



## Donations help Dundas Valley trails bounce back from spring washouts.



*Left: Carissa Bishop, Dundas Valley Superintendent (left) presents a cheque on behalf of event participants to Ine Wauben, Foundation Chair (left) and Scott Peck, HCA Deputy CAO (centre).*

*Right: The Sulphur Springs Trail Race's 200km run gets underway in the Dundas Valley CA organized by the Burlington Runners Club.*

With the continued support of the equestrian and running communities a significant set of repairs has been completed on the 40km Dundas Valley trail system. Sections of the John White and Spring Creek Trails were washed out during an April 20th storm that saw over 70mm of rain overnight. Work to repair the trails was completed in August along with work to replace seven aging and weather-battered trail bridges in the Conservation Area.

With the proceeds of May's Sulphur Springs Trail Race and August's Dundas Valley Equestrian Campout, the Foundation was able to provide enough funding for the necessary repairs. The Burlington Runners Club have now invested over \$70,000 in the Dundas Valley Trails Fund with many members making significant individual contributions above and beyond that total. The annual Equestrian Campout fundraiser itself has also generated over \$200,000 since its beginning in the mid-1990s. The Foundation greatly appreciates the extraordinary support of the equestrian and running communities.

## Rothsay support for Outdoor Environmental Education helps program reach new children.



*(L-R) Grace Correia, Foundation Executive Director, Greg Cooper, Dundas Plant Manager, Rothsay, Anne Tennier, Foundation Past Chair*

Lead corporate donors Rothsay have once again stepped up to provide \$15,000 to help children learn about the environment outdoors during the 2017-18 school year.

This year's gift was timely given the growing need to connect children with nature. A grant from the Edith H Turner Foundation Fund at the Hamilton Community Foundation has covered transportation costs for high-needs schools in Hamilton which were the biggest barrier keeping several Hamilton schools from taking advantage of Outdoor Environmental Education programming offered in the Dundas Valley CA.

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board has noted the program's extremely positive impact and is seeking to partner with the Foundation and Conservation Authority to expand it from its already-impressive reach of over 8,000 students per year.

With more classes interested than ever before, the Foundation is looking more and more to corporate donors such as Rothsay who want to see their donations have a big impact on the lives of children living in Hamilton's communities.

## Fifty Point Trail Loop and Bridge Unveiled



*(L-R as pictured) Ine Wauben – Foundation Chair, Llewellyn Smith – Chairman – Helderleigh Foundation, Santina Moccio – HCA Chair, Tony Valeri – VP Corporate Affairs – ArcelorMittal Dofasco, Bob Bratina – MP Hamilton East – Stoney Creek.*

A 3.5km trail and bridge were officially unveiled at Fifty Point Conservation Area on August 10. The project has been made possible by donations to the Hamilton Conservation Foundation from ArcelorMittal Dofasco, the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Fund, and the Helderleigh Foundation.

Fundraising for the bridge and trail project continues as native species plantings are needed to help the trail corridor bounce back from the lingering effects of a year's heavy construction and finishing touches are put on the trail.