

Use of Snowmobiles in Moonstone

January 27, 2020

To provide clarity regarding use of snowmobiles in the community of Moonstone located in Oro-Medonte, please see the following:

- The snowmobile trail through Moonstone was closed by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) due to private land owners closing access between Line 7 and Line 8, and excessive use of asphalt sidewalks between Ellen Drive and Line 8.
- Public Safety and damage to the asphalt sidewalk were the primary reasons the Township of Oro-Medonte recommend the trail not travel on Moonstone Road between Line 7 and Line 9.
- The Township of Oro-Medonte has been working with the Orillia District Snowmobile Club (ODSC) to find an appropriate detour. However, it is the ODSC's responsibility to coordinate land use agreements with private landowners and determine appropriate trail routing.
- Snowmobiles are governed under the Motorized Snow Vehicle Act which clearly identifies where snowmobiles may be used. Snowmobiles are permitted on roadways unless prohibited by By-law. The only current restrictions for Township of Oro-Medonte roadways are unopened road allowances unless it is part of an OFSC trail and identified in an agreement with the Township of Oro-Medonte.
- The Township of Oro-Medonte maintains an agreement with the Barrie and Orillia Snowmobile Clubs for use of Township properties.
- Concerns should be directed to the ODSC.