

Elliot Lake Snowbirds Snowmobile Club

May Lake Loop (EL-1 trail) Local trail Project (rerouting off Stanrock Road)

Update as at 2022-11-08

To: Elliot Lake Council.

Background: The rerouting of this trail was brought to our attention over 10 years ago and is a major safety concern for motorist and snowmobilers. We started This project in 2017 and rerouted approx. 6 KM of trail up to McCabe access area, as driveways where being constructed to access Quirke and Popeye Lake lots. The traffic and snow conditions have created a very hazardous situation. It is proposed that the remaining 7 km be rerouted south of Stan rock RD. This would be a partnership between the Elliot Lake Snowbirds and the city of Elliot Lake (economic Development and Trail Committee).

History: The Snowbirds returned to the city the New Holland Groomer and in turn the city sold that unit to the OFSC for a sum of 65,000.00, in doing so we have also removed the need for maintenance and repairs to that unit and fuel expenses associated with that unit's operation. The city has also been keeping a reserve funds to replace the groomer in the future and now is no longer required. We now purchase 100% of fuel from the city and the OFSC has provided our club with two groomers. I am also aware that there is a good sum of money in the bank from the All-Trail alliance bank acct. (Jerry Bertrand is a director in this organization).

Proposal: Research to date pegs the cost at approx. \$50,000.00, plus the cost of one water crossing either a culver or a bridge. The Creek is maybe 6 to 8 feet wide. We are still awaiting MNRF on their instructions. This project will take approx. 3 weeks to complete and can be done this year. A temporary bridge for this season is possible.

I am recommending we move ahead this year as this is a popular local trail and would benefit tourism and most importantly the safety factor. Motor vehicles and Snowmobiles do not mix. Our Proposal is that the Snowbirds provide 23,000.00 for this project and the city would cover the balance. I have these funds in my budget this year and like many organizations will loss these funds if not utilized with no guarantee of getting funds in the future. Funds for local trails are not priority. This project was thought to be approved in late 2021 and during our budget preparations approved by ASPA in March of 2022. Our MNRF permit request was sent in May of this year.

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