



Off-highway Vehicle Ministerial Advisory Committee

July 22, 2008
Halifax, NS

Attendees: Laurie Cranton (Chair), Glenn Joudrey (Vice Chair), Corey Robar (ATVANS), Raymond Plourde (Environment), Paul D'Eon (Safety/Training), Charles Atkinson (OHV Industry), Roger King (Member at Large), James Vance (NSTF), Laura Barkhouse (Member at Large), Jamie Wolverton (SANS), Floyd Cock (Landowner), Carmen D'Intino (NSORRA)

Ex-officio: Pat Hicks (OHV Manufacturers), Peter Labor (NS Environment), Hugh Gillis (for Patricia MacNeil, DNR), Jennifer Annett (Secretariat)

Guests: Jody Bond (for Derick Stoddard, OHV Enforcement/Conservation Officer), Jennifer Gavin (DNR Communications)

Regrets: Greg Newell (DTIR), Patricia MacNeil (DNR), Robert Connell (Enforcement/Police), Judith Cabrita (Tourism), Derick Stoddard (OHV Enforcement/Conservation Officer), Rick Gilbert (DHPP), Vacant (Municipal), Vacant (Municipal), Vacant (Health)

----- Agenda Topics -----

Tuesday July 22 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

8:30 AM Arrival, Coffee, Muffins

9:00 AM	Welcome, Review of Action Items, Approval of Minutes, New Correspondence, Reports (Chair, Other)	Laurie Cranton, Jennifer Annett	30 min
9:30 AM	Department of Natural Resources Report (Infrastructure Funds, Infractions/Warnings, Landowner Complaints)	Hugh Gillis, Jody Bond	30 min
10:00 AM	Subcommittee Updates: Enforcement, Education, Trails	Robert Connell, Paul D'Eon, Laura Barkhouse	45 min
10:45 AM	Wilderness Areas Protection Act (Final recommendation)	Peter Labor	45 min
11:30 AM	General Discussion	All	30 min
12:00 PM LUNCH			
1:00 PM	General Discussion	All	1 hr
2:00 PM	Status of Recommendations	Jennifer Annett	30 min
2:30 PM	Committee Terms of Reference (deferred)	Laurie Cranton	30 min

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3:30 PM	Summary of New Recommendation(s) to the Minister, Next Meeting/Agenda, Communications	Laurie Cranton Jennifer Gavin	30 min
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4:00 PM Adjournment

----- **Minutes** -----

Tuesday July 22 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Welcome, Review of Action Items, Approval of Minutes, New Correspondence, Reports (Chair, Other) Laurie Cranton,
Jennifer Annett

Discussion: Chair welcomed members and guests.

Action items were reviewed. Minutes were approved.

New Correspondence:

- There was a letter from ATVANS to commit to purchasing the youth size ATVs.
- New recommendations were sent to Minister Morse regarding the youth sized ATVs and additional trails funding.
- ATVANS was thanked for their spirit of cooperation.

Chair Report:

- The transition between Health Protection and Promotion and Natural Resources was discussed.
- Government has recognized the organizers and participants of the OHV Conference 2008 through a resolution in the House of Assembly.

Other Reports:

- The Trauma Advisory Council does not currently have anyone to serve on the Committee.
- The Department of Transportation is researching highway crossings policy. Half of the provinces have provided input to date.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Letter of thanks to be sent to Ted Scrutton for his support of the Committee.	Laurie	Aug. 26/08
Send the Committee clarification on the Government's trails policy.	Rick, Patricia	Aug. 26/08

Department of Natural Resources Report

Hugh Gillis, Jody Bond

Discussion:

Infrastructure Fund:

- A report was circulated as of July 9, 2008. The current balance is \$1,212,312.34, however, there are commitments not yet accounted for. The format of the next report will be easier to follow.

Infractions/Warnings:

- A current report was circulated. Data is outstanding from two DNR offices.
- Warnings tend to be double that of charges laid.

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- It is difficult to deal with offenders who fail to stop for an enforcement officer.
- Reviewing charges from all enforcement agencies and legislation related to use of OHVs would be more useful.
- Some members of the Committee are disappointed with the low number of environmental and safety related charges.

Landowner Complaints:

- Natural Resources will look into how to compile this information for the future.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Circulate 2 nd draft of the Infractions/Warnings Report with statistics from all offices.	Derick	Aug. 26/08
Speak with Department of Justice regarding collection of fine monies in the OHV Infrastructure Fund. Invite them to a future meeting.	Derick, Laurie	Aug. 26/08

Subcommittee Updates: Enforcement, Education, Trails
 Robert Connell (regrets)
 Paul D'Eon
 Laura Barkhouse

Discussion:

Enforcement:

- No new update.

Education:

- No new update.

Trails: A report was circulated for the July 9, 2008 meeting including four recommendations. Recommendations are focused on:

- Final 20% payments for OHV Fund Grants.
- New approval of trail projects, within the current pre-approved budget.
- Capital funding for trail development maintenance equipment.
- Transfer of land between government departments.

Full consensus was reached for recommendations as discussed.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Request the Vice-chair to take interim leadership of the Enforcement Subcommittee.	Laurie	Aug. 26/08
Forward spreadsheet for new trail project recommendations to the Secretariat.	Laura	ASAP

Wilderness Areas Protection Act
 Peter Labor

Discussion:

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Nova Scotia Environment is still seeking feedback on potential amendments to the Wilderness Areas Protection Act. Feedback may not be representative of all stakeholders represented by members on the Committee.

There is currently a lack of full support for all amendments therefore more discussion will follow.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Seek final feedback and draft final recommendation from the Committee regarding proposed amendments.	Raymond, Laurie	Aug. 5/08

Status of Recommendations Jennifer Annett

Discussion: An updated list of recommendations was circulated for information.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
NONE.		

Committee Terms of Reference Laurie Cranton

Discussion: Deferred to next meeting.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
NONE.		

Summary of New Recommendation(s) to the Minister, Next Meeting/Agenda, Communications Laurie Cranton
Jennifer Gavin

Discussion: New recommendations reached through full consensus will be sent to the Minister regarding:

- Registered motor vehicles riding off road.
- Capital project spending (actual amount forthcoming in the 2009 budget).
- New trail grants under the current pre-approved budget.

Future Meetings: Speakers from Acadia University and the Coalition for Active Transportation on Community Trails will be invited to speak at a future meeting.

Communications:

- The Committee was thanked for responding quickly to the youth sized ATV issue.
- A Graphic Designer for the OHV Committee logo has been requested.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Send new recommendations to the Minister.	Laurie	Aug. 25/08
Forward feedback to the Secretariat on the proposed OHV Committee logo.	ALL	Aug. 25/08

Meeting Adjourned: 4:00 pm

Next Meeting: August 26 in Halifax/Bedford (9:00 am- 4:00 pm)