



Off-highway Vehicle Ministerial Advisory Committee

March 25, 2008
Halifax, NS

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- Attendees:** Laurie Cranton (Chair), Glenn Joudrey (Vice Chair), Corey Robar (ATVANS), Raymond Plourde (Environment), Paul D'Eon (Safety/Training), Robert Connell (Enforcement/Police), Roger King (Member at Large), James Vance (NSTF), Laura Barkhouse (Member at Large), Jamie Wolverton (SANS)
Ex-officio: Peter Labor (DOE), Ted Scrutton (DHPP), Jennifer Annett (Secretariat)
- Guests:** None
- Regrets:** Charles Atkinson (OHV Industry), Judith Cabrita (Tourism), Floyd Cock (for David Barrett, Landowner), Carmen D'Intino (for Ian MacKinnon, NSORRA), Pat Hicks (OHV Manufacturers), Michael Coady (DTIR), Hugh Gillis (for Patricia MacNeil, DNR), Derick Stoddard (OHV Enforcement/Conservation Officer), Diane LeBlanc (DNR Communications), Vacant (Municipal), Vacant (Municipal), Vacant (Health)

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

Tuesday March 25 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

8:30 AM Arrival, Coffee, Muffins

9:00 AM	Welcome, Review of Action Items, Approval of Minutes, Reports (Chair, Other)	Laurie Cranton, Jennifer Annett	30 min
9:30 AM	Correspondence	Laurie Cranton	15 min
9:45 AM	Subcommittee Updates: Enforcement, Education, Trails	Robert Connell, Paul D'Eon, Laura Barkhouse	45 min
10:30 AM	Action Plan Next Steps	All	1 hr 30min
12:00 PM LUNCH			1 hr
1:00 PM	OHV Network Vision	ALL	1 hr, 30 min
2:30 PM	To be determined		45 min
3:15 PM	Communications Messages	Laurie Cranton	15 min
3:30 PM	Summary of New Recommendation(s) to Ministers, Next Meeting/Agenda Items	Laurie Cranton	30 min

4:00 PM Adjournment for the day

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Welcome, Review of Action Items, Approval of Minutes, Reports
 Laurie Cranton,
 Jennifer Annett

Discussion: Chair welcomed members and guests.

Chair report - The chair met with the Ministers to provide them with an update. The Ministers were supportive of the Committee's work.

- Conference planning is well on its way. Registration is due by March 31/08.
- Bridge planning meeting was held with government. Bridge design plans are being developed.
- The Outdoor & RV show was successful with good communication with OHV users.

Action items were reviewed. Minutes were approved for January and February meetings.

Secretariat Report - The final draft of the OHV Riders Handbook is ready.

Those interested from the Committee are asked to provide feedback by end of day April 4.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Handbook feedback should be sent to Department of Health Promotion & Protection.	All	April 4/08

Correspondence
 Laurie Cranton

Discussion: The response to the NSORRA letter was sent. NSORRA member on the Committee is changing. A nomination was received for a new member.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
NONE		

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

Discussion:

Enforcement:

- The subcommittee is supportive of having two permit stickers to distinguish who has paid into the OHV Infrastructure Fund.
- They also discussed on-off road vehicles and the possibility of policy changes to enforce OHV fund payment and the law.
- They also discussed different plate sizes and styles to address safety issues. They are considering decals in one or more locations.

Education:

- The subcommittee still needs volunteers. No other updates.

Trails

- The meeting minutes were circulated and reviewed briefly. The subcommittee will be temporarily dividing into two subgroups, that is, a group for OHV network vision and a group for the OHV Infrastructure Fund-Trails Program.
- Next meeting is April 10/08

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<p>Action items:</p> <p>Conduct a follow-up meeting with Service Nova Scotia to finalize permit sticker and plate policies.</p>			<p>Person responsible:</p> <p>Bob, Laurie, Derick</p>	<p>Deadline:</p> <p>ASAP</p>
<p>Action Plan Next Steps</p> <p>Discussion: A summary of the action plan discussion was circulated for review. The Committee may choose to write a separate report as a follow-up to the Action Plan. For example a background, the context, and the recommendations for items requiring follow-up and possibly new items requiring attention. The latter may be in a separate report.</p>			<p>ALL</p>	
<p>Action items:</p> <p>Adhoc subcommittee will rewrite the report and send it to the Committee for finalization.</p>			<p>Person responsible:</p> <p>Jim</p>	<p>Deadline:</p> <p>April 18/08</p>
<p>OHV Network Vision</p> <p>Discussion: The Committee began brain storming a potential vision for an OHV network across Nova Scotia. There are many considerations, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sustainability of trails (environmentally, economically, physically, etc) - regional trail networks versus full connectivity across NS - mitigating conflicts - identifying leaders who want to develop and maintain trails - decommissioning of inappropriate trails - variety of trail experiences to meet different needs of users - all costs related to recreational OHV use incurred by OHV riders? <p>More discussion will be had at the April meeting.</p>			<p>ALL</p>	
<p>Action items:</p> <p>Bring a recommended OHV network vision to the April Committee meeting.</p>			<p>Person responsible:</p> <p>Laura</p>	<p>Deadline:</p> <p>April 22/08</p>
<p>Communications Messages</p> <p>Discussion: There are no new communication messages to report. DNR continues to update the Q & As for distribution to SNSMR clerks and others.</p>			<p>Laurie Cranton</p>	
<p>Action items:</p> <p>NONE</p>			<p>Person responsible:</p>	<p>Deadline:</p>

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Summary of New Recommendation(s) to the Ministers, Next Meeting/Agenda Items

Laurie Cranton

Discussion: There are no new recommendations to the Ministers.

Future agenda items were discussed as well.

Action items:

NONE

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Other Information

Meeting Adjourned: 4:00 P.M.

Next Meeting: April 22-23, 2008 in Halifax/Bedford