

**Conception Bay South
All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Committee
Meeting #11**

January 20, 2021, 7pm
Zoom Call

Attendees: Paul Connors, Mitch Somers, Chris Summers, Kim Sutton, Rick Noseworthy,
Jennifer Lake, Richard Murphy

Regrets: Tanya Strickland, Dean Newman, Doug Piercey, Peter Welsman

1. Approval of Agenda
 - Moved – Mitch Somers
 - Second – Rick Noseworthy
 - Carried
2. Approval of minutes
 - a. Deferred to next meeting
3. Business arising from minutes:
 - a. Trail Update

Gave an update on the Holyrood trail connection. Jennifer sent an e-mail to Nalcor. She advised them of the issues with getting around the private property in Holyrood. Nalcor is still supportive on the initiative and asked that we send them an updated map showing potential options we would like.

The Crown Land Application is being prepared. It was suggested to include the entire identified trail and the land identified for the ATV Recreational Park (should be approx. 20 acres).

Discussion on the response received from Council on the following questions:

Question #1 - Does CBS have a municipal bylaw that prohibits ATV use within the Town boundaries?

Council Response: Yes. Section 7 of the town traffic regulations would apply to the use of vehicles such as MSV/ATV and dirtbikes. These are under the town web page at the Vehicle and Traffic section of the policies and Regulations page.

<https://www.conceptionbaysouth.ca/council/policies-regulations/#vehicle-traffic>

Other Limitations

No Structure, object or vehicle, other than a vehicle licensed under the Highway Traffic Act, shall move over a highway or bridge, within the Town except with the written approval of Council.

The MSV and ATV Regulations also state that a person shall not use or operate an ATV outside an approved area. There are no approved areas currently in the Town.

Question #2 – Council’s willingness to explore the opportunity to designate approved areas in the town using historical and/or existing trails. When they are identified by the Committee, and if they are ultimately approved for use by Council, is the Town willing to amend any municipal bylaws.

Council Response: Council has indicated being open to exploring designating approved areas for ATV use on existing trails. Once a trail is proposed by the Committee, it would undergo an extensive review process and if approved, any existing bylaws would also be required to be reviewed (and amended if necessary) as part of the approval process.

Council also indicated that at the present time, they do not want to lift the prohibitive order on the walking trail but are receptive to lifting the prohibitive order on historical trails. Also, at the present time, Council is not interested in permitting any ATV Use on Municipal roads.

b. ATV Trails – Environmental Assessments

Chair will provide committee members with copies of Environmental Assessments he has researched on-line

c. ATV Recreation Park

No discussion

d. ATV Safety Programs

Rick Noseworthy reported that his group recently completed a successful virtual safety presentation at Frank Roberts Junior High

e. Public Session input

There was a discussion about updating the public on the activities of the Committee. The Chair will draft something for release referencing, historical route exploration, proposed route status, crown land application, EA requirement, positive meeting with Tourism.

f. Shovel Ready Trail Projects

No Discussion

4. New Business:

a. Initiatives in Other Communities

i. Holyrood – ATV Use on T’Railway

Paul Connors, Rick Noseworthy and Jennifer Lake recently attended a consultation session facilitated by Tract Consulting regarding ATV Use on T’Railway Provincial Park in the Town of Holyrood.

5. Other Business

Funding – there was a discussion on how ACOA and TCAR are funding repairs to the T’Railway including bridges when Town Staff have been told they don’t fund ATV trails. Jennifer confirmed that ACOA will fund the decking for pedestrians to walk on but not the bridge structures themselves.

6. Date & Time of next meeting

At the call of the Chair

7. Adjournment 9:10 pm

COMMITTEE NAME: CBS ATV Advisory Committee Report #10

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: November 18, 2019

Paul Connors, Chair

Mitch Somers, Vice Chair

Kim Sutton, Secretary

Dean Newman, Doug Piercey, Justin Cochrane, Peter Welsman, Tanya

Strickland, Rick Noseworthy, Chris Summers,

Staff Liaison: Jennifer Lake

Recent Accomplishments:

- Both routes around the Hydro Generating Plant were reviewed and discussed by the Committee. There were positives and challenges with both routes. The Committee will finalize the recommended route and re-convene a meeting with the property owners to determine a scope of work and next steps.
- The Committee will plan and host a Ice Safety Session in conjunction with the CBS Fire Department.
- The ATV Page of the Town's website will remain the main source of information for the public.
- Town of Massey Drive are having success with regulations along roadways.
- Council remains supportive of the efforts of the ATV Committee and has budgeted administrative funds to be used as needed for route.

Challenges:

- Scope of work for engineering will need to be developed and who will complete the work needs to be determined.
- Crown Land identification for trail and potential recreation park concept.
- Identifying route outside of transmission line and private properties.
- Continued research for funding opportunities is required.

Summary of Recommendations Requiring Decisions or Approvals:

- Engineering scope of work.
- Finalize the route from the potentials provided and report back to agencies.
- Approval of proposed route from property owners.

Date of Next Committee Meeting:

- At the call of the Chair.

COMMITTEE NAME: CBS ATV Advisory Committee Report #9

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: October 16, 2019

Mitch Somers, Vice Chair

Tanya Strickland, Dean Newman, Kim Sutton

Staff Liaison: Jennifer Lake

Recent Accomplishments:

- Both routes around the Hydro Generating Plant were assessed by the Committee. There were positives and challenges with both routes. The Committee will work with the Town to combine the positives of both routes into one, and re-connect with representatives from Nalcor and NL Hydro.
- The ATV Page of the Town's website will remain the main source of information for the public.

Challenges:

- Scope of work for engineering will need to be developed.
- Crown Land identification for trail and potential staging area.
- Identifying route outside of transmission line and private properties.

Summary of Recommendations Requiring Decisions or Approvals:

- Engineering scope of work.
- Revise a route from the potentials provided and report back to agencies.
- Approval of proposed route from property owners.

Date of Next Committee Meeting:

- At the call of the Chair.

COMMITTEE NAME: CBS ATV Advisory Committee Report #8

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: August 27, 2019

Paul Connors, Chair

Justin Cochrane, Rick Noseworthy, Tanya Strickland, Dean Newman, Peter Welsman, Doug Piercey

Recent Accomplishments:

- Members of the Committee met with NL Hydro, Nalcor and the Lower Churchill Project. It was a very positive meeting with two suggested routes to get from the Seal Cove Staging Area to Route 60 close to the western boundary. The Committee will assess the routes and provide feedback.
- The ATV Ride and BBQ that took place during the Kelligrews Soiree was a huge success. Over 60 riders participated.
- ATV Safety Blitz took place on June 25th at the Seal Cove Staging Area coordinated by the Town, Avalon T'Railways and the RNC.
- The provincial ATV regulations are being reviewed, some of the suggested changes include amendments to operation on roads, ages of operation and helmets to be work on snowmobiles and side by sides.
- The ATV Page of the Town's website will remain the main source of information for the public.

Challenges:

- Crown Land identification for trail and potential staging area.
- Identifying route outside of transmission line and private properties.

Summary of Recommendations Requiring Decisions or Approvals:

- Potential to host a Skidoo safety session in the Fall.
- Potential Routes will need to be assessed by Committee.
- Approval of proposed route from property owners.

Date of Next Committee Meeting:

- At the call of the Chair.

COMMITTEE NAME: CBS ATV Advisory Committee Report #7

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: June 6, 2019

Paul Connors, Chair

Mitch Somers, Vice Chair

Rick Noseworthy, Chris Summers, Kim Sutton

Staff Liaison: Jennifer Lake

Council Representative: Richard Murphy

Recent Accomplishments:

- Public Safety Session on May 8, 7pm at the Town Hall was a success. Over 30 attended. Rick Noseworthy delivered a presentation and both RNC and RCMP were in attendance and addressed the attendees. Prize draws for attendees took place.
- Story in this weeks Shoreline was proactive and well done.
- The ATV Page of the Town's website will remain the main source of information for the public.
- Ongoing discussions with agencies in an attempt to secure a route as mapped. The Committee is continuing to work on one section of trail at a time.

Challenges:

- Crown Land identification for trail and potential staging area.
- Permission from Provincial government for crossing Route 60.
- Identifying route outside of transmission line and private properties.

Summary of Recommendations Requiring Decisions or Approvals:

- Assess potential to be part of an upcoming event with MADD Avalon.
- Town will circulate Shoreline article on social media.
- Chair will discuss potential to have an ATV event during the Kelligrews Soiree.
- Approval of proposed route from property owners.

Date of Next Committee Meeting:

- At the call of the Chair.

COMMITTEE NAME: CBS ATV Advisory Committee Report #6

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: April 15, 2019

Committee Members in attendance:

Paul Connors, Chair

Mitch Somers, Vice Chair

Justin Cochrane, Rick Noseworthy, Doug Piercey, Dean Newman, Peter Welsman

Staff Liaison: Jennifer Lake

Recent Accomplishments:

- Public Safety Session scheduled for May 8, 7pm at the Town Hall.
- Ongoing discussions with agencies in an attempt to secure a route as mapped.
- Meeting the RNC to discuss ATV use within the Town.
- Working on Shoreline Article to highlight committee work to date.

Challenges:

- Crown Land identification for trail and potential staging area.
- Identifying route outside of transmission line and private properties.

Summary of Recommendations Requiring Decisions or Approvals:

- Approval of proposed route from property owners.
- Ministerial Approval to develop outside municipal boundary.
- Crown Land applications to be submitted for trail development.
- Applications to be written for trail development and funding opportunities.

Date of Next Committee Meeting:

- During the month of May at the call of the Chair.

Conception Bay South ATV Advisory Committee Report #5

Meeting Date: February 4, 2019

Committee Members in attendance:

Paul Connors, Chair

Mitch Somers, Vice Chair

Kim Sutton, Secretary

Rick Noseworthy, Doug Piercey, Dean Newman, Tanya Strickland, Eugene Spencer,
Peter Welsman, Chris Summers,

Council Representative: Deputy Mayor Richard Murphy

Staff Liaison: Jennifer Lake

Recent Accomplishments:

- Ongoing discussions with agencies in an attempt to secure a route as mapped.
- Delivery of Safety Program to over 400 students at Frank Roberts Junior High School by the RNC and AVTRAC. There is another session scheduled to be delivered in the coming weeks at Villa Nova Junior High School. The Committee will provide a helmet as a prize giveaway.
- Learning best practices from ATV Park in other provinces.
- Working on Shoreline Article to highlight committee work to date.
- Partnership established with Gander to discuss their successes and challenges.

Challenges:

- Crown Land identification for trail and potential staging area.
- Securing route outside of transmission line and private properties.

Summary of Recommendations Requiring Decisions or Approvals:

- Ministerial Approval to develop outside municipal boundary.
- Crown Land applications to be submitted for trail development.
- Applications to be written for trail development and funding opportunities.

Date of Next Committee Meeting:

- Early March at the call of the Chair.

Conception Bay South ATV Advisory Committee Report #4

Meeting Date: December 12, 2018

Committee Members in attendance:

Paul Connors, Chair

Mitch Somers, Vice Chair

Kim Sutton, Secretary

Steve Butt, Rick Noseworthy, Dean Newman, Tanya Strickland, Doug Piercey

Staff Liaison: Jennifer Lake

Recent Accomplishments:

- Mapped a potential route from Seal Cove Staging Area to Legion Road
- Update on Committee to be prepared for website and public circulation
- Delivery of Safety Program on December 20 at Frank Roberts Junior High
- Confirmation of \$15,000 from Budget 2018 still available for 2019
- Cooperation from stakeholders in transmission line discussion
- Potential Funding source for shovel ready projects

Challenges:

- Crown Land identification for trail and potential recreation park
- Process to gain permission to develop within Electoral District of Hr. Main

Summary of Recommendations Requiring Decisions or Approvals:

- Ministerial Approval to develop outside municipal boundary
- Crown Land identification and process to acquire lands

Date of Next Committee Meeting:

- January 14 or 16 – to be determined by Chair

Conception Bay South ATV Advisory Committee Report #3

Meeting Date: October 29, 2018

Committee Members in attendance:

Paul Connors, Chair

Mitch Somers, Vice Chair

Steve Butt, Rick Noseworthy, Dean Newman, Kim Sutton, Peter Welsman, Chris Summers, Justin Cochrane, Doug Piercey

Staff Liaison: Jennifer Lake

Recent Accomplishments:

- Appointed Kim Sutton as Secretary
- Finalized Terms of Reference to share with Town for endorsement
- Established purpose of the Committee
- Initiated use of Committee Report Form
- Set up Mapping Sub Committee

Challenges:

- Mapping a trail from Seal Cove Staging Area – private landownership
- Utilization of Transmission Line Right of Ways

Summary of Recommendations Requiring Decisions or Approvals:

- Initiation of Safety Program for Schools – Approaching Queen Elizabeth and Frank Roberts to gauge interest in the delivery of a safety program

Date of Next Committee Meeting

- December 3 or 5 – to be determined by Chair

Conception Bay South ATV Committee Report #2

Committee Meeting Date: October 1, 2018

Committee Members in Attendance:

Paul Connors, Chair

Mitch Somers, Vice Chair

Rick Noseworthy, Kim Sutton, Justin Cochrane, Steve Butt,

Peter Welshman, Doug Piercey,

Council Representative: Deputy Mayor Murphy

Staff Liaison: Krista House, Dave Tibbo

Recent Accomplishments:

- Map of existing and proposed routes for discussion purposes;
- Agreement that securing a route from the staging area at Indian Pond to Route 60 is the first priority;

Challenges:

- Designating a Secretary for the Committee;
- Identifying potential routes;
- Identifying land ownership;
- Uncertainty regarding whether Nalcor will permit use of the pole line corridors for trail development.

Summary of Recommendations Requiring Decisions/Approvals/Action:

- Request the Town to help determine private vs. Crown land for proposed routes;
- Request contact information for Nalcor representative from the Town;
- Need identified for a strategic planning session for the development of the trail before a public session is held.

Date of Next Committee Meeting:

At the call of the Chair.

Conception Bay South ATV Committee Report #1

Meeting Date: September 6, 2018

Committee Members in Attendance:

Paul Connors, Chair

Mitch Somers, Vice Chair

Gerard Clarke, Vice Chair

Tanya Strickland, Rick Noseworthy, Kim Sutton, Justin Cochrane, Dean

Newman, Steve Butt, Chris Summers

Council Representative: Deputy Mayor Murphy

Staff Liaison: Krista House

Recent Accomplishments:

- Formation of the working Committee;
- High attendance of members.

Challenges:

- Establishing a meeting day and time that works for the majority of members;
- Determining what type of trail is desired by the ATV community;
 - Need to develop a strategy for trail development.

Summary of Recommendations Requiring Decisions/Approvals/Action:

- A request to map existing trails and the proposed bypass route was made to the Town and a graphic overlaying both is anticipated to be available for the next meeting.

Date of Next Committee Meeting:

At the call of the Chair.