



**Bruce Trail  
CONSERVANCY**  
TORONTO CLUB



# ANNUAL REPORT 2026

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I am pleased to present the AGM Package to our BTC members and community. This package will provide a glimpse into a few of last year's highlights of the work the Toronto Bruce Trail Club Board of Directors have undertaken as a community of learners, leaders, and teams.

Our underlying goal is to create safe, caring and respectful environments where each person can show up authentically and thrive. This work is one of collaborative commitment, care and dedication.

Reflecting on the past year, one of the highlights that stands out for me is the way we continue to grow together as a vibrant community by partnering with other organizations. Through the power of the outdoors we continue to help youth transform their lives. Through a partnership with Project Canoe we have offered therapeutic and educational programming to Ontario youth ages 13 to 18 along the Bruce Trail. The Toronto Club's focus is on youth who might otherwise miss out on the

experience of outdoor adventure as a result of systemic or mental health barriers they face in their lives.

## Acknowledgements

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the TBTC Board of Directors many of whom fulfil dual roles on the board and for the BTC. They include Martha Schrader, Graham Allen, David Williams, Monica Pasquali, Talise Liang, Matt Ostergard, Connie Soros, Peter Pritchard, Lauren Thibault, David Rowney, Neal Stein, Tom Swales, Rose-Mary Mitter and Michele Lindsay. Without their work many of the club activities would not occur.

This year we say goodbye to four of our Board members. We acknowledge all their contributions with deep appreciation.

- Trail Maintenance Director **Laurent Thibault**. Laurent is leaving an indelible mark on the Toronto Club, and I will miss his good counsel.
- Land Steward Director **Rose-Mary Mitter**. I thank Rose-Mary for her steadfast generosity and support.
- Volunteer Coordinator **Karen Hanson**. I have appreciated Karen's support for our Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Program.
- We are grateful for the positive contributions that Treasurer **Mandy Zheng** brought to our Team.

It has been an honour to serve as President for the past four years. I am deeply grateful for the opportunities, support and collaboration that have made this journey so engaging.

With great optimism for what lies ahead.

David Royle  
President, Toronto Bruce Trail Club

# Vice-President Message



Thank you all for a very welcoming first year on the Toronto Bruce Trail Club Board. While I have been involved with the Club as a trail captain, land steward and trail geographer in prior years, this year I really enjoyed learning more about the operations of our Club, particularly the hiking program.

I have also had the pleasure to help with interim Treasurer duties, Volunteer Coordinator, BTC Day, our annual Toronto E2E, many hikes, and chair the committees for Board Nominations and our AGM planning.

It has been a year of learning for me. And I want to thank the entire TBTC Board, the BTC and specifically David Royle for setting me up for success moving forward. I look forward to continuing to serve our TBTC members and work with the team to ensure our continued success for the Toronto section of the Bruce Trail. I look forward to continuing to meet and engage many of you both on and off the trail.

Martha Schrader  
Vice-President



# TBTC Key Highlights for 2025



## Special Events

- Hiker Initiation Program welcomes newcomers to trail
- Bruce Trail Day in October at Brickworks in Toronto



## Membership

- Increased communication with more members
- Establishing membership drive through 4 new booth shows



## Communication

- Re-designed E-Notes for easier to read mobile phone format
- Added TikTok; established broader team of contributors



## Programs

- Trail Angel service gains traction in year 2
- Youth hiking program expands reach



## Financial

- A strong year, with operating surplus of 41K
- We made a \$38K donation to the BTC



## Hiking

- 430 hikes; 215 car hikes and 173 urban hikes; 34 bus hikes
- Bus hikes stable for last three years



## Volunteer

- There are approximately 240 Club volunteer positions
- In 2025 we welcomed 40 new volunteers



## Landowner Relations

- We acquired 3 new properties and 2.5k new trail
- 80% of the Main Trail in Toronto Section is secure



## Trail Maintenance Ld Management

- Trail audit for 116k successfully completed
- Trail Captain social held in August for 25 volunteers



## Land Stewardship/ Biodiversity

- We have Land Stewards for 19 properties
- There are 22 volunteers involved as Land Stewards
- Five new boot brush stations have been installed at Scotsdale Farm
- Our Scouts continue to add bird boxes on the Duff Pit property

# TREASURER'S REPORT



The following Statement of Financial Position, and Statement of Operations, which present the results for the year ended December 31, 2025, were approved by the Board of Directors at their January 2026 meeting.

The Club had a strong financial year, generating an operating surplus of \$41K. Our main sources of net revenue were memberships (\$22.1K), hikes (\$15.5K), and donations (\$7.4K). Our healthy position at year end enabled us to start the 2026 new year with a \$30.7K operating surplus after making a \$38K donation to the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

David J. Williams  
Treasurer

## Toronto Bruce Trail Club Statement of financial position

as at December 31, 2025

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	<b>27,867</b>	37,811
Accounts receivable	<b>53</b>	334
Due from the Bruce Trail Conservancy	<b>3,303</b>	2,650
Prepaid expenses	<b>77</b>	-
	<b>31,300</b>	40,795
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	<b>85</b>	1,150
Due to the Bruce Trail Conservancy	-	-
Deferred revenue - indigenous hikes	<b>140</b>	140
Deferred revenue	<b>369</b>	9,328
	<b>594</b>	10,618
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>30,706</b>	30,177
	<b>31,300</b>	40,795

## Toronto Bruce Trail Club

### Statement of operations and changes in net assets

year ended December 31, 2025

	% YTD Annual Budget		100%	2024 Actual
	2025 Budget	25-Dec Actual	% Annual Budget	
	\$	\$		\$
<b>Revenues</b>				
Memberships	22,000	22,147	101%	22,452
Trail fees	1,600	1,581	99%	1,639
HST rebate	-	-	-	-
Hike revenue (schedule 1)	58,700	64,167	109%	53,904
Events (schedule 1)	17,649	18,536	105%	17,151
Fundraising	600	724	121%	1,527
Advertising	2,500	2,768	111%	2,784
Trail angel donations	750	1,058	141%	-
Donations	5,740	7,364	128%	6,535
Annual general meeting	2,650	3,353	127%	2,710
Interest income	1,000	702	70%	1,147
	<b>113,189</b>	<b>122,400</b>	<b>108%</b>	<b>109,849</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Hike (schedule 1)	49,700	48,684	98%	39,271
Events (schedule 1)	16,800	14,238	85%	11,719
E-notes	2,300	2,093	91%	2,016
Trail development and maintenance				
Special projects	-	-		8,581
Supplies	7,685	5,058	66%	2,191
Storage	1,000	720	72%	1,702
Equipment	2,200	1,226	56%	2,498
Annual general meeting	5,670	4,485	79%	7,451
Fundraising	45	19	42%	41
Web expenses	1,500	1,190	79%	1,219
Office and general	2,000	1,543	77%	1,900
Biodiversity team	1,200	-	0%	454
Volunteer recognition	-	-		995
Trail angel expense	-	157		-
Bank charges	300	303	101%	284
Land securement	500	181	36%	100
Land management	478	35	7%	300
Other	-	-		-
Youth hike	2,000	1,256	63%	632
	<b>93,378</b>	<b>81,188</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>81,354</b>
Excess of revenue over expenses				
before the undernoted	19,811	41,212	208%	28,495
Donations to the Bruce Trail Conservanc	31,500	40,683	129%	41,766
(Excess of expenses over revenue) revenue				
over expenses for the year	-11,689	529	-5%	-13,271
Net assets, beginning of year	28,040	30,177		43,448
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	<b>16,351</b>	<b>30,706</b>		<b>30,177</b>

**Toronto Bruce Trail Club**  
**Schedule 1 - Revenue and expense details**

year ended December 31, 2025

	% YTD Annual Budget		100%	
	2025 Budget \$	Dec 31/25 Actual \$	% Annual Budget	2024 Actual \$
<b>Hikes</b>				
Revenues				
Winter ski coaches	5,400	10,350	192%	3,579
Bus hikes	43,000	43,202	100%	41,901
End to end	6,500	6,795	105%	5,150
Badges	3,800	3,820	101%	3,274
Other	-	-		-
	<b>58,700</b>	<b>64,167</b>		<b>53,904</b>
Expenses				
Winter ski coaches	5,400	7,692	142%	3,098
Bus hikes	40,000	37,477	94%	33,024
End to end	2,700	2,697	100%	1,934
Badges	1,000	285	29%	789
Hike leader training	-	-		-
Meetup, Hike line	600	533	89%	426
	<b>49,700</b>	<b>48,684</b>		<b>39,271</b>
Net	<b>9,000</b>	<b>15,483</b>		<b>14,633</b>
<b>Events</b>				
Revenues				
Hiker initiation program	700	-	0%	685
Magog/ Gatineau	9,049	9,494	105%	8,178
Peninsula	7,900	8,907	113%	8,288
Bruce Trail Day	-	135		-
	<b>17,649</b>	<b>18,536</b>		<b>17,151</b>
Expenses				
Hiker initiation program	700	-	0%	661
Magog/ Gatineau	8,000	6,950	87%	3,965
Peninula	7,600	6,703	88%	6,620
Bruce trail day	500	585	117%	473
	<b>16,800</b>	<b>14,238</b>		<b>11,719</b>
Net	<b>849</b>	<b>4,298</b>		<b>5,432</b>

## 2026 Budget

At its January meeting the Board of Directors approved our 2026 budget.

This budget calls for a \$14.5K operating surplus for the year. When combined with our \$30.7K opening surplus, this will enable a \$25K donation to the Bruce Trail Conservancy and close the year with a \$20.2K surplus.

As with prior years, the main revenue sources are memberships, along with surpluses generated by hikes and events. The budget calls for \$11.6K in trail development and maintenance expenses, along with expenses of \$3K each for youth hikes and volunteer recognition.

David J. Williams  
Treasurer



# LAND SECUREMENT / LANDOWNER RELATIONS



## Division of Labour

Two distinct activities are covered under this mandate:

- **Land Securement** – A dedicated task managed by the securement representative, reporting directly to the Bruce Trail Head Office as part of the Land Securement Group. This group includes representatives from all nine sections of the Bruce Trail and is focused on acquiring properties to complete the Optimum Route.
- **Landowner Relations** – Building and maintaining relationships with current landowners, neighbors, government agencies, handshake property owners, and prospective purchasers to ensure trail continuity.

## Accomplishments

2026 was a highly successful year for land securement. We acquired three properties, eliminating approximately 2.5 km of road walking and restoring the trail to its previous routing. Previously, the trail crossed Hwy 7 near the Trafalgar/Hwy 7 junction. When Hwy 7 was widened to four lanes, the crossing was lost, forcing a reroute through Scotsdale Farm. With these new acquisitions, the trail now connects to the Silver Creek property (Duff Pit) and crosses Hwy 7 at the traffic lights.

## New Properties Acquired:

- Maple Ridge Nature Reserve – ~20 acres
- Stillwater Nature Reserve – ~35 acres
- Silver Creek Expansion – ~22.2 acres

We extend our gratitude to the Town of Halton Hills for processing the required severances promptly and generously deferring transfer fees. Town representatives also reviewed a potential reroute on the 10th Line near the Walking Fern Trail; however, this request was denied due to safety concerns.

Currently, negotiations are underway for one additional property, with three more in preliminary discussions.

## Incentives

To maintain strong personal connections, we distributed approximately 100 calendars to landowners, neighbors, and partner agencies. This initiative helps sustain engagement with handshake property owners, municipal partners, and conservation authorities.

## Optimum Route

The Optimum Route is dynamic, evolving as new properties are acquired and opportunities arise. Balancing the preferred route with available options is an ongoing process, with annual reviews conducted across all nine sections.

## Parking Lots & Roadways

- Efforts with the MTO to establish a parking lot at the Duff Pit property have been unsuccessful. We are now exploring a parking lot on the 6th Line, on one of the newly acquired properties.
- Requests to the MTO and local MPPs for pedestrian crossing upgrades at Hwy 7 and Trafalgar Road were declined.
- Discussions with the Region of Peel are ongoing regarding a pedestrian crossing on Winston Churchill Road near Terra Cotta.



## Handshake Agreements

- All current handshake agreements remain stable and effective.
- Work continues on a new agreement with multiple landowners to reduce road walking along Boston Mills Road and Creditview Road.
- Additional “No Trespassing” signs were installed at the request of property owners.

## Partnerships

We remain deeply grateful to our corporate landowners, conservation authorities, and municipal governments. Their unwavering support ensures the Bruce Trail’s continuity and success.

## Looking Ahead

- The Toronto section of the Bruce Trail spans 46 km. Of this, 36.8 km (80%) has been secured, leaving 9.1 km to acquire. The current routing involves 16 properties.
- Approximately 60 km of side trails complement the main trail, with new acquisitions enabling further expansion. Both main and side trails see heavy use from hikers, including many four-legged companions.

Land acquisition is a long-term effort requiring patience and perseverance. We welcome collaboration and invite anyone interested in this challenge to reach out. Two heads are better than one—and three or four are even better.

Peter Pritchard  
Land Securement and Landowner Relations

# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT



The Toronto Bruce Trail Club (TBTC) prides itself on fostering inclusivity and inspiring individuals of all ages to explore and appreciate the outdoors. In 2025, the role of Youth Engagement Director was established to introduce a new perspective to the Board of Directors to develop innovative strategies aimed at encouraging younger generations to become involved in hiking and environmental protection.

## Why Youth?

Investing in youth engagement is essential to the long-term sustainability of both the Club and the important mission of the Bruce Trail Conservancy. Today's youth will be tomorrow's hike leaders, trail maintenance volunteers, club directors, land stewards, and environmental advocates. By providing meaningful opportunities for youth to explore the Bruce Trail, the Club helps ensure that the legacy of the Conservancy continues for generations to come.

## Accomplishments

Since the beginning of the year, several youth initiatives have been carefully planned and successfully exceeded all expectations! All of the following expanded youth participation.



- In April of 2025, a member of the Club delivered an Earth Day presentation at a high school in Guelph, which introduced students to the mission of the Bruce Trail and the importance of conservation.
- Throughout the year, numerous youth and family-oriented hikes were organized that incorporated interactive elements such as Hike Leader Monica's Hiking BINGO card to create engaging and educational outdoor experiences.
- In September of 2025, a Scouts group participated in a guided hike at Terra Cotta Conservation Area, in October, the Club partnered with the YMCA to host a newcomer youth hike at Hilton Falls, and students from Tribute Public School visited Limehouse Conservation Area as part of a field trip. All these experiences aided youth gain hands-on exposure to nature and the TBTC's welcoming community.
- Another ongoing initiative has been the launch of the official Toronto Bruce Trail Club's TikTok account @torontobrucetrailclub. This platform serves as a modern outreach tool designed to connect with both experienced hikers and non-hikers by raising awareness of the Club's mission to preserve and protect the trail. Through accessible and engaging content, the account promotes involvement among younger audiences.

Talise Liang  
Youth Engagement Director

# COMMUNICATIONS



This marks my first year as Communications Director. My focus has been on expanding the team, keeping up our high-quality communications, and making improvements where possible.

## Building a Solid Communications Team

There's a lot of demand for communications about the trail. We have popular social media accounts, a website to maintain, a very well-subscribed monthly newsletter, and all sorts of assistance we provide to other teams to support our shared mission. This year I spent time building out a volunteer communications team to help with all the work. This has helped bring in solid new skills to tap and helped spread out the work.

## E-Notes Improvements

The Club has been communicating with its members through a newsletter since 1964. It started with Footnotes which was mailed to all members to inform them about upcoming hikes and share news. Later, in the internet age, E-Notes eventually came to replace Footnotes. We now have over 8000+ dedicated subscribers with strong interest from hiking and outdoors focused advertisers. It is a place to share information about hikes, the trail, and other stories of interest to our readers. You can subscribe to E-Notes and view past issues [here](#).

E-Notes has a dedicated volunteer team delivering a great issue every month. It includes our editor Magdalena Vanderkooy, writers David Rowney, Shyla Tibando, and myself, and our ad manager Rachida Attar. We made a big improvement to E-notes in February making it mobile optimized for the first time. It is now significantly easier to read and navigate on your phone or tablet. That means no more zooming in to have to read the text.

## Social Media

Our club frequently communicates with members and the public through Facebook and Instagram with anywhere from 2-7 posts per week. These, especially Facebook, are valuable channels for us.

- Since June 2025, we have seen a +22.4% increase in new followers, with a net total of 769 net new follows.
- In Q4 2025 we saw significant growth on Facebook as many of our posts were shared by bigger groups and many went on to have tens of thousands of page views.
- Follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

Please reach out to me if you have any questions. [mattostergard@gmail.com](mailto:mattostergard@gmail.com)

Matt Ostergard  
Communications Director

## Our team:

Rachida Attar, Ads Manager  
Talise Liang, TikTok volunteer  
Matt Ostergard, Communications Director  
Emily Schrader, Webmaster  
David Rowney, E-Notes Writer  
Shyla Tibando, E-Notes Writer  
Magdalena Vanderkooy, E-Notes Editor

## SPECIAL EVENTS



Our **Annual General Meeting** was held on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at our new venue, the Gellert Community Centre. There were 160 members / non members who attended. The Georgetown choir entertained us while we waited for the meeting to commence. Congratulations to all the presenters and all those who received our various annual awards. Special thanks to our guest speaker Adam Shoalts, who stole the show with his captivating presentation. Everyone contributed to the success of the event.

**Bruce Trail Day** was held across two days, Saturday October 4, and Sunday, October 5, at Evergreen Brickworks. Two urban hikes were held on the Saturday October, led by David Royle and Tom Swales. One additional introductory bus hike was held on October 19 to Limehouse. We had a booth display for both days (with cookies, water and juice). We also had a raffle for some good giveaways such as T-shirts, stickers, seeds packages and “my first hike’ badges



Our information booth staffed by our knowledgeable volunteers provided opportunities to discuss the trails or answer questions about the Club. Special thanks to all those who man the booth. We look forward to another exciting year.

Our **Hiker Initiation program** involved a hiking 101 workshop at the Evergreen Brickworks in the BMO Atrium on Sunday October 5, with over 45 people in attendance. The workshop focused on hiking tips and basic survival skills. It was a great discussion with lots of Q&A.

Michele Lindsay  
Special Events Director

# Membership



I am excited to have become the new Membership Director for the Toronto Club in 2025. Lots of new initiatives and plans are underway for 2026. The goals are to both increase membership in the Club in addition to retention of existing members.

The Toronto Bruce Trail Club continues to be the Club with the largest membership. Overall, membership numbers were slightly less than at this time last year but have already started to show a favourable trend for the first few months this year.

## Membership Drive

This year as one of our membership initiatives, we are excited to hold a number of membership drive events. Since the members of the Toronto Club are diversified within both the city of Toronto and the GTA, we are planning events both in the city and close to the trail itself, specifically in Georgetown and Limehouse. We have scheduled a booth at the Georgetown Market for two dates during the market season, in addition to plans for the Halton Pride event (date TBD). Like last year, we are once again holding our Bruce Trail Day event on Saturday October 3, at Evergreen Brickworks in Toronto. In addition to Bruce Trail Day, we have also scheduled a booth in June at the Evergreen Brickworks. We will be promoting membership and hiking and will be hosting Hiking 101 speaker events in the BMO room at the Brickworks.

We will be making Bruce Trail Day into Bruce Trail Weekend with trail hikes and potential informative sessions at Limehouse Sunday, October 4.

## More Communications

Another new initiative for membership this year is increased communication with new members. The Conservancy is rolling out a new series of emails to new members (in addition to the initial mail-out). This will consist of five emails over approximately five weeks.

The first email will be a welcome to the Club, email two explains how to explore the trail with information on the app, maps, organized hikes, etc, email three talks about the environmental aspects of our conservation corridor, email four is about volunteering and the final email is a member survey. The Toronto Club would like to add an email with specific information and links to all of the above information specifically related to our club.



The BTC continues to offer users of Canoo a free one-year membership to the Club for new Canadians to connect to local community and adjust to a new country. We have not had high retention of members via this program but continue to offer hikes and support with the hope of encouraging a love of nature and the environment in Canada.

Looking forward to seeing you on the Trail.

Connie Soros  
Membership Director

# PROGRAMS

## Youth Hike Program

Thanks to a supportive board, our Hike Director Tom Swales, Hike Leader Monica Pasquali and President David Royle, we were able to arrange two bus hikes with Scouts Canada and Project



Canoe. Partnering with these two organizations, over 100 teens were given the opportunity to experience nature and to learn about their natural surroundings. Additionally, our team led a youth hike as part of the Glen Williams village's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. On Bruce Trail Day, we provided youth badges to Tribune Public

School as over 50 students with their parents explored the trails in Limehouse. Our intent is to broaden the program to encourage youth to be more involved in in our trail maintenance, and biodiversity programs. We welcome any new volunteers to this program. Special thanks to hike leaders and/or our other committee members: Talise Liang, David Williams, Martha Schrader, Angelica Sommer, Louise Kent, Felix Wang, Marijo Roy

- David Rowney

## Trail Angel Program

2025 marked the first full year of operation for the Toronto Trail Angels volunteer shuttle program serving the Toronto section of the Bruce Trail. Volunteers continued to donate their time and fuel, with riders contributing donations in support of the Club. The program meets its objectives of supporting section hikers while reducing the need for multiple vehicles at trailheads.

- Benjamin Roesky | Peter Prichard

### Program Highlights

- **14 active volunteers**
- **47 shuttle rides completed**
- **\$1,050 raised** in rider donations to the Toronto Bruce Trail Club
- **96% fulfillment rate** (45 of 47 requests completed; 2 unfulfilled)

## Happy Trails Racing

On Saturday July 12 the Toronto Section was bustling with 220 fast-footed runners for the second annual First Blaze Race. There were runners completing in 10K, 25K and 50K distances along the trail during temperatures that reached in the mid 30s Celsius. The First Blaze Race was organized by Happy Trails Racing. Happy Trails raised \$3,600 for the Club, which will be used to enhance and protect our trails.

- Matt Ostergard

# HIKING REPORT



The year 2025 was another great year for the TBTC Hiking Program. Our Hike Leaders posted over 430 hikes including 215 car hikes, 34 school bus hikes, 11 coach trips, and 173 urban walks. All of the school bus hikes and coach trips that were scheduled ran as planned.

The Winter season brought great snow conditions back so the Winter Ski/Snowshoe coaches were very successful. The high level of support for our bus hikes/coach trips allowed the bus fares to be held for a third year. The club continues to offer a diverse choice of hikes for members and guests to choose from.

There are 50 active certified hike leaders who organize and/or assist on hikes. Our leaders continue to look for new destinations to increase the variety of hikes offered. The “GO Train Hikes” continue to be a popular alternative option for day hike outings. The club has made endeavours to establish regular series of “Rainbow Hikes” and “Family Friendly hikes. Two “Youth” Bus Hikes were offered in conjunction with the Youth Program Committee to introduce youth from the city to the Bruce Trail.



The Bus Hike series completing the Niagara Section and the first half of the Iroquoia Section were highly successful with signups at capacity the first evening registration opened. The program continues to evolve to support a diverse population of hikers.

## Our hike leaders:

Alex Brown, Alina Lin, Amir Alemohammad, Andrew Proczek & Family, Angelika Sommer, Brenda Dalglish, Brenda Menezes, Brian Rideout, Celia Ho, Danny Pivnick, David Rowney, David Royle, Duro Vukman, Fayyaz Mahmood, Felix Wan, George Lennon, Glynn Richardson, Jacquie Van Dyke, Janet McColeman, Janet Patterson, Jeanette Vincent, Kadhim Taki, Ke Jia Chong, Kerry Seong, Leila Damband, Leonora Rochwerger, Lindita Kalo, Lisa Lifshitz, Lynn McFerran, Magdalena Vanderkooy, Makhan Dhesi, Marie-Josée Roy, Martina Furrer, Michael Humpage, Miriam Stevens, Mohammad Aghamiri, Monica Pasquali, Natalia Svechnikova, Nijole Mockevicius, Pat Ferris, Ray Berzins, Robin Crombie, Roland Mark, Ross Estrella, Smadar Junkin, Sara Maedel, Tom Swales, Timothy Wainwright,

Tom Swales  
Hiking Director

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Laurent

## Trail Captain/Trail Maintenance worker coordination and support

Seven new Trail Captains were trained this year to fill in a few gaps. We are looking for one more by spring 2026. We encourage all members with their own transportation to consider becoming a Trail Maintenance Volunteer or Trail Captain by contacting our volunteer coordinator, at [tbtc.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:tbtc.volunteers@gmail.com).

The trail audit for the 116 kms. of the Toronto section was successfully completed and a full detailed report of all the corrective actions was sent to the BTC audit committee in the summer. A trail captain social and information event was held at Scotsdale Farm on August 16, 2025, for 25 volunteers. We toured the new club trail maintenance storage facility located at the Farm, which was provided free of charge by the Ontario Heritage Trust, played some Bruce Trail trivia and discussed Toronto section news. This is an important tool in creating a cohesive and cooperative spirit among the Trail Captains.

## Trail Maintenance

As always, multiple trees were removed by our sawyers. A new professional arborist for trees that are difficult to fell was found. We placed over 50 new signs announcing the road junction at all of our major road crossings in our section. Worn out and missing signs, multiple steps, boardwalks and side logging were repaired.

## Season 2025 Major projects review

1. Completion of Main Trail between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> line.
2. Credit Valley Footpath 22<sup>nd</sup> SR to 20<sup>th</sup> SR – Temporary repairs to bridge south of 22<sup>nd</sup>.
3. MT sector 12 – Snows Creek bridge to Fallbrook Trail Rd.- repairs to multiple structures.
4. Added 3 feet to one end and 5 feet of platform to other end of boardwalk ID 3016 on MT near junction with Canada Goose ST east of Fourth Line
5. Repair stone stairs on Main Trail about 500 meters west of Heritage Rd. – temporary work has been completed including adding 3 steps. We are planning for a longer term solution including a metal or wooden staircase bolted to ground.
6. Repair 10 steps on Great Esker Side trail (sector 33b) ID 3119.
7. Added gravel to chronically muddy section of Terra Cotta ST running for 230 feet east of Heritage Rd.
8. Added 30 feet of boardwalk in front of new seed garden on Todd Bardes ST
9. Added new duckboards to chronically wet area on Great Esker ST
10. A crew of several volunteers from the TBTC went up twice to the Dufferin Highlands section in April to help them clear the severe damage caused by the ice storm



### Season 2026 Major project plans

1. Rerouting of the Main Trail in the Duff Pit/ Silver Creek area – A major reroute of trail is planned for this area in late spring/ early summer and we hope to open this by the summer of 2026. Look for details when ready on our TBTC E-notes. We also continue to meet with the staff of government agencies regularly (Ontario Heritage Trust, Conservation Halton and Credit Valley Conservation) that own land our trails cross to discuss trail issues. As one result of this partnership, at the Irwin Quarry ST entry- CVC has recently added an approx. 50 meters boardwalk at a chronically wet site. We are also exploring adding some crosswalks at busy road crossings with local and provincial government agencies.

### Trail Geography

The third annual trail geography of our section was published in October as a resource in a more readable PDF format to our Trail Captains and Trail Maintenance on our clubs' website. A follow up survey is planned for 2026. We have trained one new volunteer for this years' survey.

### Awards

Our club received an award from the CVC group in June for “outstanding volunteer” at their 2025 “Friends of the Credit Conservation” event and the Tom East award for our work on the new Main Trail route north of Limehouse. Paul Vanhanen, one of our long-standing volunteers, received the Susan Oleskevich award for many years of outstanding contributions to Trail Maintenance in our club.

Neal Stein | Laurent Thibault  
 LMTC chair | Trail Maintenance Director

# BIODIVERSITY



The Biodiversity Team had a successful 2025. We welcomed three new members, including a new Chair. We continue to meet monthly via Zoom to plan activities, raise awareness about invasive species, and support the goals of the Toronto Bruce Trail Club (TBTC).

Biodiversity Team members organised several successful biodiversity-themed hikes last year, with more planned for 2026. Hike themes included birding (spring migration), ferns, exploring the role wetlands play in a healthy ecosystem, “Marvellous Mosses,” and two visits to the TBTC Seed Orchard.

John Kirby McCuaig and his Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Rovers logged over 170 volunteer hours in 2025 for the Bird Box program. The team repaired, installed, cleaned, and reported usage of the boxes across the TBTC properties.

Four new Boot Brush Stations have been installed at access points to the Main Trail in the Scotsdale Farm area (Ontario Heritage Trust). One additional Boot Brush Station will be added near the main parking lot this spring.

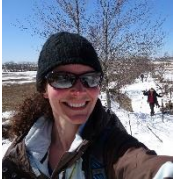
Initially planted in the fall of 2024, the Toronto Seed Orchard now has 17 different species of plants and produced nearly a kilogram of seed in its first full year. These seeds, including Cardinal Flower, Sneezeweed, Dense Blazing Star, and Swamp Milkweed, will be used for wetland restoration along the Toronto section. Seed has been scattered along Sinclair, Hammer, and Limestone Roost, as well as Silver Creek. Thanks to funding from WWF Canada and the ongoing support of BTC volunteers, we hope to add more plants to the seed orchard in 2026.



Numerous work parties are planned for this year as we continue work on the removal of invasive species on the lands we steward. Our goals for each property are to maintain and improve the native biodiversity of these properties. Please email us at [tbtcbiodiversity@gmail.com](mailto:tbtcbiodiversity@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining us.

Gavin Grant  
Biodiversity Team

# PR AND EDUCATION



The Public Relations and Education Director is responsible for promoting and increasing public awareness of conservation, education, and hiking among members, communities, and the general public. Some achievements from 2025 include the following:

## Created resources to help educate and motivate hikers of the Bruce Trail



Hiking 101 presentation - tips for hiking with kids



Detailed routes and games to play while hiking

## Supported the Club's diversity and inclusion strategy

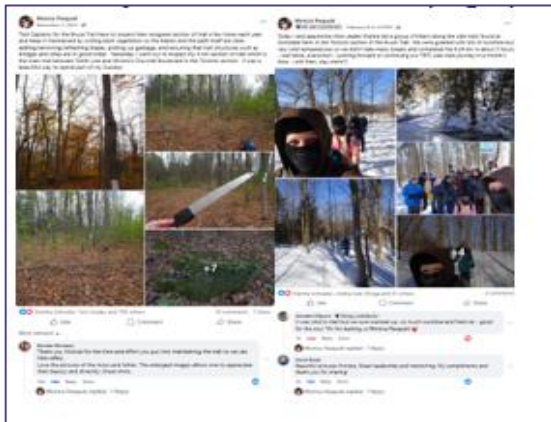


Led the first Rainbow hike in the Toronto section



Helped organize and lead two youth bus hikes

## Worked with the Communications team to promote some of the Club's activities



"Share your Hike" Facebook page posts



E-notes articles, iNaturalist journal posts

# VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers are the power of the Toronto Bruce Trail Club, both members and non-members alike. Quite simply, without you, the Toronto Club would not be able to build and maintain the Trail, care for BTC properties, engage our membership, lead hikes, address biodiversity challenges, or provide safe transportation for hikers. This truly is a community effort.

Over the past year, we have had approximately 240 volunteers contributing their time across our many teams, many of our volunteers generously supporting more than one team. In 2025, we welcomed more than 40 new volunteers into roles across Communications, Trail Management, and Land Stewardship & Biodiversity.

We are also presenting four volunteers to fill vacant positions on the board. Welcome! In July 2025, our Volunteer Coordinator, Karen Hansen, stepped down due to other work and volunteer commitments. We extend our sincere thanks to Karen for her contributions over the past two years to both the board and our members. I've stepped in on an interim basis until the role is filled through our regular Board nomination process.



Team	# of Volunteers
Badges	1
Biodiversity Team	14
Biodiversity Volunteers	69
Board	16
Bookkeeper	1
Communications	6
General Trail Volunteers	47
Hike Leaders	51
Land Stewards	15
Landowner Relations	1
Sawyers	13
Trail Angels	14
Trail Captains	52
Zone Coordinators	3
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Looking ahead to 2026 we are focused on improving our onboarding to help new volunteers learn about the Toronto Club before they pitch in. We are also planning two volunteer appreciation events this year, one in Georgetown and one in Toronto, to celebrate the people who make our section of the Bruce Trail, simply put - wonderful.

Thank you to our volunteer award judges for their time and care in selecting this year's recipients of the Nina Carlisle and Todd Bardes awards.

All this work truly takes a village, and we are grateful for every single person who contributes to the Toronto Bruce Trail Club!

Martha Schrader  
Acting Volunteer Director

# LAND STEWARDS | PROPERTIES



The Toronto Bruce Trail Club currently acts as land steward for 19 BTC properties and we have 22 volunteers involved as Land Stewards. The Djuric property (Limestone Roost) became the 18th property last year and the Lindsey purchase this winter is the 19th. Lindsey is a narrow strip of grassland which together with another property (Matheson) will take a section of the Main Trail off of the 6th Line and Highway 7. We hope the purchase of Matheson will be final this spring.

Land Stewards visit their properties at least two times a year and report on any issues of trespass, dumping or vandalism, and give notice of invasive species. They also note water levels, comment on environmental changes such as transitions from meadow to forest, and report on birds, insects, and plants they come across on their visits.

There are several volunteers interested in becoming land stewards for the two new properties and there will be new land stewards this year for the Hardy and Weiser properties.

## Limestone Roost

- Last spring the Main Trail was removed from a long section of 5th Line and two new side trails were created, 'Beeney's Creek ST' on the Sinclair property and 'Ancient Maple ST' on the Maple Ridge property.

## Springle

- The Biodiversity Team began the removal of Multiflora Rose along the Main Trail and Todd

## Bardes Meadowlands ST.

This is a multi-year project, work will continue this year and we will also start work on removing a large area of Lily of the Valley.

- The Toronto Club seed garden was planted in the fall of 2024 near the junction of the Main Trail and the Todd Bardes Meadowlands ST. The garden bloomed beautifully and very colourfully this past summer and fall. Corporate volunteers and a group of BDT volunteers helped Lyndsey Wilkerson (BTC) plant additional wetland species in the garden, weed the area in the spring and fall, and collect seeds.
- A board walk was built across the wet area in front of the garden to prevent people from going off trail.



## Silver Creek (Duff Pit)

- No severance will be made to the property due to the difficult access from Hwy 7
- Work continued this spring with the removal of Scots Pine on the property and a large area of Garlic Mustard was found along the Trafalgar ST. Work parties will continue this year.
- John Kirby McCuaig and his Rovers and Scouts continue to add new bird boxes on the TBTC properties. They also repair and inventory the boxes, cleaning them out every spring and fall.



- We received permission from Scotsdale Farm (Ontario Heritage Trust) to locate five new Boot Brush Stations at access points to the Main Trail in the Scotsdale Farm area. Four have been installed, 1 east side of 8th Line on the BHST, 1 at the junction of the MSST & BHST, 1 on the MT at Hwy 7, and 1 on the BHST along the farm track leading to the MT at Trafalgar Rd. 1 additional BBS will be installed near the main parking lot this spring.

Spring work parties were successful but as both Lynn and I were unavailable there were no work parties last fall. After 5 years, Lynn McFerran has stepped down as Chair of the Biodiversity Team and we thank her for all her dedication, leadership and commitment. We welcome Gavin Grant as the new chair of the Biodiversity Team.

Rose-Mary Mitter  
Land Stewardship Director

# CLUB-NOMINATED DIRECTOR BRUCE TRAIL CONSERVANCY



The Bruce Trail Board of Directors includes one member from each of the nine Clubs and ten independent Directors, with me serving as the TBTC nominee. Directors can serve up to two three-year terms, and the Board meets five times a year, both in person and online. Each Director joins one of four committees; I'm on the Governance Committee and this year chaired the three-member Nominating Committee. After a thorough selection process, Brendon Larson, a respected ecologist and University of Waterloo Environmental Studies Associate

Professor, joined the Board. The Caledon Club also appointed a new representative, and several members were re-elected for a second term.

The board member role requires about eight hours a month, which includes the five Board meetings, the AGM, committee work, and other projects. Club Nominated Directors bring their Club's perspective to BTC issues and report back. While the BTC Board focuses on broader strategy, the Club Board handles operational matters like membership, hiking, outreach, and trail maintenance.

The BTC had an outstanding year, raising over \$28.85 million for land acquisition, and about 72% of the trail is now secured. Pete Pritchard, TBTC Director of Landowner Relations and a member of the BTC Land Securement Committee, played a key role in securing three new properties, enabling a trail reroute off of Highway 7 and through the Duff Pit Property.

Looking ahead, the BTC aims to speed up land securement and roll out a thru-hiking plan with Overnight Rest Areas (ORAs) in every section.

Graham Allen  
BTC Board Representative

# NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The TBTC Nominating Committee presents the slate of 15 members for the Toronto Bruce Trail Club. A big thank you to the members of the nominating committee (as well as other board members), for their efforts in finding new directors:

## Returning Board Member Nominees

- Martha Schrader (President)
- Graham Allen (Club representative to the BTC Board)
- David Rowney (Secretary and Halton Hills Representative)
- Neal Stein (Land Management Committee)
- Peter Pritchard (Land Securement and Landowner Relations)
- Tom Swales (Hiking)
- Connie Soros (Membership)
- Matt Ostergard (Communications)
- Monica Pasquali (Public Relations and Education)
- Michele Lindsay (Special Events)
- Talise Liang (Youth Engagement)

## New Member Nominees

- David J Williams (Treasurer)\*
- Michael McKibbon (Volunteer Management)
- Tim Reedman (Trail Maintenance)
- Stewart Fleming (Land Stewardship)

## Retiring Members

- David Royle
- Rose-Mary Mitter
- Laurent Thibault

\*David Williams was appointed to the Board in September 2025 after a vacancy occurred.

## Nominating Committee

Monica Pasquali  
 Matt Ostergard  
 Ian Grindall  
 Bradley Stevens  
 Felix Wan

Martha Schrader  
 Chair, TBTC Nominating Committee

# APPENDIX

# MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2025 MEETING

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## Toronto Bruce Trail Club

### 2025 AGM Meeting Minutes

Date Saturday, April 26, 2025

Time 3:05pm – 4:00pm

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#### 1. Call to Order

Past President and BTC rep Graham Allen called the 2025 TBTC AGM to order at 3:05 p.m. Graham reviewed voting procedures and gave an overview of the agenda.

Moved by Graham Allen, seconded by Peter Pritchard, that the agenda for the 2025 AGM be adopted as presented. Motion Carried.

#### 2. Land Acknowledgement

Graham Allen presented the Land Acknowledgement.

#### 3. Opening Remarks

David Royle welcomed the members to the 2025 TBTC AGM and thanked Margaret Corner, Laurent Thibault, David Rowney and Michele Lindsay for their role in organizing the AGM, as well as all the Board members and volunteers for their contributions to the TBTC.

#### 4. Prior Meeting Minutes

Moved by David Rowney, seconded by Peter Leeney that the minutes of the April 21, 2024 AGM meeting be approved as amended. Motion Carried.

#### 5. President's Report

David Royle acknowledged the passing of two volunteers, who had made significant contributions to the TBTC: Vlado Bosnar and Nina Carlisle. He also acknowledged two memorial hikes that were held for long-time volunteers Doug Sloan and Wayne Crockett.

David also talked about some highlights and themes during the past year, including a youth initiative, fundraising through the new Happy Trails partnership and our new Trail Angel program. Other priorities include, strengthening membership, ensuring the Toronto Club is welcoming and inclusive, as well as supporting the mission and strategic initiatives of the Bruce Trail Conservancy. He also recognized the importance of the various TBTC volunteer roles – from hike leaders to trail maintenance, land stewards, biodiversity, communications and more.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report

- Margaret Corner provided an overview of the financial statements.
- Membership fee revenues were \$1,548 under budget and down \$2,506 from the 2023 actual amounts.
- Decreased paying memberships in the BTC also resulted in trail fees being less than 2023 amounts.
- The Club offered a full slate of bus and winter coach hikes this past year. These events were very well received by the membership. Unfortunately, several of the Winter Coach Hikes were cancelled due to

warmer than seasonal weather causing revenues and expenses for Winter Coach hikes to be below budget

- Last year's AGM was attended by fewer members than expected, accordingly revenues and expenses are below budget.
- In 2024 we did not hold a bus hike for Bruce Trail Day which explains revenues and expenses being underbudget.
- The Club hosted a very successful sold-out end to end event in September. Our Hiker Initiation Program were also held. Several hikers enjoyed our trips to the Gatineau and the Bruce Peninsula. Again, these were sold-out events.
- Happy Trails Racing held a running race in our section of the trail and very generously donated \$3,775 to our Club.
- Ad revenues on our website and in E-Notes grew to \$2,784, an increase of \$376 from 2023.
- Our trail maintenance volunteers worked very hard this year repairing various boardwalks and bridges as well as clearing several fallen trees from the trail. Two new bridges (Hammer and Snow Creek) and a boardwalk were built. The cost of the two bridges were overbudget due to material costs being higher than expected. The Club also invested in new equipment. Equipment purchased outside of the budget was separately approved by the Board.
- The Club had an excess of expenses over revenues this year of \$13,271 which included a \$41,766 donation to the BTC.
- The Statement of financial position is a picture of what an organization looks like at a given point in time. The TBTC's financial position as December 31, 2024 is a very healthy. As of December 31, 2024, the Club was holding \$37,811 in cash. Receivables include December membership and trail maintenance fees owing from the BTC. Accounts payable represent amounts owing at the end of the year for HST and administrative items. Deferred revenues are mainly made up of advertising revenues that will be earned in 2025 and monies received for the Magog trip that occurred in February of 2025.
- The Club has a net asset value of \$30,177 at the end of year.

Moved by Margaret Corner, seconded by Peter Pritchard that the TBTC Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2024 as previously circulated be accepted. Approved.

#### TBTC 2025 Budget Highlights

The highlights of the 2025 TBTC Budget include:

- A projected excess of expenses over revenues of \$11,689
- A planned BTC donation of \$31,500
- Trail maintenance expenses of \$10,885, the majority of which is lumber for structural repairs
- Happy Trails Event – revenue of \$3,700
- An in-person AGM at a projected cost of \$5,670

The 2025 budget was approved by the Board at the January 2025 Board meeting.

## **7. Directors' Reports and Questions**

David Royle noted the Annual Report was available in advance of the meeting on the website and this was communicated through the April E-Notes which was sent to members on March 31, 2025. The following questions were asked prior to the AGM by a member who could not attend the event. Responses compiled

below are from David Royle, President TBTC.

1. Question: The April 2025 AGM is sold out at 150 members for the venue, representing 4% of the TBTC 3,400 members. Why can't the AGM be more accessible to all the membership through live streaming including ability for members to have live online voting rights? The B.T.C. has done this at its AGM.

*Answer: The TBTC A.G.M. is in - person versus the BTC A.G.M., which is fully remote. What you are suggesting is a hybrid model which we are not able to facilitate. TBTC members who are not able to attend and who wish to participate are able to vote via proxy.*

2. Question: If Mr. Shoalts is being paid an honorarium and /or travel expenses to be at the A.G.M. what is the value of the honorarium/expenses? Is there a documented policy for AGM guest speaker honoraria payments and where is it to be found?

*Answer: One of our goals for our AGM this year was to increase value to members and at the same time reduce event costs. By seeking a more cost-effective venue and by not hiring a catering company, the Club was able to save approximately \$2,700. Because of this, we were able to pay for the speaker fee of \$1,000 while keeping the registration fee the same as in 2024. There is no policy for guest speaker honoraria. The benefit of having a well-known guest speaker is that we encourage non-members to attend who will learn more about the Club and potentially become members. Having someone like Adam Shoalts gives something more back to our members with a more enjoyable and entertaining event. Last year our attendance was slightly less than one hundred. This year our audience is slightly over 150.*

3. Question: Can the yearly process for the volunteer awards become more transparent in addition to the call for nominations process? For example, what are the criteria used to rank the nominees to determine who should get the award? Who is involved in judging/deciding who the awards go to and on what basis are those adjudication individuals chosen? Can this process be published yearly in E-Notes along with the call for nominations?

*Answer: Nominations for both the Nina Carlisle and Todd Bardes Awards are published yearly in E-Notes. There are award criteria and submission forms which are posted on the website. The Nina Carlisle award is given to a long-standing volunteer (at least five years) and the Todd Bardes award is given to a volunteer who has made an impact of at least two years. Such volunteering could be in the areas of trail maintenance, hike leading, social event planning, communications, administrative tasks, fund raising and Board service.*

4. Question: TBTC donated \$41,786 to the BTC for land securement which subsequently involves trail maintenance and stewardship costs downloaded to Clubs. This year, the BTC has asked for special donations to help with costs associated with the ice storm cleanup. Can the TBTC direct/earmark funds through the BTC to help other clubs affected by the ice storm repair/clean the Trail or special future needs? Or can the Club simply transfer funds to the affected clubs for the cleanup?

*Answer: The BTC relies exclusively on volunteers to maintain the trail and land steward properties. The associated costs are a Club responsibility and have not been downloaded. The TBTC could direct/earmark funds to trail maintenance but chose this year to donate to a land securement matching donor appeal which effectively doubled our donation. Normally our BTC donation is unencumbered as we rely on the BTC to identify the best use of funds. We could transfer funds to another club but again choose to donate directly to the BTC. TBTC members, especially trail maintenance members, have donated their time and equipment to help clear the trail in Dufferin Highlands.*

5. Question: The financial comments in the Annual Report indicate some higher expenses because of \$US foreign exchange considerations for Meet Ups and E-Notes. What is that cost in dollar value difference this year and percentage increase? What are the categories in these two Club operations that involve buying US-sourced products/services? Are other Canadian-sources products/services available to replace these specific American ones? Are there other American-sourced goods used by the TBTC that could be reviewed and replaced with Canadian goods?

*Answer: On a personal level every Canadian has been re-evaluating our purchasing habits since the Trump administration announced its negative economic campaign against Canada. Your suggestion to look at Canadian companies as an alternative to any US products or services we may be using is a good one for the Club and we will mention this at our next board meeting. Meet Up expenses incurred in 2023 were \$212 and in 2024 they were \$426, an increase of 100%. This expense is reflected in Schedule 1, under hikes expenses in*

*the line item "Meetup". Mailchimp costs incurred in 2023 were \$1, 750 and in 2024 there were \$2,016. This is an increase of 15%. These costs are reflexed on the line-item E-Notes in the statement of Revenue and expenses.*

6. Question: The Club has a goal to increase funding sources. Every year the Club donates thousands of dollars to the BTC leaving an impression that the Club cannot use the funds for its own investment in Club activities. Why diversity funding sources when much of it might go to the BTC anyway? Why can't some of this funding go for additional support to the Club's school bus and winter highway coach bus programs/ Or other volunteer appreciation activities in the club? Or other Club-based needs?

*Answer: The purpose of the Clubs is to support the BTC's mission of "Preserving a ribbon of wilderness for everyone forever." The TBTC provides an extensive hiking program for its members which is funded through bus and coach fees. Our bus and coach programs are priced so that they break even and are run at prices which are less than our competitors. Each year prior to determining the Club's donation to the BTC, the Club reviews its cash requirements for the next year which include our volunteer recognition programs, and trail maintenance needs to ensure that all our Club based needs are covered.*

*The Toronto Bruce Trail Club is open to suggestions as to enhancing the Bruce Trail experience, which is part of the BTC's 2023 Strategic Plan.*

No questions were received at the AGM

## 8. Nominating Committee Report

David Royle presented the Nominating Committee slate of 16 members for the Toronto Bruce Trail Club Board for 2025-26. Nominees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position as of May 2025</u>
David Royle	President
Martha Schrader	Vice President
Graham Allen	Club representative to the BTC Board
Mandy Zheng	Treasurer
David Rowney	Secretary
Peter Pritchard	Land Securement and Landowner Relations Director
Laurent Thibault	Trail Maintenance Director
Matt Ostergard	Communications Director
Monica Pasquali	Public Relations and Education Director
Tom Swales	Hiking Director
Michele Lindsay	Special Events Coordinator
Neal Stein	Land Management Committee
Connie Soros	Membership
Talise Liang	Youth Engagement Coordinator
Karen Hanson	Volunteer Coordinator
Rose-Mary Mitter	Land Stewardship

Moved by David Royle, seconded by Tom Swales, that the slate of 16 members be elected to the Board of Directors for the year 2025-26. Approved.

## 9. Presentation of Awards

The 2024 recipients of the Todd Bardes and Nina Carlisle awards were recognized:

Todd Bardes Award: Trail Maintenance Team

Nina Carlisle Award: Magdalena Vanderkooy

David Royle presented the 2024 Todd Bardes Award and Nina Carlisle award to the recipients. The description of the awards follows:

Todd Bardes Award

- The Todd Bardes Award is given annually to outstanding persons who have made significant volunteer contributions to the TBTC in the prior year or two. Such volunteering could be in the areas of trail maintenance, hike leading, social event planning, communications, administrative tasks, fundraising and Board service.

Nina Carlisle Award

- The Nina Carlisle Award is given to a longstanding volunteer (at least five years) who is actively involved in the activities of the Toronto Bruce Trail Club. Such volunteering could be in the areas of trail maintenance, hike leading, social events, communications, fundraising and Board service.

Trail Maintenance Awards

There was no recipient of the Trail Maintenance Volunteer of the Year. Laurent Thibault and Rose-Mary Todd presented Trail Captain years-of-service (longevity) awards to the following:

- Ian Grindall: 5 years of service (absent)
- Steve and Julie McCallum: 5 years of service (absent)
- Dave Paape: 30 years of service

Dave Paape was acknowledged for his long term of service as a Trail Captain, but also for the numerous other roles he has taken on for the Club. These include trail work crews, biodiversity and land stewardship volunteering, taking care of our battery-operated tools and past roles on the board of directors.

## **10. Other Business**

Land Management Committee Chair Neal Stein asked members to think about volunteering for the Club. He also asked that people consider using the BT app to send the trail maintenance team photos and descriptions of trail obstacles.

Moved by David Royle, seconded by Graham Allen, that the 2025 AGM be adjourned. Approved.

Time of Adjournment: 4:00pm

Minutes Prepared by: David Rowney

Next AGM: TBD