



Off-highway Vehicle Ministerial Advisory Committee

August 26, 2008
Halifax, NS

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- Attendees:** Laurie Cranton (Chair), Corey Robar (ATVANS), Raymond Plourde (Environment), Paul D'Eon (Safety/Training), Lloyd Wallis (for Robert Connell, Enforcement/Police), Charles Atkinson (OHV Industry), Roger King (Member at Large), Laura Barkhouse (Member at Large), George Pugsley (for Jamie Wolverton, SANS), Floyd Cock (Landowner), Judith Cabrita (Tourism), Carmen D'Intino (NSORRA),
Ex-officio: Pat Hicks (OHV Manufacturers), Greg Newell (DTIR), Hugh Gillis (for Patricia MacNeil, DNR), Derick Stoddard (OHV Enforcement/Conservation Officer), Peter Labor (NS Environment), Jennifer Annett (Secretariat)
- Guests:** Jennifer Gavin (DNR Communications)
- Regrets:** James Vance (NSTF), Robert Connell (Enforcement/Police), Jamie Wolverton (SANS), Glenn Joudrey (Vice Chair), Rick Gilbert (DHPP), Patricia MacNeil (DNR), Vacant (Municipal), Vacant (Municipal), Vacant (Health)

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

Tuesday August 26 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	1 hr
10:00 AM	Subcommittee Updates: Enforcement, Education, Trails	Robert Connell (regrets), Paul D'Eon, Laura Barkhouse	45 min
10:45 AM	Trails Policy	Hugh Gillis	15 min
11:00 AM	Highway Crossings Update	Greg Newell	15 min
11:15 AM	Wilderness Areas Protection Act (Final Recommendation)	Laurie Cranton	45 min

12:00 PM LUNCH

1:00 PM	Action Plan Response & Next Steps	Laurie Cranton	1 hr
2:00 PM	OHV Infrastructure Fund Logo	Jennifer Gavin	1 hr
3:30 PM	Summary of New Recommendation(s) to the Minister, Next Meeting/Agenda Items, Communications	Laurie Cranton, Jennifer Gavin	30 min

4:00 PM Adjournment for the day

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

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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 – Response letters have been received from the Minister regarding youth ATVs, the OHV Action Plan, and OHV statistics. A letter was also sent to the Minister regarding membership of the Vice Chair.

Chair report

- The Vice Chair is requesting a leave of absence from the Committee until further notice. An interim Vice Chair will be selected.
- Facilitated resident meetings will take place in Paradise, NS on Saturday Sept.6 to gather more input on trail development in the area. The process will also be observed to determine how to improve the community consultation process and the overall trails policy.
- The Chair has been in touch with the Enforcement/Police member to discuss his involvement with the Committee. An Interim Chair may be needed to take over the Enforcement Subcommittee.

Other reports

- There is a new safety training range site in Digby operated by the local ATV club.
- There will be two safety training courses this weekend utilizing the youth sized ATVs.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
NONE		

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

Discussion:

Enforcement – No new report. The Subcommittee has not met for a number of months.

Education – The Subcommittee has not met. A meeting is planned for September. The registration insert renewal is due in October. Is there a way to get the same pamphlet out to all households? Does the Committee want to have a booth at the Outdoor and RV show in March 2009 or perhaps share a booth with government? The Committee would like the Education Subcommittee to consider promoting the OHV trails network vision once approved by the Minister.

Trails – No new report. Next meeting is scheduled for September.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Send the Committee a draft of the 2009 registration insert	Paul	Sept.23/08

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renewal		
<p>Trails Policy Hugh Gillis</p> <p>Discussion: Department of Natural Resources will be collecting information on government trails policies for review by the Committee. There is some question about the ability to close an abandoned railway corridor until it is formally opened as a trail. More discussion to follow in September.</p>		
<p>Action items:</p> <p>Circulate to the Committee the Abandoned Raillines Policy, and the 10 step trail development process.</p>	<p>Person responsible:</p> <p>Jennifer</p>	<p>Deadline:</p> <p>Sept. 1/08</p>
<p>Highway Crossings Update Greg Newell</p> <p>Discussion: Research continues to determine which provincial jurisdictions allow crossing by OHVs on designated controlled access highways. There should be more information to share at the September meeting.</p>		
<p>Action items:</p> <p>NONE</p>	<p>Person responsible:</p>	<p>Deadline:</p>
<p>Wilderness Areas Protection Act Laurie Cranton</p> <p>Discussion: Discussions to date were summarized. There is support from the Environmental Community representative to recommend changes as presented by the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas staff with some modifications. Full consensus to make a final recommendation to the Minister regarding the Wilderness Areas Protection Act.</p>		
<p>Action items:</p> <p>NONE</p>	<p>Person responsible:</p>	<p>Deadline:</p>
<p>Action Plan Response & Next Steps Laurie Cranton</p> <p>Discussion: An adhoc subcommittee will convene to determine next steps for the action plan. The Safety/Training, ATVANS, the Chair, and the Member at Large from Lunenburg will convene in the next month.</p>		
<p>Action items:</p> <p>Adhoc Subcommittee will convene to discuss next steps for the action plan.</p>	<p>Person responsible:</p> <p>Laurie, Corey, Laura, Paul</p>	<p>Deadline:</p> <p>Sept.23/08</p>
<p>OHV Infrastructure Fund Logo Jennifer Gavin</p> <p>Discussion: Two logos were circulated for further review. A bridge over water will be added, and colours will be adjusted. The second logo will be revised for use by the Committee.</p>		

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Action items: Forward changes to the logo designer and send the Committee another draft.	Person responsible: Jennifer G.	Deadline: Sept.23/08
Summary of New Recommendation(s) to the Minister, Next Meeting/Agenda Items, Communications Laurie Cranton Jennifer Gavin		
Discussion: New recommendations will be sent to the Minister regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none">— An OHV trails network vision— Wilderness Areas Protection Act— Trails Policy for the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (as per the June minutes)		
Communications – No new items.		
Next meeting/agenda items – The next agenda was discussed.		
Action items: Send new recommendations to the Minister.	Person responsible: Laurie	Deadline: Sept.23/08

Other Information

Meeting Adjourned: 3:10 pm

Next Meeting: September 23-24, 2008 in Halifax/Bedford (9:00 am – 4:00 pm)