



Bonnechere River Park & Trail Working Group Call for Community Members

Background: The Town of Renfrew has been working on the establishment of Nature Park and Trail System along the Bonnechere River. The Town has connected with strategic partners including the Schad Foundation, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Bruce Trail Conservancy, Ontario Parks and Environment and Climate Change Canada Protected Areas Program. With the support of these organizations and Renfrew Town Council, the Town is recruiting community members to volunteer their time to sit on the Bonnechere River Park & Trail Working Group.

Mandate: The Bonnechere River Park & Trail Working Group is mandated to help advise the Town of Renfrew as it aims to develop lands along the Bonnechere River into a Nature Park with a Trail System. Specific responsibilities include:

- Promoting the establishment of the trail within the community and to other agencies and/or funding partners.
- Providing suggestions on park amenities and trail uses.
- Reviewing the Park's development and maintenance plans.
- Acting as a sounding board for the Town as it relates to the Project.
- Making recommendations from time to time to Renfrew Town Council on areas within its broad mandate.
- Monitoring grant and other fundraising opportunities to support areas within the committee's mandate.
- Ensuring the financial sustainability of the project through careful budgeting and planning.
- Collaborating with strategic partners in support of the project and initiate contact with new partners that support the committee's mandate.

Membership: Membership of the Bonnechere River Park & Trail Working Group shall consist of the following:

- Two (2) Designated Members of Council
- Director of Development, Environment and Infrastructure
- Manager of Environmental Services
- Representative of the Schad Foundation
- Up to four (4) members of the public appointed by Council with experience or interest in conservation, eco-tourism, or fundraising.



Recruitment: Community members interested in sitting on the Working Group should send an Expression of Interest including any relevant experience with nature conservation, ecotourism, fundraising or related fields. **Deadline for applications is May 16, 2024.** Applications or questions can be sent to Amanda Springer, Manager of Environmental Services, by emailing aspringer@renfrew.ca or by phone at 613-432-4848x307. Member selection and appointments by council are currently scheduled to occur at the Regular Meeting of Council on May 28, 2024.

Meetings: The Working Group will meet at the call of the Chair and/or Manager of Environmental Services on an as- and when-needed basis. At this time meetings are expected to be no more than monthly. Meetings will be in-person, virtual, or hybrid.