



# Off-highway Vehicle Ministerial Advisory Committee

Tuesday, June 12, 2007 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM  
Halifax, NS

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- Attendees:** Laurie Cranton (Chair), Glenn Joudrey (Vice Chair), Jamie Wolverton (SANS) James Vance (NSTF), Raymond Plourde (Environment), Paul D'Eon (Safety Training), Laura Barkhouse (Member at Large), Robert Connell (Enforcement/Police), Charles Atkinson (Industry), Roger King (Member at Large) Judith Cabrita (Tourism), David Barrett (Landowner)
- Ex-officio: Rick Lingley (for Pat Hicks, Manufacturers), Susan Hruszowy (for Patricia MacNeil, DNR), Ted Scrutton (DHPP), Jennifer Annett (Secretariat)
- Guests:** Corey Robar (for Dave Fraser, ATVANS), Lucas Wide (DHPP Communications), Diane Leblanc (DNR Communications)
- Regrets:** Dr. Mike Howlett (Health), Peter Labor (DEL), Bernie Clancey (DTPW), Peter Doucet (ORRA), Dave Fraser (ATVANS), Pat Hicks (Manufacturers), Derick Stoddard (for John Mombourquette, OHV Enforcement/Conservation Officer), Vacant (Municipal), Vacant (Municipal)

## ----- Agenda Topics -----

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<b>8:30 AM Arrival, Coffee, Muffins</b>		30 min
9:00 AM Welcome, Review of Action Items, Approval of Minutes as amended. Some action items extended to next meeting. Reports (Chair, Fund, Others)	Laurie Cranton, Jennifer Annett, Susan Hruszowy, Others	45 mins
9:45 AM Subcommittee Update: Trails	Laurie Barkhouse	45 mins
10:30 AM Subcommittee Update: Communications	Paul D'Eon, Diane Leblanc, Lucas Wide	45 mins
11:15 AM Subcommittee Update: Enforcement	Robert Connell, James Vance	45 mins
<b>12:00 PM LUNCH</b>		<b>1 hr</b>
1:00 PM Other Topics	Corey Robar, Susan Hruszowy, Roger King, Raymond Plourde	2 hrs 30 min
3:30 PM Summary of New Recommendation(s) to Ministers, next steps, communications messages.	Laurie Cranton	1 hr

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Welcome, Review of Action Items, Minutes, Reports

Laurie Cranton

1 hr

Discussion: Chair welcomed members and guests. Chair provided his report. He provided an update on the status of recommendations. He attended meetings with Pathways, NSTF, and others on behalf of the MAC. Action items were reviewed. Minutes were approved as amended. Some action items extended to next meeting. Secretariat had nothing new to report.

DNR provided Fund and general report. Current balance of the Fund is \$294K (after deduction of \$700K for the Trails Program). A new deposit of \$115K is expected shortly. Some questions asked around lumber companies policies for OHV use. Lumber companies to review where to ride fact sheet before final sent out. DNR also reviewing their OHV crown land policies.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Provide copies of recommendations to MAC.	Jennifer	July 10/07
Hold a meeting to discuss content of a written information package for major landowners. Report back at next meeting.	Laurie	July 10/07

Subcommittee Update: Trails

Laura Barkhouse

Discussion: May 31, 2007 meeting report circulated and briefly reviewed. On July 5, 2007 applications will be reviewed using the draft assessment criteria circulated by Laura. Scoring was considered as an assessment tool but nothing decided. For the 1<sup>st</sup> round, all trails subcommittee members will review and assess all applications.

Feedback from applicants regarding the process should be submitted to Laura to improve the process over time. Some initial suggestions include rephrasing long-term “trail” sustainability and adding “wetland” to the environment section.

Next meeting July 5, 2007.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Bring trail application recommendations with group name, location of project, project description, score, type of use, amount requested, and amount recommended. Also bring a list of non-recommended projects.	Laura	July 10/07

Subcommittee Update: Communications

Paul D’Eon, Diane Leblanc,  
Lucas Wide

Discussion: May 29, 2007 meeting report circulated and reviewed. Some feedback provided to Paul on the initiatives list. Individual communication plans developed for 3 initiatives. The subcommittee tried to assign responsibility, dates and action to each item.

Discussion was had around joint work on the communications initiatives and how that can occur. MAC projects will not be tendered through government due to finance policies. Government projects will primarily focus on regulatory items. Government logo should be used when government funds provided for a joint project.

Diane was thanked for her support to date.

Next meeting date to be determined.

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<p>Action items:</p> <p>Determine if and how a SNSMR insert can occur for 2008 renewal that will be sent in Nov/Dec '07.</p>	<p>Person responsible</p> <p>Jennifer</p>	<p>Deadline:</p> <p>July 10/07</p>
<p>Full consensus to draft a job description and salary for a communications contract and get feedback from MAC and government before moving forward.</p>	<p>Laurie, Lucas, Jennifer</p>	<p>June 19/07</p>
<p>Subcommittee Update: Enforcement <span style="float: right;">Bob Connell and Jim Vance</span></p> <p>Discussion: May 17, 2007 meeting report circulated and briefly reviewed. The subcommittee was asked to include enforcement stats in future updates if possible.</p> <p>As part of the enforcement update, Jim Vance presented on the Nova Scotia Trail Patrol. Slides circulated covered items such as program benefits and a draft proposal for the future of the program. About 80% of current wardens identify themselves as snowmobile and/or ATV users. One single coordinated program is desired for the OHV community. A draft budget was presented for consideration under the OHV Infrastructure Fund (Special Projects category). It was suggested the revised program should include TIANS “Super Host” training for all wardens. A final proposal will come from the enforcement subcommittee at a future meeting, considering suggestions made by MAC where feasible.</p> <p>The enforcement subcommittee is also exploring the availability of advice from time to time from government solicitors.</p> <p>Next meeting June 28, 2007.</p>		
<p>Action items:</p> <p>None.</p>	<p>Person responsible:</p>	<p>Deadline:</p>
<p>Other topics <span style="float: right;">Corey Robar, Susan Hruszowy, Roger King, Raymond Plourde</span></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p><u>4 x 4 Truck Policies</u> - There are modified vehicles (incl. rock climbers) wanting to register as OHVs and wanting riding areas after they pay the OHV infrastructure fund. Currently through the Crown Lands Act and management agreements riders can be charged if a sign (approved by the Minister) restricts them. On road, off road dual registration was also discussed. Highway registered vehicles accessing trails is a growing issue. More discussion to occur at a future meeting.</p> <p><u>Plate Sticker Recommendation</u> – SNSMR can make changes to the OHV plate sticker for the 2009 registration year at the earliest (as per DNR).</p> <p><u>Plate Transfer Policy</u> - The IDC and MAC recommend no changes at this time.</p> <p><u>June 8, 2007 Letter</u> - Correspondence from Yarmouth area trainers circulated for review. Some clarifications made on the issue of investments and recent changes in the training regulations.</p> <p><u>Crown Land Access/Written Permission</u> - A summary was circulated of issues with the introduction of the “established trails” concept. Short and long term suggestions were presented in relation to crown land access and written permission. There was full consensus on the spirit of the suggestions. Final recommendation to be drafted at the July meeting.</p>		

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Send reply to SNSMR on permit sticker recommendation.	Laurie	July 10/07
Respond to June 8, 2007 letter based on today's discussion.	Laurie	July 10/07
Respond to Jan. 30, 2007 letter from HRM. Send draft response to MAC for feedback along with original letter. Send final response.	Laurie	July 10/07
Draft a recommendation on crown land access and written permission for MAC review before next meeting.	Ray, Laurie and ex-officio	June 26/07

### Other Information

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Meeting Adjourned: 4:30 PM  
Next Meeting July 10, 2007 in Halifax