



STAFF REPORT

Title: Memorandum of Understanding - Cold Lake Snowmobile Club

Meeting Date: November 23, 2021

Executive Summary:

The Cold Lake Snowmobile Club has requested a new 5-year Memorandum of Understanding for the designated snowmobile trail through the City which connects the Iron Horse Trail with the M.D. of Bonnyville campground which provides access to the route across Cold Lake. The Current MOU with the Club will expire December 7, 2021.

Background:

The Cold Lake Snowmobile Club is requesting a new 5-year MOU with the City for the seasonal snowmobile trail which allows riders to connect from the Iron Horse Trailhead on 46 Avenue with the M.D. of Bonnyville campground, which provides access to the route across Cold Lake and into Saskatchewan. The club previously signed a 5-year MOU in 2014 which was later extended for an additional year, which will expire December 7, 2021. The Club's aim is to promote responsible trail use for snowmobile riders travelling through the City.

A map of the designated snowmobile route is attached. Since the original MOU was signed in 2014, Council approved several adjustments to the trail route, resulting in the current configuration shown. As part of the MOU, the Snowmobile Club grooms the trail as necessary and erects temporary trail signage for the guidance of trail users. The Club is also responsible for repairing any damage caused by the operation of the trail as well as removing any litter or debris left by trail users. Per the MOU, the Club must also carry liability insurance to indemnify the City for any loss relating to the operation of the trail.

Over the past 6 years, Administration has not identified any significant concerns relating to the Club's operation of the seasonal snowmobile trail. That being said, administration does receive periodic concerns with:

- Unsafe operations of a off-highway vehicle;
- Noise disturbances from off-highway vehicles; and
- Speeding of off-highway vehicles.

In discussions with Council, feedback has been that the benefits of allowing off-highway vehicles benefit the community.



For reference purposes, we have also attached the following bylaws:

- 534-PL-14, Noise and Public Nuisance Bylaw
- 540-PL-14, Off Highway Vehicle Bylaw

Given the above, Administration recommends that the City enter into a new 5-year MOU with the Club.

Alternatives:

Council may wish to consider the following alternatives:

1. Pass a motion to direct Administration to enter into a five (5) year Memorandum of Understanding with the Cold Lake Snowmobile Club for the seasonal snowmobile trail through the City.
2. Defeat a motion to direct Administration to enter into a five (5) year Memorandum of Understanding with the Cold Lake Snowmobile Club for the seasonal snowmobile trail through the City.
3. Accept as information only.

Recommended Action:

Administration recommends that Council pass a motion to direct Administration to authorize the City of Cold Lake to enter into a five (5) year Memorandum of Understanding with the Cold Lake Snowmobile Club for the seasonal snowmobile trail through the City.

Budget Implications (Yes or No):

No

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