

Press Release

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A new skills area in Truro for bike lovers

Truro – The Town of Truro is working to improve the places that keep our residents moving. Part of these improvements include a great deal of work in the most southern part of Victoria Park. A few seasons ago, the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department contracted TrailFlow Outdoor Adventures to design a mountain bike skills park and short track course for novice, beginner, and intermediate riders and racers. Part of this contract included hosting workshops for staff and volunteers that covered many topics including: trail design, construction techniques, risk management, site preparation, basic bridge building, fall zones, and sight lines.

Since then, a dedicated team of volunteers along with Truro Parks, Recreation and Culture staff have been very busy building trails and features. The project is approximately 80% complete, *“we are planning to work on the area until the snow falls”*, says Larry Anthony, maintenance manager - Parks, Recreation & Culture.

The skills area is designed as a fun open area within a natural wooded environment. Users can have fun while challenging and enhancing their bike handling skills. The trails have all been designed and built to be smooth, fast, and flow with mountain bike riders in mind. There is a sustainable trail bed that encourages water to flow off the trail, helping to minimize trail erosion. Community volunteer Darrin Belliveau is *“excited to be part of this project and hopes that it helps turn Truro into a cycling destination”*.

“It is projects such as this that make Truro such great place to live” says Truro Mayor Bill Mills. *“Our residents are truly committed in improving this wonderful community asset through dedicating long hours or their own time to making this new track and reality. It’s just another example of the Town’s growing energy and spirit”*.

A huge thank you goes out to the many volunteers who have brought this course to life. *“Their hard work affects more than they realize, words cannot convey our gratitude for their tremendous contribution and we truly hope that this hard work and dedication will encourage people of all ages and abilities to utilize the facility”*, says Shannon Jarvis, active community coordinator - Parks, Recreation & Culture.

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