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CATARAQUI TRAIL AWARDED GRANT FROM NATIONAL TRAILS COALITION

KINGSTON ON – Gord Brown, Member of Parliament for Leeds-Grenville announced today that The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) received funding through a National Trails Coalition grant for upgrades to the Cataraqui Trail.

The approved grant in the amount of \$25,000, with matching funds to be sourced locally, will be used to make improvements to nearly 5 kilometers of trail from the Town of Smiths Falls to the Township of Rideau Lakes.

“Our trail networks are a great way to enjoy the outdoors in all season and promote an active lifestyle,” said Leeds-Grenville MP Gord Brown. “I am pleased the grant will be benefitting the members of our community by improving the condition and access to the Trail.”

The application was developed by the CRCA with support of the Cataraqui Trail Management Board, a volunteer assembly of municipal representatives, community members and trail users.

“We are pleased that the application was approved and will allow us undertake the much needed upgrades to this section of the Trail,” said Doug Good, Chair of the Cataraqui Trail Management Board. “The work will primarily include clearing of brush, grading and reshaping the former rail bed and the addition of a new stone surface.”

The project has also been developed in partnership with the Town of Smiths Falls and the Township of Rideau Lakes, who have committed to provide contributions toward the matching funds required under the program. Work on the trail is scheduled to take place this spring and summer.

About the Cataraqui Trail

The Cataraqui Trail is a 104 km long multi-use trail along a former railway line that stretches from Smiths Falls to Strathcona (near Napanee). Permitted uses on the Trail include hiking, cycling, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. For more information about the Cataraqui Trail visit www.cataraquitrail.ca

About the National Trail Coalition

The National Trails Coalition (NTC) represents Canada’s snowmobile, ATV and non-motorized trail systems and is looking after a recreation trails infrastructure program as part of the federal Canada Economic Action Plan (provided through Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs). www.ntc-canada.ca

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