



GRAND VALLEY

STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: James Allen, Recreation Facilities Manager
Meeting Date: November 12, 2024
Report Number: **2024-097**
Subject: Orangeville Snowmobile Club Memorandum of Understanding

Recommendation

THAT Council receives Report – Orangeville Snowmobile Club Memorandum of Understanding,
AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the execution of the MOU and directs staff to prepare and present the necessary by-law for passing.

Executive Summary

Purpose

To advise Council of the current Memorandum of Understanding between the Orangeville Snowmobile Club and the Upper Grand Trailway Committee and to request that a new MOU be executed with the Town.

Key Findings

The MOU needs to be executed by the Town in order to transfer responsibility and obligation away from the now-disbanded Upper Grand Trailway Committee.

Financial Implications

None

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Background

The Upper Grand Trailway Committee had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Orangeville Snowmobile Club (the “Club”) several years ago. This allowed the Club to use and maintain the trail during the winter season. Since the Upper Grand Trailway Committee has returned the responsibility of the Trail to the Town, a new MOU needs to be signed and executed.

Discussion

The Club operates under the requirements of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs and is covered under their insurance. The MOU would grant a license to the Club to establish the snowmobile trail, then groom, maintain, sign and use the trail during the winter season.

Town staff will still need to inspect the trail periodically, as the MOU does not remove our obligations as landowner; however, the Town will not be providing grooming or signage for the snowmobile trail.

The MOU does not give the Club exclusive access, so other users may be on the trail. Since the Club has identified the Town’s trail as two different segments, an MOU will be needed for each segment, as identified on the maps attached with the MOU. These documents are attached, along with a draft by-law for the execution of the MOU.

Financial Impact

None.

Consultations

Meghan Townsend, CAO/Clerk

Attachments

1. Memorandum of Understanding – section of trail in Amaranth Township
2. Map of trail section in Amaranth Township
3. Memorandum of Understanding - section of trail in Grand Valley

4. Map of trail section in Grand Valley
5. Draft By-law

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