From: Joy O'Donnell

Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 2:25 PM

To: Evelyn Eichenbaum < eeichenbaum@haldimandcounty.on.ca Subject: [EXTERNAL] Grand Watershed Trails Network Delegation

Hi Evelyn,

The Grand Watershed Trails Network would like to formally request an opportunity to bring a delegation to the Council in Committee on March 1st.

The Grand Watershed Trails Network (GWTN) came together in 2015 with a vision of developing a connected trail network along the Grand River from the head waters in the Dundalk Highlands to the mouth of the Grand River at Port Maitland. Haldimand County was one of the municipalities/organizations which was involved in preliminary discussions about a potential Grand Trail.

At this time, the GWTN would like to update Council on its most recent work: the creation of a new website and video funded through an Ontario Trillium Foundation Resilient Communities Fund grant.

This funding enabled the volunteer organization to create a video celebrating the Grand River and a website that includes interactive maps and information about restaurants, accommodations, guides and outfitters and attractions in the Grand River watershed. The website is intended to be a one-stop source for all the information needed to travel to the Grand Watershed and enjoy the river, associated land trails and nearby activities/communities.

The GWTN plans to 'launch' these new resources on Friday, March 4 through a virtual event. (This is part of its reporting requirement to the OTF.)

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thank you, Joy

Joy O'Donnell