happy to announce that we will once again be participating in Doors Open
June 17th 2017.

Highlights Include:

- ECTA Board Members staffing the display room at the WCMA
- Hand outs featuring a self-guided trail map for a 4.25km loop starting and ending at the museum
- The Museum will be highlighting their new trail along the river

When does my membership expire?

If you look at your envelope, above the address field and to the right, you will see "Membership Expiry:" following by a year. For example if you see **Membership Expiry: 2016**, this means your membership expired 12/31/2016 and is due for renewal.

Please Renew your Membership

Your Association has been busy this year with lots planned for the coming years. Renewing your membership provides the necessary funds to continue to operate the Association and all the ongoing projects. Equally important, a large membership demonstrates that many people care about the ECT and what happens to it. We should never take it for granted. We have two options, a one year membership for \$25 and a 5 year membership for \$100.



www.trailway.org

Elora Cataract Trailway Association Membership Application Form

Renewal New Membership No. in your household _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ email: _____

\$25—1 Year \$100—5 Years

Mail to: Elora Cataract Trailway Association, PO Box 13, Elora, ON N0B 1S0

Painted Logos Throughout Fergus

Thank You to The Township of Centre Wellington for painting the ECTA logo on the road way to help users navigate their way through Fergus. This has been something the Board Members have been working on for a while now so we are pleased that this has now been completed. Logos can be found between the Beatty Line to the Gartshore Road access point. The road logos supplement the over 40 signs added last year to Hydro poles along the same route.



Erin Trails Advisory Committee (TAC)

Canada's 150th Celebration will be honoured by the Erin Trails Committee with the planting of 150 trees and shrubs in Erin.

In conjunction with CVC and a team of volunteers, 148 of these trees will be planted on May 6th at 9am on the hillside below the water tower, starting at the entrance from the Delambro subdivision. Our most exciting event will take place at **9am on Saturday, May 13th at Riverside Park**, at the end of Church Blvd, behind Valu-Mart. Our Mayor, Town Councillors, and other tier politicians will plant **TWO silver maples**. Local print and radio media will cover the event. It promises to be a fun time for all involved!

If you're on the ECT in our neighbourhood on those days, walk, cycle or hike to downtown Erin and lend a hand or take part in the celebration!

The Founder's Project Airing on Cogeco TV

Our local Cogeco station will be rebroadcasting for those who may not have had the opportunity to see it the first time. The date/ times are as follows. The schedule can also be found at: www.cogecotv.com

Tuesday March 28th—8:30pm

Wednesday March 29th—11:30am

Saturday April 1st—10am

Sunday April 2nd—1pm



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"Elora Cataract Trailway Association"

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