

Dear members,

2015 is a year of many changes for the International Appalachian Trail- Quebec.

This fall, as you probably know, IAT-Québec will receive the title GR-A1 from the Fédération Française de la Randonnée Pédestre. This means that IAT-QC will be the first hiking trail to receive this title in North America. The official ceremony will take place on October 2, in Forillon National Park where representatives from FFRandonnée, the IAT- Quebec team, members and volunteers and the 150 hikers, organizers and volunteers from the 2nd edition of the TDLG will be gathering for the event.

You are invited to join us for this great ceremony for the IAT-Quebec.

The team of IAT-QC

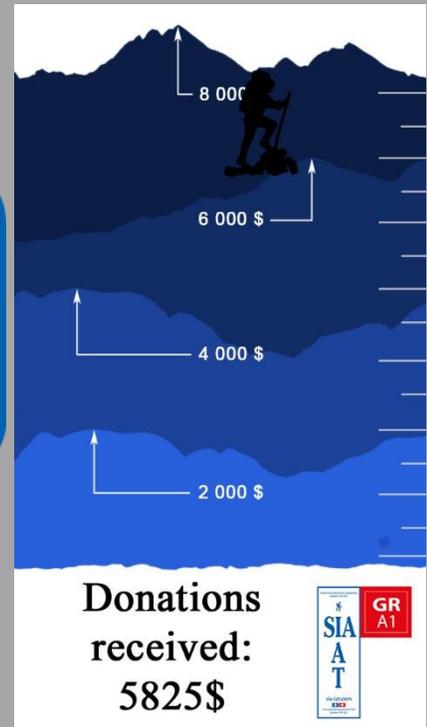


### Thank you to our volunteers

A thousand thank you to volunteers from different sectors that help us after many effort to open partially the path for the beginning of July. Without these dedicated volunteers, we would have had few visitors on the trail this summer. There is of course much to do and we are always pending confirmation of financial assistance from the government of Quebec. A big thank you to Matane office team who at short notice took over the service Information and reservation previously assumed by the SÉPAQ.

### Fundraising Campaign of IAT-QC

Find all the details about the several prizes to win and upcoming draws on the official website. \_\_\_\_\_



### Already more than \$ 6000 raised!

You are many to donate and we want sincerely thank you for this support. IAT-QC fundraising has a target of \$ 8,000. Prizes and details of this contest can be found on the official web site.

As part of this fundraising campaign, Mrs. Claudine Roy, President and founder of the TDLG and a great business woman, has agreed to act as President of honor of the campaign. We must mention the importance of the contribution of TDLG in this campaign, an event that is consistent with the mission of the IAT- QC and the generous support of the Board of Crossing the Gaspésie in the amount of \$ 2,000 and the gift Mme Roy who made a donation of \$ 1,000.

All donations will be used to repair damage from last year Albert storm.

# SEVERAL INNOVATIONS FOR IAT-QC

## A new official web site for IAT-QC

Recent changes for IAT- QC include our new website which was launched at the beginning of the season. Olivier Levallois and Isabelle Paquet worked very hard during the last year to allow hikers IAT- QC web easier and efficient navigation in the search for information on the trail and in the preparation their hiking trip . In particular, the website is adaptable with mobile devices and it is now it possible to purchase our products and services. We hope this new video content you like that the layout of the site and will facilitate your search. All comments, or suggestions will be appreciated.



## Upcoming draws as part of the fundraising campaign

As part of the fundraising campaign, IAT-QC offers the opportunity to win prizes. Every 25\$ donation entitles the giver to get a chance (a coupon) to be eligible for the different draws that will take place.

Depending on the date of reception of the donation (by August 1<sup>st</sup>, before September 1<sup>st</sup> and until October 2<sup>nd</sup>) participants will be eligible for one, two, or three draws taking all held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the party for the inauguration of the GRA1.

**We invite you to contribute now if you would be eligible for the draw of prizes to be offered to those registered before September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

"Gift certificate for choosing a painting by the artist Stéphane Lapierre (JOB)"

"Gift certificate for custom creation of a jewelry gift set by Isabelle Paquet, local artist".

## A new formula for accommodation Passport

Since the beginning of the season, it is now possible to book your accommodation site directly with the customer service of IAT-QC's office.

To add flexibility in planning of your trip and limiting costs, we introduced a new passport to have access to every sites and camps on the trail for a limited period without having to make a reservation.

For more information about accommodation passports please visit our website.

