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Dear Sonya,

Since joining the Trans Canada Trail team as President & CEO last year, I have heard details about your cross-country expedition on several occasions and have been impressed every time.

You've said your journey is about diversity and connections, which really resonates with me. I view the Trans Canada Trail in the same way. It is so wonderful that you and Sean embarked on this epic journey to explore and experience Canada's landscapes, wildlife and people, sharing as you go and inviting others to join you.

Your role as a Trans Canada Trail Pathfinder inspires so many! Sharing your love of the natural world has a positive impact on the people who follow your journey, myself included, and there many opportunities to learn from the information you share. More importantly, you are building connections as you cross this land, one step (or oar dip!) at a time.

I am very sorry to have learned of the recent hurtful and negative comments you were subjected to. It is my hope that the large number of supportive voices who admire what you are doing are reaching you, too. You certainly have the support of Trans Canada Trail and we look forward to your continued pursuit of exploration, discovery and connectedness.

We are proud to highlight the terrific work you are doing, and will continue to do, on your Trans Canada Trail expedition.

See you on the Trail!



Eleanor McMahon
President & CEO