



MEMO

To: Police Services Board

From: Manager of Economic Development

Date: August 25, 2022

Subject: OPP Stop checks for OFSC Trail Permits

Snowmobiling remains a key economic driver for the municipality and is part of the City's tourism strategy going forward. The maintenance, grooming and insurance of these trails are provided through funding generated by the sale of trail passes by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC). A recent report from the Elliot Lake Snowbirds President stated that of 4,000 registered machines in the area, 400 trail passes were sold for the 2021/22 season. While it is common that tourists that use Elliot Lake trails have current passes, local riders are not following suit and contributing to the trails system costs.

The club has reached out to the Economic Development Department and has informed us that such low pass sales may at some point impact the funding that the club may receive for its work on the trails. The request is that the OPP conduct more frequent and targeted stops checking for current trail passes. This initiative will ensure a greater amount of funds are available for the local club and that snowmobiling continues to grow and drive tourism dollars to the Municipality.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Antunes