

The Saskatoon Trail Alliance had another incredible year despite the ongoing pandemic. This year has been incredibly tough for a number of organizations. While it did provide some challenges for us, I am incredibly proud of what we have been able to accomplish. I want to thank the amazing efforts of each and every board member, continuing to drive through important goals while navigating the constantly changing challenges the pandemic put in front of us.

Maintenance this year was slightly delayed while we worked through details of a permanent maintenance agreement. Despite the delay, we were able to host three maintenance days and log a total of 98 hours of volunteer time. Our affiliates at Blackstrap had an incredible year and were able to log 628 hours of volunteer time.

We made great progress towards a permanent maintenance agreement this year, and are currently working on finalizing details with the City of Saskatoon and Meewasin. The agreement includes a structure of requesting approvals for larger projects outside of basic maintenance. We are anticipating this agreement to be finalized and ready for the 2022 season. I am proud of the relationship we have built with the City of Saskatoon and Meewasin and look forward to continuing to work with them.

In October, our board was proud to welcome the International Mountain Bike Association of Canada to Saskatoon for a formal trail assessment. As part of this assessment we toured every trail in our single track network, catalogued every feature, and marked potential spots for changes and improvements. This report will form the basis of our work over the coming years and will outline a clear direction and prioritized list of improvements that we will focus on.

I am very proud of what we have accomplished this year and think that it will be pivotal for the organization and the Saskatoon single track network. As we move into 2022 I encourage everyone to continue to attend organized events and volunteer their time to help improve the trail system. This organization would not be possible without each and every member of our community and your support.

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