



## The Missing Link Snowmobile Club Inc.

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To: Councilors/ Clerk of Head, Clara & Maria Townships

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### RE: Algonquin Trail Update Item #4

After reviewing the current Algonquin Trail Update in the council agenda package for the meeting dated April 17, 2018. We noticed that item # 4 seems to have a tone of unwillingness to resolve issues. "4. *After having said that, the latest requests for consultation from the County and the MLSC have been met with a negative response. The county hasn't responded at all. The District OFSC has determined that they will only meet with Head, Clara & Maria staff and Council after the County received its legal opinion and only if someone from here goes to Pembroke to meet.*"

The request to have a consultation with The Missing Link Snowmobile Club has not been negative. It was the clerk that put restrictions on the consultation on who from the club would be "allowed" to be consulted with. As it is very important to maintain continuity from past consultations the club sent a letter to council indicating that the person that will be representing the club at any consultation would be Todd Dowser. We have not heard anything more since this there was an email from March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Members of Snow Country Snowmobile Association are unable to travel to the Township Office for a consultation because of major financial stress. The Association is in dire financial strain and is unable to send its members to our township. They are volunteers as well. It does cost money to travel for a face to face meeting. This was indicated to the clerk through an email dated March 18<sup>th</sup> 2018. Maybe an alternative can be setup through facetime or some other media source.

We think it was imperative that we waited to find out the outcome of the County's legal opinion before any meeting should have been taken place. What would be the point of discussions on issues that might not be issues at all? Now the county has two legal opinions.

The Executive is at a loss that the current practice of informing the public on the progress of municipal business is clearly not accurate. The court of public opinion would have understood this description as the snowmobiling partners not wanting to move forward, that is clearly not the case.

The club would be more than happy to help provide a way to encourage a consultation between the Municipality, Snow Country Snowmobile Association and the County of Renfrew.

The Missing Link Snowmobile Club is eagerly waiting a consultation to move things forward.

Regards,

Missing Link Snowmobile Club Executive