

2003
FORT ERIE
FRIENDSHIP TRAIL
ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PURPOSE

The Town of Fort Erie Friendship Trail ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM has been established in response to a request by the Fort Erie Friendship Trail Citizen's Advisory Committee, which wishes to promote the stewardship and maintenance of the Friendship Trail.

PARTICIPATION IN FRIENDSHIP TRAIL ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM

Only groups and individuals determined by the Friendship Trail Citizen's Advisory Committee to be responsible and to exhibit, in good faith, the desire and the ability to achieve the program objectives within these terms and conditions will be allowed to enter upon Friendship Trail for the purposes set out above.

Volunteers or groups are not considered as officers, employees or agents of the Town. Volunteers and groups shall indemnify the Town against any injuries, claims, liabilities, suits, or costs arising from the volunteers' activities. They agree to abide by the Town's guidelines and to not hold the Town responsible for any injuries or damages that they may cause or suffer as a result of participation in the Friendship Trail ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM.

ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM

FORT ERIE FRIENDSHIP TRAIL AGREEMENT

Volunteers wishing to participate in the ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM must complete and submit the attached AGREEMENT to the Town of Fort Erie Planning & Property Safety Department, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6.

VOLUNTEERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Volunteers participating in the ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM must:

- Appoint an authorized Group Representative to act on behalf of the group.
- Ensure the Authorized Group Representative attend a safety meeting provided by the Town and, in turn, supply safety training to volunteers.
- Obey and abide by all laws and regulations relating to safety and such terms and conditions as may be required by the Town, and adhere to the requirements set out in the Town's safety brochure "Town of Fort Erie Safety Guidelines for Volunteers".
- Park all vehicles at the work site as far away as possible from the travelled portion of the roadway.
- Wear clothing that will not impair vision or movement during the pick-up.
- Do not pick up litter on crossing roads, bridges, tunnels, overpasses or around other structures or locations that could pose a danger.
- Give the Planning Department a minimum of one week notice prior to beginning a litter and brush pick-up.

Adopt-A-Trail Work Includes:

- Pick up litter and brush a minimum of four (4) times per season to maintain a clean Trail.
- Make routine inspections for general damage, fallen trees, sinkholes, etc, and report to the Town.
- Collect litter and brush only from the adopted Trail section.
- Flag large, heavy or hazardous material and notify the Town of required pick-up.
- Submit a Post Clean-up Project Report.

TOWN OF FORT ERIE'S RESPONSIBILITY

The Town will:

- Select the specific section of Friendship Trail to be adopted.
- Erect sign(s) with the group's name displayed at the beginning of each adopted section of Trail unless, in the opinion of the Town, erecting the signs would jeopardize the program, be counter-productive to its purposes, create a hazard to the safety of the public, or be in conflict with Town policies. The Town will approve the name, titles, or works placed on ADOPT-A-TRAIL signs.
- Remove and dispose of filled trash bags.
- Remove large, heavy, or hazardous items that have been flagged on the adopted Trail section.
- Monitor to ensure the objectives of the program are being met.

MODIFICATION / RENEWAL / TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT OR PROGRAM

The ADOPT-A-TRAIL agreement or program may be modified in scope or altered in any manner at the discretion of the Town of Fort Erie.

Volunteers will have the option of renewing their agreement subject to the approval of the Town and continuation of the program. Renewal is required on a yearly basis and the Town must receive renewal applications by March 1. Updated volunteer information is required at the time of renewal.

The Town may terminate the agreement and/or remove the ADOPT-A-TRAIL signs bearing the volunteer's name if it finds that:

- the group is not meeting the terms and conditions of the agreement,
- volunteers have engaged in irresponsible conduct at the adopted section.

The Town of Fort Erie's ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM has been established as a public service program for volunteer organizations to pick up litter and brush along the Fort Erie Friendship Trail, and monitor the trails condition. It is a way for environmentally conscious citizens, community and civic organizations, private business and industry to contribute to a cleaner and more beautiful Trail system.

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY TOWN STAFF: The Town of Fort Erie recognizes the group/individual named below as responsible for the adoption of Section of the Fort Erie Friendship Trail from to , a distance of kilometres.

<p>THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED GROUP REPRESENTATIVE: Under the ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM of The Town of Fort Erie (name of group or individual) agree to adopt a section of the Fort Erie Friendship Trail as designated by the</p>	
<p>Town of Fort Erie. I have read, understand and agree to comply with the terms and conditions and the volunteer responsibilities, and am familiar with the Town of Fort Erie Responsibilities, as outlined in the Agreement and as attached hereto. I have also</p>	
<p>received a copy of THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR VOLUNTEERS and agree to comply with the rules set out therein.</p>	
<p><u>Authorized Group Representative (print name)</u></p>	<p><u>Signature</u></p>
<p><u>Street Address City Postal Code</u></p>	<p><u>Date</u></p>
<p><u>Home Phone Number</u></p>	

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**PARENTAL / GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM
(for Volunteers 12-18 years of age)**

I, _____ hereby grant permission for
Parent or Guardian's Name (please print)

_____ to participate in the Town of Fort Erie's
Volunteer's name (please print)

ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM and agree that he/she will follow the terms and conditions of agreement of the program, and agree not to hold the Town responsible for any injuries or damages that the above-named volunteer may cause or suffer as a result of participating in the program. Further, I acknowledge that I am aware of the hazardous nature of the work that is to be performed, *and hold harmless the Town, its officers and servants from any claims brought by the above-noted volunteer.*

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date

Adopt-a-Trail Group Name

**ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM
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POST CLEAN-UP PROJECT REPORT**

SECTION # from to

Group Name:

Date of Clean-up:

No. of Persons:

Number of Hours:

Activities Performed:

Clean-up Number:

(e.g. 1st, 2nd ...)

Total Number of bags collected:

Comments:

Signature

Date

Please notify the Community Planning and Development Services Department immediately prior to each clean up and mail or fax (871-6411) this form after the clean up.

Thank you for your participation in the Town's Adopt-a-Trail Program.