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*The Voyageur Trail Association is a non-profit, volunteer group dedicated to building and maintaining a public hiking trail along the northern shores of Lakes Superior and Huron, from Thunder Bay to Sudbury.*

*The VTA is a member of Hike Canada En Marche, Hike Ontario, Ontario Trails Council, and Trans Canada Trail.*

## Happy Holidays FROM THE VOYAGEUR TRAIL ASSOCIATION!



Here we are at the beginning of winter with fresh snow on the ground and colourful lights hung on many trees. A good time to reflect on the past year and look forward to the next.

Overall, we had a good year at the Voyageur Trail Association with more ups than downs. I, being an optimist, prefer to focus on the good.

Over the past year we completed the Strategic Plan and have begun to work on parts of it. We have begun the work to overhaul the website to make it friendly for mobile devices. We have continued to support the development, maintenance and promotion of trails by providing funds to groups that can leverage those funds for projects such as signage and trail development. We are also involved in the remediation project on the Robertson Cliffs.

The majority of our clubs have elected their executive with some new faces in Elliot Lake and Sault Ste. Marie.

Looking forward to the next year, we will be holding the second annual Volunteer Appreciation Day in February and Trail Maintenance Week in May.



The VTA is a main supporter of the upcoming Trailhead North Algoma! a trails conference which will be held in late April. Look for news on the conference coming in the new year. Each of these events will be promoted on Facebook and through the new newsletter format.

Thanks to all the volunteers and landowners who allow the trail to cross their property. For those landowners, if you are not aware of the Trails Act that was passed in 2016, you can find information online on how the new legislation benefits landowners at [www.ontariotrails.on.ca/assets/files/pdf/prdownloads/ontario-trails-and-the-ontario-trails-act.pdf](http://www.ontariotrails.on.ca/assets/files/pdf/prdownloads/ontario-trails-and-the-ontario-trails-act.pdf).

We continually are looking for volunteers to help with the load of running the association. Currently, we are in need of a webmaster in training, a trails database master in training and someone to take over the publicity position. If you would like to help in these or other volunteer opportunities, please contact [volunteers@voyageurtrail.ca](mailto:volunteers@voyageurtrail.ca) or [president@voyageurtrail.ca](mailto:president@voyageurtrail.ca)

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