



The Junction Journal

Celebrating Progress, Partnerships and Community in 2024

The Junction Trail Blazers is a club made up of dedicated volunteers in Deer Lake, Newfoundland. Their mission is to promote the safe enjoyment of their trail network for snowmobile, ATV, and outdoor enthusiasts alike.



JTB Community



WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF *THE JUNCTION JOURNAL*

We're thrilled to introduce The Junction Journal, our very first newsletter dedicated to celebrating the achievements, events and incredible community spirit that made 2024 a standout year.

Inside, you'll find highlights from the projects we completed, the events we hosted and the partnerships we fostered. From trail upgrades and rebranding efforts to heartfelt volunteer contributions and generous support from sponsors, this year was a true testament to what can be accomplished when we work together.

We hope this newsletter inspires pride in all we've achieved and excitement for what's to come. Thank you for being part of this journey with us—here's to more trails, adventures, and memories in the year ahead!

— *The JTB Team*

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Fueled by Generosity: Celebrating the Volunteers Who Keep JTB Thriving



The Junction Trail Blazers (JTB) would not be where it is today without the hard work, dedication and passion of our volunteers. Over the past year, they have gone above and beyond to ensure our trails and shelters are safe, welcoming and enjoyable for everyone. Their efforts have made this year an overwhelming success, and we are truly grateful for their contributions.



Thanks to our volunteers we've achieved so much. They've cut, split and delivered firewood to our warm-up shelters ensuring visitors stay warm and comfortable. They've installed trail and wayfinding signage to help adventurers stay on the right path, and assisted with renovations at the Sinkhole warm-up shelter to improve its usability. They also installed a new door at the White River Road warm-up shelter and volunteered their time as equipment operators, even using their personal equipment to complete essential trail upgrades.



Each of these accomplishments represents countless hours of hard work and a commitment to our community. Whether braving the elements, lending their tools, or stepping up for the heavy lifting, these volunteers are truly the backbone of JTB.

We're incredibly proud of what we've accomplished together and look forward to another year of teamwork and progress. Thank you to each and every volunteer!

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

JTB PROJECTS 2024

Sinkhole Warm-Up Shelter and Clubhouse Renovation

The Sinkhole warm-up shelter has undergone a complete transformation! This project upgraded the shelter to ensure trail users have a comfortable and reliable space to rest. From the initial gravel work to constructing a sturdy deck and finishing the cozy interior, the overhaul represents a community effort to improve outdoor experiences.

The refurbished shelter now features a warm, inviting space with wooden walls, picnic tables, a wood stove and a brand new outhouse. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to making this space a haven for all trail users!

Additionally, JTB upgraded its Clubhouse and Race Center Building including new shingles, a hot water tank, resealed windows and updated exterior signs as part of a rebranding effort. Our goal is to ensure our facilities remain welcoming and functional for all.



Trail Upgrades

Grading of 10 km Section from Sinkhole Shelter to Sinkhole:

The road leading to this popular site has been fully graded, offering better access and more pleasant travel.

Bonne Bay Trail Upgrade: The trail between Grindstone Road and Route 430 has been fully upgraded, improving safety and user experience.

Hampden Junction Trail Repairs:

We've replaced a culvert and repaired storm damage to this trail, restoring its condition and accessibility.

Wayfinding and Trail Signage

Erection: Clear and informative signage has been added along key routes to help guide users efficiently through our trails.

Main Dam Hill Upgrade and 25 km of Grading (Deer Lake to Howley):

We've enhanced this crucial section, making it safer and more accessible for all users.

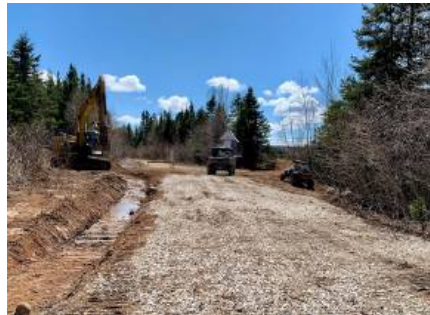
Trail Upgrade through Town: We've upgraded the town trail, improving both aesthetics and functionality for locals and visitors alike.

North Lake Road Hill Upgrade and Grading:

A 2.3 km section around North Lake Road has been leveled and improved, enhancing road safety and driving conditions.

Bypass Road around Bottomless Pond:

We've upgraded and graded a 3.5 km stretch of this bypass, ensuring smoother travels for all.



New Look. Same Passion.

A big part of our journey in 2024 has been rebranding. With a new look that reflects how far we've come, we're thrilled to unveil a fresh identity that stays true to our passion.

Our new logo is crafted to be clean, professional and versatile, ensuring it stands out on everything from signs to helmet stickers. The letter "J" is central to the design, symbolizing the intersections and connections found in our trail networks, reflecting both the journey and the moments shared along the way.

We extend heartfelt thanks to those who played a key role in this transformation: J. Osmond Design, MegaTrends Embroidery and Deer Lake Home Hardware for their support in helping us share our merchandise.



Building Better Trails Together

Junction Trail Blazers (JTB) are hard at work maintaining and upgrading our trail network ensuring it remains safe, accessible and enjoyable for all outdoor enthusiasts. This season we've made significant strides, thanks to community support and key partnerships.

With a minimum \$20 donation, you can grab a 2025 Off-Road Supporter Sticker and directly contribute to JTB's trail improvement projects. 100% of the proceeds go toward trail upgrades.

A special thanks to the Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation (NLSF)

for their continued support and for celebrating 30 years of building and maintaining trails that connect communities across the province. Every snowmobile trail pass purchased helps support clubs and volunteers in Newfoundland, who work hard to deliver the best possible experience for all trail users including ATVers, bikers, horseback riders, and walkers.

Join us in making a difference—support the sport and help us keep the trails we love in top shape for generations to come.



STRENGTH IN COMMUNITY

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

A time of giving back and coming together.

There's real strength and momentum when we come together to support one another. Thank you to the entire JTB community for your continued support, which has helped us achieve so much this year!

Through the purchase of a 2024 CAN-AM Outlander Max XT 700, JTB successfully raised funds to upgrade our three warm-up shelters and improve the trail from Grindstone Road to Bonne Bay Pond/Jackladder. These upgrades will enhance the experience for all off-road enthusiasts, including snowmobilers, SxS riders, ATVs, mountain bikers, hikers and anyone who loves exploring Newfoundland's beautiful outdoors.

We were deeply honored to be chosen by The Royal Canadian Legion Deer Lake Branch #3 as the first non-profit for their monthly 50/50 fundraiser. This collaboration allowed us to give back to the community while showing

our respect and admiration for Veterans in Deer Lake through a special ATV/UTV ride. A huge thank you to the Deer Lake Legion for this opportunity!

Thank you to the NLSF for their \$10,000 in funding which enabled us to complete several major projects. One of these was the renovation of the Sinkhole warm-up shelter which we proudly celebrated during the Veterans Ride on Saturday, September 28th. Special thanks to NLSF Chair Bob Blundon and his wife Marie as well as General Manager Matthew Swain and his wife Christina for joining us and representing NLSF at the event. We are also grateful to Roxanne Ryland for capturing these wonderful moments and memories.

Congratulations to the lucky winners: Todd Stark, who took home the CAN-AM ATV, and Connie Anstey, winner of the 50/50 draw!

JTB's Contributions to the Community

JTB is proud to support and give back to our community in meaningful ways. We were honored to participate in the filming and development of the brand video for the Town of Deer Lake, helping to showcase the area's identity and charm. Additionally, we provided financial support to Brian Kelly for grading and upgrades to the trail from Howley to Gaff Topsails.

We were also delighted to contribute to the Elwood Lakers' 47th Annual Jim Feltham Invitational Basketball Tournament, supporting local youth and sports initiatives. Furthermore, the funds collected from recyclables in our warm-up shelters have been dedicated to the Haven of Rest, ensuring ongoing support for this important cause.

Together, we're making a difference in our community!



International Trails Day: A Memorable Gathering with the JTB Community!

We had a fantastic time celebrating International Trails Day with the JTB community! The rain stayed away and although it was a bit chilly, nearly 100 off-road enthusiasts, from ages 2 to 90, came together. Everyone enjoyed delicious chili or stew prepared by our very own Chef Paul Watkins while sharing laughter, stories and updates about our exciting upcoming projects.

A huge thank you to Deer Lake Tim Hortons, Deer Lake Irving Big Stop and Melvin (Mung) Chaulk for their generous contributions, and to everyone who donated and helped make this outing a success.



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