

THE CORPORATION of the UNITED TOWNSHIPS of HEAD, CLARA & MARIA  
**PUBLIC MEETING Minutes**

Saturday, September 9, 2017 – 13:00 h. (1:00 p.m.)

1. Introduction and Explanation of Protocol at a Public Meeting
2. Explanation of Issue and Question - The Use of the Rail Bed as a Snowmobile Trail throughout the Municipality and Supporting Documentation - Handouts
3. Open Floor to Comments
4. Suggested Next Steps
5. Adjournment

## **1 - Introduction and Explanation of Protocol – Mayor Reid**

1. This is not a Council meeting where motions are introduced and as such no decisions of Council will be made today. It is for information and discussion only.
2. This meeting is **one** opportunity for members of the public to express their opinions and ask questions of members of Council; for members of Council and staff to provide explanations and information. Comments made here, or majority consensus does not represent the entire community, only those who were able to attend this meeting. It is not a referendum.
3. To facilitate this session, all comments will be made through the chair. You must be recognized prior to speaking, stand, state your name and your comment or question.
4. All comments will be recorded and will become part of the public record.
5. Although expressions of opinion are welcome; comments based on specific decisions of Council should be restricted to statements of fact or on-point questions.
6. As per our Procedure By-law no one person, will be allowed to speak for more than 5 minutes at a time and will not be provided another opportunity to speak until each person who wishes to speak has had an opportunity. The exception is for staff providing background information or answering questions. (this will be enforced through the chair)
7. Although we wish to have an informal meeting, parliamentary rules of decorum are to be obeyed.

- a. All comments shall be relevant to the issue at hand and to issues of Council responsibility, be courteous and respectful and no one may impugn the motives of another. (That is: to dispute the truth, validity, or honesty of a statement or motive of another person.)
- b. Delegates are to be respectful of everyone in attendance including Council, the Public and Staff and are not to use offensive words or gestures, un-parliamentary language, disobey the rules of civil procedure or any decision or direction of Council or the chair.

## **2 - The Use of the Rail Bed as a Snowmobile Trail throughout the Municipality – please refer to the mailer which was distributed.**

1. This session today is to canvas attendees to get a sense of their thoughts on the use of the rail bed as a continuous multi-use trail throughout the community, including along residential sections.
  - a. Ultimately, any decision is that of council however; they are here to represent electors and would like to know what you think about this issue.
2. Historical review of the current situation and how we got here. The questions at hand.

## **3 - Open session for debate.**

Notes to debate, speaker, general comment for Council consideration.

1. 1:02 pm Bob Reid opened the meeting
2. Gibson, Jim – Mayor Reid members of council. On April 21, 2017 Council passed unanimously a resolution to defer the issue to October. The resolutions presented to council were deferred. MLSC's plan was to address council in September...Decision to be made in October. Any other direction from council to amend resolution to change focus. Respectfully request that Council only focus on the question of the use of the rail bed in Stonecliffe.
3. Tessier, Joe – walk skidoo trail to get mail – all you see is broken beer bottles, cans; are we going to be liable to clean up the whole thing when we bring it next year – clubs should pay to pick up garbage. Why should we be responsible? Why should we be responsible for overpasses – crossing highway, they should be responsible.
4. Councillor Villeneuve, Ernie – read various resolutions from report – make municipal position known nothing further to do with rail purchase– no mention of the trail in handout twice – it doesn't say that as council we don't want the trail. Talks about purchase of rail bed. The handout talks about petitions with signatures of those other than elected are invalid. Where does the by-law say that? Also, the handout has information dated 2003 many things have changed since then. Machines built differently, the wheel...
5. Clerk, Reith – The by-law only speaks to how petitions are to be submitted. Not the final word on petitions, have to consider legislation as well. Explained that there is a report in package for next week's meeting with complete information. Explained that the Municipal Act does not recognize petitions and provides the only information available from provincial sources and the

need for signatures to be from electors. Councils are responsible to the electorate, not the general public.

6. Clerk explained the purchase resolution – depicts the final decision, not the argument, doesn't have the complete information. Resolution and decision was made based on comments by council members who resided on Loon Valley Lane not wanting the trail in their back yard.
7. Council decision to move forward.
8. Watters, Jim – proposed alternate routes which would bring traffic to businesses but avoid ratepayers. Trail with links. “A” trail similar to in Rolphton. No reason why they can't leave the A trail here.
9. Councillor Foote, Dave – Logger's Road – meant Buckshot. Logger's Road route used for last 20 years. Only problem we have to decide, not an easy decision. “A” trail 2 km from Yates Store. Only problem I see is drawing card is restaurant in Rolphton. My place on council almost like a ball of knots, look at to try to decide whether we will allow machines to run on CP Trail. ATVs is another issue. Sympathize with ratepayers, another position to review. Reference to south side of 17 and potential to move there.
10. Fischer, Crystal – Council to express concerns from ratepayer and mother – safety, privacy, use front yard as washroom. Using Yates road was a nightmare – excessive speed, drove on both sides of road. Asked MLSC about berms to slow traffic could not use because of liability. Others use them. If liability is of concern, both Council and MLSC should be worried if one of my children should be hit by a machine on a municipal road. Did not build here to have the sound of machines the first thing in a.m., and last thing in p.m. Crown land readily available in townships. Precedence has been set the past winter with use of Yate's Road. Worried that it would be difficult to change now. Signage still posted with Yates road as A trail. There must be a suitable compromise. Situation not handled well from beginning. Lack of consultation. Does not like that the first mention of this was during a Q and A at the end of a Council meeting where it was stated that the trail would be moved “but only one residence would be affected”. No one is trying to put an end to snowmobiling. Biggest issue not trail but users. Difficult to enforce. The community needs to move forward. (Mrs. Fischer's statement was presented to the clerk for submission to Council.)
11. Foote – wondering if it comes to fruition with cp line or not, MLSC has permission to go beyond Yates Road. Would that mitigate some concerns? Going to be hard to deter people from using as its now been incorporated. Already been precedence set. (Fischer - People trespass on my property.)
12. Brazeau, Dan – live across from Yates store – I have a letter to give to council. Have problems with club we all know that, there's a lot of noise – proposal, go behind Happy's; go on my property. Onto Yates from across the highway, close CP rail at Pine Valley. Open up at Sesame street – put gates up at the end of Yate's road that machines won't get over– that's it, that's all. They'll know trail is there. Call police, have a fine. Once happened once or twice; won't happen again. (Mr. Brazeau's letter was presented to the Clerk for submission to Council.)
13. Councillor Chartrand, Calvin – best solution I've heard yet.
14. Villeneuve – snowmobile trail only? Or ATV's?
15. Brazeau – Snowmobiles only. I'm gone in the winter but use my property in summer. Don't want ATVs on my property. We all know the club receives grant money to maintain trails – I already have a trail cut out – all trees removed, maintenance shouldn't be a problem.
16. Villeneuve – would only address snowmobile issue.
17. Brazeau – won't do anything to change the decision of Renfrew County – they don't care about us. Will do what they want to do. I don't want ATVs on my property, the ATVs they can use Jim's route, go the other way.
18. Villeneuve – some property is gated.

19. Brazeau - Not the pipeline.
20. Gibson – For the benefit of two new members to council – at the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting I said as Mayor, we will not entertain any comments about anything other than the use of the trail for snowmobiling during this public meeting. Discussing anything else is completely illegal. No one has the permission to talk about anything else – you do not have the authority.
21. Foote – question for Mr. Brazeau – would you be willing to consult with MLSC?
22. Brazeau – yes.
23. Allan, Brent – I would like to state on behalf of missing link – we have a presentation to present to council. It was supposed to be this day but has been changed – we’ve talked to Dan before will get into detail during our presentation but MTO won’t let us cross there. We’ve done due diligence but we don’t have permission from MTO to cross there. Will be addressed at deputation at next meeting.
24. Elder, Jan – representing Robert and myself – property abutting the Trail – we’ve experienced a winter of use – object to it – we moved here to enjoy wildlife, peace, quiet – over the past year there has been next to none, very little could be heard with noise passing. Many other routes they can take. Despite signage, there have been two incidences of near collisions with our vehicle crossing the trail. Line of site is dangerous. We and our visitors have to constantly remain cautious while using our crossing. (The Elders’ letter was provided to the Clerk for submission to Council.)
25. Sylvia Baird – June of this year a flyer in our mailboxes invited HCM residents to make concerns heard. Position was that it runs through a residential area. Voice their concerns. Since all of HCM is zoned residential it could be read to mean that there should be no snowmobiling in the entire municipality. If allowed to take to the extreme – all snowmobile and atv traffic would be eliminated. (the remaining comments are not recorded in this document as they were defamatory).
26. Clerk – point of order – that is defamatory. Upheld by Mayor Reid.
27. Baird... Even though ultimately any decision is that of council. I guess I have to skip over this part. Petition – those signing agree that we support the use of rail bed. I have the signed petition here – signed only by township taxpayers, over 100 of them. Again referring to today’s handout. Petitions, accepted as information. Referendum might be a good thing – democratic decision, so long as the question is worded correctly. (A copy of Ms. Baird’s comments were not forwarded for Council.)
28. Grills, Debbi – last Thursday’s meeting questions were made by Councillor Chartrand asking about impartiality – Questioned by someone..the flyer sent earlier this year, parts of the hand out malign the Mayor and alternate Head of Council...
29. Clerk - Point of order – off topic – upheld by Mayor Reid - stick to topic
30. Grills - need to be our own community builders. Growth of any type we can bring to our area. Sustain and grow the businesses we have. Be respectful for the coming season. Many of the people here today will come to the council meeting where the mlsc will present their thoughts, plans and hopes for the future of snowmobiling through the community.
31. Reith, John – I’m only going to speak as my name was invoked – how often you agree with your spouse. I don’t have a stake in the trail itself, doesn’t run by my property, I’m not a snowmobiler – my desire was to support the flyer so that people who were having a problem would be heard. That’s why my name was there.
32. Rose, Nancy - Randy and I are recent residents to HCM – not new to valley – local girl – lived here close to 50 years – avid skidoor and atver – also respectful of community and friends and business people here. People with own agenda need to stop. We want to hear what’s best for community not for them as individuals – interesting to see how this meeting would be going if we already had an injured child. Step back – its not about who you like, who you don’t like- its

about what's best for community Crystal's speech was bang on. Safety of children should be of highest importance. God help us all if it we're too late.

33. Neal, Jeff – not a resident – camp seasonally – skiddo, boat, atv – great community – would live here if I could get enough work. Machines are problems – it's not everybody – a few bad apples pissing everybody off. Everyone has to look at the bigger picture. We come here to enjoy all that you have – if you cut us off, there will be no revenue – no livelihood – how are you going to survive based on that – what else do you got. I've seen one bad decision out of council destroy a community. You guys really got to think.
34. Mayor Reid recognized Mr. Gibson, last time...
35. Gibson – last time – I don't behind there is any last time - speak to issue at time – listen – I've heard some very valid concerns – Crystal has more than anybody. What council hasn't done yet is look at some of the things we can do to mitigate the problems – suggestions – during snowmobile season put stop signs on municipal road – have machines have right of way across roads. Eliminate noise – increases safety – just because you have right of way doesn't mean you should use it. Brushing will fix line of sight issue – extend trail past Yates road – put up barrier that no one will come through with machines – no exit sign to so people realize that they... Stop grinning councillor Chartrand – very cynical – no accidental traffic on Yates road. I'll have more as the meeting goes on.
36. Elder, Bob – taking away their stop signs will only make things worse – this past year, they gun their machines and wine until the next stop sign – if you take those away – I don't think they could ever stop if we were crossing – the speed they come around the trail, if we were already in the crossing – already had a close call this last winter.
37. Charter, Albert – I personally think that all this information we're gathering about rail line maybe the club should be informing us as to what their intentions are – maybe it's no longer an issue. Hearing all these concerns. I came up with a solution, I presented some to executive. Saying the club can stay exactly where they were – I've spoken with Happy – the trail can exist where it did last year. Where was initially changed. Talked to others – that property is available – I'm saying if club and township can work together can continue where trail was – realize that certain area is a concern – can go back exactly to where it was. Brent is familiar – talked to other executive pertaining to this. I think club should provide a commitment before we go further. Snowmobiles only on rail line at this meeting. Should address that.
38. Reid – I've spoken to Brent and Todd before about this – deal with that when time comes
39. Allan – all comes down to next meeting – planned on having deputation heard first. A lot of these answers need to have the club voice their concerns, issues, what they can do to help so we both can move forward. No way we can work this out. Want to have our meeting first – deputation meeting will have answers. Will address a lot of these issues.
40. Foote – Mr. elder – I been speaking with Craig Kelly from the County - land planning crossing belongs to CP – private crossing obtained from CPR – transfer to county, cp owns the crossing – they have a lease. Craig Kelly says its up in the air. Very heartened if we could use Logger's Road. Would do my best to see a way around our problems with liability. Addressing kids on roads is a certain consideration. Any time we can get machines off roads and on trails is a good thing. Can lose a trail. A lot to consider. Less liability exposure the better. Like to see this municipality held without harm especially as it relates to children. Using the trail as used over last years.
41. Lee, Finney – been resident for three years – heard very good arguments. Moved here because of what HCM offered – the nature, sports, outside – the slogan on the road sign "nature's playground". Understand concerns residents have. Let club answer them. Good point – people come here to actively participate – brings money into economy – if we didn't have it – why would you move here. Be courteous – I'm a motorist – I have to be courteous to other traffic stopping at crossing because I don't want an accident to happen. If they stop –

good – if they don't see me – I don't want an accident – why is this important to HCM – I don't want to see snowmobiling banned from all roads – I don't want to have to travel to Rolphton to get a can of gas, when I can drive to station up the road. Brother on Moore lake road – which is used constantly – never heard a complaint from him – where I live – trail goes through my property – when we moved we were asked by the club would you mind if the trail continued here? Why would I? I moved here to accept it for what it is. This is the community I moved to for these reasons – if it means using the trail to keep machines in HCM I'm for it.

42. Gibson, Jim –we need to limit the discussion to issues as hand , I just had a gentlemen approach me to make this comment on his behalf – there are three children who live adjacent to the old trail – he is in support of not changing it.
43. Orr – if Renfrew purchases the whole thing – they buy the whole thing – as to use during the upcoming snowmobile season – personally I see it as – snow you have it for 6 weeks of the year – rest of the time – atvs. Snowmobilers are not near the problem atvs will be – as soon as ditches are filled I can guarantee you everything will use it. I know if for a fact. I camped seasonally in Deux Rivieres for 12 years – guarantee snowmobiles will be least of issue – atvers will be a bigger one. Should be looking to future. If they purchase it, what can we do to resolve Crystal's problem? Need to look into the future before its too late.
44. Reid – speak to snowmobilers – stated previously – township is drifting apart – have to get together, make best decision we can
45. Reith –There has been a conflation one activity vs. trail – a lot of this is about being a good neighbour. Don't conflate the entire trail with the one issue.
46. Reid –I'm not on the rail bed – I don't have an issue with use of corridor - I have a bigger issue on our Road – wth snowmachines and atv'ers. They don't obey traffic laws. Dangerous. How do we deal with that?
47. McGurran, Pat – moved here 3.5 years ago from a rural county south of us – came here to get what you people have that we didn't and I wanted – peace and quiet is great. Chose to build my house – wanted to get on the skidoo and atv trails, I like the idea of the trail being on the tracks but also don't like it being a dangerous situation. Fruitful for council to know, as a builder that's why I came here. Other people think the way I do as well. We are part of your tax base. Bring new interests, new funds. If you want to cut it off, that will be up to you.
48. Reid – nobody is looking to cut snowmobiling off, we want to work together – whether store or campground but also have to take in issue of child safety, maintenance of road and liability of road. Stop signs against car traffic. Car has right of way – not snowmobile traffic. Worried about speed, use of berms or speed bumps to slow machines down.
49. Neal – Can't you use speed bumps or something?
50. Reid – They've used these in Deux Rivieres, we've seen them at work. We've seen what happens. Machines are airborne and it takes a long time before they come back down. People don't slow down. Sometimes they don't make the turn.
51. Pichette, Betsy – We suggested that to the club last spring as a solution and were turned down. speed bumps – the club was asked last year and we were told it was a liability issue that they could not do it.
52. Roach, Donna – LH – spend summer at Morning Mist – love it there, people but largely of the community , never seen one that does so much to try to be together and enjoy and do what's best – small group of volunteers – we benefit – thank you. Also want to say that a lot of discussion on club to come up with best solution ever to manage trail and cooperation of council. Council receives remuneration – run businesses; promote tourism volunteer extra times to make them great for everybody. Dangerous to put a group of volunteers to that responsibility. Get over yourselves. – My son brought property on Mackey Creek road – great community – he said he wants our kids to grow up the way we grew up – feel safe, get out to

experience nature and have friends. Don't give up opportunity to close door to see businesses move away from area. Work together.

53. Watters, Gayle – hearing little negative vibe here about the flyer sent earlier this year. The flyer was never about not using the rail bed for any activity, it was information bulletin this is what we tried to do with county, council, neighbours. We have a problem - its going to grow, we want the rest of the community to ask what can we do to address the problem. My residence is on the trail. All businesses in HCM pay residential tax rate. Business is same rate as ours. Not too many in HCM are zoned commercial. Not to point fingers. Just don't put it in my back yard. It's ruining my lifestyle and my husband's lifestyle. The flyer was to get a meeting to talk about it. It was about snowmobiling. Did voice some concerns. Didn't resolve things yet. Wanted research done – ask our council to do it. Before approving the short section for use. I wanted the best information to be found to benefit everybody including me. Not just about Jim (Watters). Anyone was offended, I apologize. Not the intent. We enjoy Atving – the missing link?– I was on executive for many years and know – whenever you have snowmobiling – atving follows – often the same driver – they trespass – cause problems with property owners – that's why they started the gate program – but the gates are taken down by atvers. They wanted access. It will always be a problem. We are atver's and snowmobilers. We want a compromise. We wanted Council to have the discussion, - never about making enemies, it's about not consulting, keep our kids safe, our land safe, our environment.
54. Lebreton, Noella – speaking not in my position but as an individual. Love to go on atv, on snowmobile, we now have a side by side – we go on our road to connect to trails. Not a fact of stopping use. Point is trying to show respect – just as Nancy said earlier. If everybody could come to a solution. There is no point that anybody is arguing. This gentleman offered his property to find a way to go to Raj's. Raj I have respect to you. You're great. The club – Albert was one of the people who started it. We are not against the club. No reason there cannot be compromise. Just take it that this council will do what is best for this community.as well as the club.
55. Allen – well said. Refer to deputation in Sept. – working on a compromise – to achieve, everything that people are saying here, everyone working together.
56. Reid – keep this in mind – although you will give a deputation – it is still a council meeting – people will only be heard from floor if council decides unanimously to do so. Not a public debate.
57. Gibson – will look forward to the MLSC presentation – I expect to see it address signage – trails limited to speed - ?km / hour. If club makes a presentation to use of rail bed – lower speed limit on rail bed.
58. Wannamaker, Stewart – question – liability – I assume that if the club will have a lease to use the trail, they have insurance, and will have to have liability for trail - will that also apply during summer?
59. Reid – That will fall to the county, I would assume they would have to carry proper insurance. To my understanding it's a county trail.
60. Gibson, Marlene – I am a member of the club and attend district meetings – last we heard, Ontario Trails Council given the contract to develop the management plan for atvs at county level right now, it's being assessed. When snowmobilers lease property from county – covered by OFSC governing body – the rest of people are not covered. In summer time nobody should be on your trail – they are trespassing.
61. Reid – once the county opens the trail and puts it in place it will be open to everybody
62. Gibson, Marlene – in fall we had to call county and advise when any of our people were going to work on it – reason was if someone saw them they wanted to be able to say why there were people on the trail

63. Reid – zero monetary issue for the municipality - clubs coverage works for them, once county owns it – they will be responsible for trail – unless/until they lease it.
64. Gibson, Marlene – at this time, nobody has signed a lease because they don't like the conditions in the contract
65. Gibson, Jim – when I was at the County was on the Property and Development committee – worked with Papineau/Cameran and Lanark – declared multi-purpose does not mean that every purpose will be everywhere – will restrict different uses for different areas. Important comment here – atv's sure to follow – much bigger decision to council – what atv use is acceptable and what is not.
66. Reid – will be future consideration thank you
67. Foote – summing up – council did oppose purchase of cp line – went through anyway – that's a fact. We own it indirectly – we will be paying maintenance through county taxes. Whatever we use it for, we will be paying for it through your taxes. Trying to contact Craig Kelly, to talk to him to disseminate once land transfer is complete. If it goes through. Can they (MLSC) not use it? What is best for everybody? No matter what is decided we will hurt some people – resident or business.
68. Clerk – Craig Kelly has been contacted to attend a future meeting of council to address council concerns.
69. Rose – so, I apologize, I'm not up to date – I didn't read handout – but I would like to hear what council's priority is – the businesses? what the community wants? – or the safety of our children?
70. Foote – safety of children is important, so are our residents and business owners – its a difficult task – some risk involved no matter what choice we make.
71. Rose, Dave that's a good political answer – I'd like the right answer now – what that was is waffling. Is it safety, businesses or taxpayers?
72. Chartrand – children, taxpayers, businesses – Raj, I love you but it would be most beneficial to you if the trail stayed where it was...When I was a kid, one of the first places I went when I got a machine was up the trail along the highway, across the highway along Logger's Road and into Richard's yard to get gas. It's closer than any other trail. For some reason people slow down using that path.
73. Foote – there's your answer – keep machines to reasonable speed – safety is answer.
74. Chartrand – in past we've witnessed it– we live here – maybe road crossings, maybe common sense because there are buildings around – not normally an issue of speed coming down along Logger's Road – when they're coming down the rail bed – it's scary – This past winter, I almost hit someone when going down to plow out Jim and Gayle. They just don't slow down.
75. Foote – use of the old trail would be a good step forward now – a nice compromise.
76. Giroux, Ken – Loon Valley lane – listening this afternoon – several points council should be looking at – main reason complaints – snowmobiles using railbed. Have a problem – you can't find a solution by trying to condemn everything. Screwed up – have a problem, you need to have a solution. What's more important? We have a problem what are we going to do? How do you come up with one, you don't bitch about it. I'm not one for atvers – they tear down farmers fence - no respect for property. Weekend warriors – during week – stayed away. They're going to be there no matter what. There are people who are just going to do what they want to do. Got to sit down and come up with a solution. Answer Crystal's concerns. Answer Raj's concerns. We need a community so people to come in. We need a general store, have that and a graveyard. Nothing else. What you have to do is look at complaints. Come up with solution. No picking sides. That's not right. In this Community there are a lot of things we do. Unbelievable what goes on? Got to do that. We are a Natural playground. Create a lot of this animosity. Citizens are upset, we all need to come up with solution to problem. What Foote said about long term maintenance costs. Council maybe have, should be looking at Mr. Sweet



- they put the trail though – you’re not going to stop it. Need to be prepared, where is the cost going to come in? We’re going to pay extra taxes. Resolve problems – traffic accidents – enforcement – OPP if we’re going to have a problem. Fly the colours. Set radar up there.
77. Clerk – I would like to take a minute and clarify something. I’ve heard a number of people talk about this council having to do something. For the record, this council is doing something, so far based on a schedule set by the last council. It was the previous council which did not address this issue. In March, information was provided to council to make a decision and it was that council that deferred any decision and discussion to “the fall”.
78. Gibson – began to speak.
79. Mayor Reid – cut him off
80. Gibson... I’ll let the Courts sort that out. Turned to Nancy...when I was on council, I would have answered that question as Number 1, safety, number 1 business retention, number 1
81. Rose – some of these people need to move on, forget about this personal agenda and infighting and get on with it
82. Foote – we are employees of you, we should address it, for everyone, we work in vacuum, its very difficult, thank you very much
83. Valyear, Chuck – I have been a member of the club for years, I was on the first committee – we’ve had the trail run for over 20 years with no problems – saying with Calvin – it was fun, let’s go back to where we were – cut off that rail bed. We don’t need it.
84. Watters- various solutions have been proposed– it seems we have to wait for the club’s presentation next week
85. Allen – will have to wait to the 15<sup>th</sup> to solutions – was brought in the spring – takes time to try to address issue – we’re not the boogeyman – we want to be friends with everybody takes time to make change happen, with some views of the club to move forward.
86. Roach, addressed to Clerk– is the outcome of this meeting going into county council –
87. Clerk – yes – I spoke with County reps and will send either transcript or audio to them for records
88. Roach – just my personal opinion – issue around education of using trails – how do you get people to recognize safety aspect – economic – workable solution. How are they going to administer it? Previously, if community decided to use a trail for snowmobiles or not – they will have to figure out a way to route people around – There are problems with that, like the way Laurentian hills – town of deep river...did not amalgamate...One of the things they (county) might want to consider is to take a leadership role – would they be willing to invest money into snowmobiling education program – with people using trails for whatever purpose – try to reinforce beauty of this province. Try to bring people in to enjoy the trail to invest money to users. Not going fast, not looking at signs. Opportunity to promote trail. Enforcement, think twice about not following rules.
89. Lee – Donna safety is important – but it’s not just one group of people, everybody needs to be educated about safety – pedestrian being killed, not looking, everybody’s responsibility whether walking, riding or driving a car.
90. Reith – everyone needs to understand the intention for trail – currently there is not a lot of other information – in meantime everyone assumes – the increased hyperbole going around – people don’t know the full intention of county but are creating problems anyway – we need to not single out any user group – that’s a big part of the problem here.
91. Reid – won’t know full intent of county until after they own it – they assume this will happen but we don’t know what will happen.
92. Watters, Gayle – question – to clarify something. The whole point of what our group has done with mailing the flyer – was asking our council if they have taken steps to direct staff to research this issue and provide information. Generally the group was to provide research to

staff in order that they forward to council to make decision – in addition to what they already knew and that Council should know they have good staff on hand to do that.

93. Reid – staff will continue to do research as they always have
94. Foote – Melinda correct me if I'm wrong but you have told me that you would like for council to do some research on their own. I think we should do research on our own – sometimes council just accepts that we don't have to – council should be responsible to, so we have a meaningful discussion. Council is being paid by you people to do homework.
95. Barrett, Dave – Morning Mist – live in Sudbury – lots of snowmobiling and atving – originally from Newfoundland – took rails out many years ago – using that system for atving and snowmobiling for years everything works well – you need to do research start there... only two communities that do not allow atvs and machines to pass through. Working good – huge board that controls it – all on internet.
96. Reid – a little different here – need to deal with local clubs – I'm from NL – have a regional/provincial board – doesn't have small groups like we do here. But they're running grooming a trail system but Ontario trail system still exists. Nice to say that this trail can go all the way through like it does there – but it's not going to. There could be spots where snowmobiling doesn't go through, spots where atvs don't go through. I see a lot of my neighbours here. I only see them when a meeting like this comes up. This is a bit of a rant – we shouldn't be meeting to argue but instead to ask what can I do for my community, breaks my heart that this situation has gotten to this level. Councillor Foote, could you end the meeting?
97. Foote – a lot to consider, we work for you, upcoming meetings. Read through number 4 below...

#### 4 – Suggested Next Steps

1. Additional public consultation through survey, other methods.
2. Staff/Council consultation/discussion with County.
3. Referendum during 2018 election.

#### 5 - Thank you and adjournment – Mayor Reid.

Councillor Foote for Mayor Reid - Discussion and decision about this issue at the October meeting. The use issue grew based on liability issues.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:05 p.m. or 15:05 h.

Note\* Alternate formats and communication supports are available on request.

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