



FRIENDS OF FOLEY MOUNTAIN

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Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness that I share the news of a difficult decision made by the Friends of Foley Mountain (FOFM) Board of Directors.

After 29 years of dedicated service and commitment, the FOFM Board of Directors, at a special meeting of the members on April 23, 2025, passed a resolution to dissolve the corporation. This decision was not made lightly.

The Friends of Foley Mountain was established by the community in 1996 in response to government cutbacks that jeopardized the future of Foley Mountain Conservation Area. Thanks to your unwavering support, the Friends have raised approximately \$400,000 for facility development and program support. We take great pride in our many accomplishments and contributions over the past two and a half decades; however, we now find ourselves in a pivotal moment.

We are pleased to share that Foley Mountain Conservation Area is in a sustainable position. Its programs and facilities are well managed and funded by the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. Children's Environmental Education programs, a key focus of our fundraising efforts, are well-established and thriving, supported through user fees and grants. The challenges we faced in the 90s have been overcome.

However, despite our best efforts, we have witnessed a decline in participation at the Board of Directors level. We have struggled to attract new members who are willing to step into leadership roles and bring fresh perspectives and opportunities to the corporation.

As a result, after careful consideration, we have made the difficult decision to dissolve the corporation.

Thank you to all our members, the citizens and businesses of Westport and the surrounding communities for your tremendous support. We are delighted to share that as we conclude our business operations, a generous contribution will be made to support the future improvements of Foley Mountain's Spy Rock. The Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation (RVCF) will continue our mission, directing these funds toward this important endeavour.

We encourage you to consider donating to the RVCF, which raises funds in support of the Foley Mountain initiatives we all hold so dear. You can learn more about their work at www.rvcf.ca. Rest assured, the Foundation is committed to supporting Foley Mountain and ensures that all donations are directed according to their donors' wishes, guaranteeing they are used as intended.

The RVCA will honour all park passes associated with the Friends of Foley Mountain membership for one year from their purchase date. In the future, we hope you will continue to enjoy Foley Mountain and RVCA's other conservation areas throughout the watershed by renewing your annual pass through the RVCA website.

As the Friends of Foley Mountain Board begins the process of legally dissolving the non-profit corporation and winding down its affairs, the Friends will not accept any donations or friends renewals as of **May 30, 2025**. Tax receipts for charitable donations received prior to this date will be distributed by the end of June 2025.

Should you have any questions for the FOFM, please contact me at friendsoffoleymountain1973@gmail.com.

Once again, on behalf of the FOFM Board of Directors, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support over the years. Your commitment has not only strengthened our community but has also created a lasting impact to the Conservation Area that we love so dearly.



Rob Struthers
President
Friends of Foley Mountain

2025 FOFM Board of Directors

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Though one chapter ends, the story of giving continues . . .

Support Foley Mountain



The Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation accepts donations in support of ongoing Foley Mountain projects including outdoor education subsidies. To learn more visit www.rvcf.ca.

Questions? Contact Diane Downey, RVCF Executive Director at diane.downey@rvca.ca or 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504 ext. 1126.

Foley Mountain Initiatives



Want to keep informed about future projects at Foley Mountain? Sign up for the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority's Around the Rideau Newsletter or media releases at www.rvca.ca/join-our-mailing-list. You can also find us on Facebook, X, YouTube and Instagram.

Questions? Contact Dan Cooper, Director Conservation Lands and Stewardship at dan.cooper@rvca.ca or 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504 ext. 1124.

Conservation Area Pass



Day passes and annual passes can be purchased online at www.rvca.ca. Don't worry about carrying cash or keeping track of a paper pass. All funds support the ongoing maintenance of RVCA's conservation areas.

Questions? Contact Gloria Toffolo at gloria.toffolo@rvca.ca or 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504 ext. 1400.

