



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Snowmobile Trail Land Use MOU

Date: Nov. 4, 2024

Report Number: PW-2024-11-43

Department: Public Works

File Number: C11 PW 24

Prepared By: John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Attachments: Bluewater Town and Country MOU (draft), Trail map

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report PW-2024-11-43 prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works;

AND FURTHER agrees to enter into a five-year memorandum of understanding with the Bluewater Town and Country Snowmobile Club for the use of Township lands for the use of snowmobile trails;

AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate by-law be brought forward to the next Council meeting.

Background:

Snowmobile clubs have used municipal road allowances and trails for many years during the winter season. The proposed agreement is an update from an existing agreement that expired earlier this year.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

The only change to the snowmobile trail route in the past five years is the trail that used to follow Sideroad 20 south of Bruce Rd 6 has been relocated to the west side of the Ripley-Huron Community Centre property. This was the result of the County of Bruce fully closing the culvert on Sideroad 20 to all forms of traffic.

Township staff have reviewed the proposal and we have no concerns. We are in the process of integrating the trail maps into our GIS mapping system so we can more easily identify the location of the trails within Township properties.

Financial Impacts:

There no financial impacts anticipated as a result of this agreement.

Performance Measurement:

N/A

Strategic Area:

Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle

Enhance Municipal Service Delivery

Prepare for Inclusive Growth

Ensure Financial Stability

Strategic Goal: Facilitate Community Well Being

Respectfully Submitted By:

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer