

Township of North Kawartha

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Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Edward Hilton, Economic Development Officer
Date: October 8, 2026
Subject: Right of Use and Maintenance Agreement with OFSC District 2

Recommendation:

That Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Right of Use and Maintenance Agreement between The Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha and the Central Eastern Area Snowmobile Region, OFSC District 2, for the use and maintenance of municipal lands for snowmobile trail purposes, with a term ending July 27, 2027.

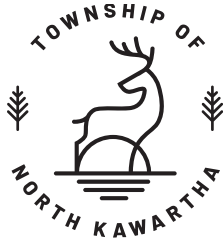
Background:

The Township has entered into previous agreements with the Central Eastern Area Snowmobile Region, OFSC District 2, for the use and maintenance of municipal lands forming part of the OFSC snowmobile trail network. The proposed agreement will permit the continued operation and maintenance of designated snowmobile trails on Township-owned lands and will expire on July 27, 2027. Updates have been made to the agreement to reflect changes to OFSC trail alignments within the Township.

Analysis:

The agreement formalizes the use of Township lands for snowmobile trail purposes and outlines the responsibilities of the Club with respect to trail maintenance, operations, insurance, and liability.

The updated agreement reflects revisions to the OFSC trail network within North Kawartha and ensures that the agreement accurately identifies the trail routes currently utilized by the Club. Snowmobiling continues to be an important recreational activity and tourism driver within the Township, and the agreement supports continued trail connectivity while maintaining clear responsibilities for trail operations and maintenance.



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The local snowmobile club (LSC) will provide liability insurance of \$15,000,000 through an OFSC-held insurance policy (the “OFSC Insurance Policy” or “OFSCIP”) for liability arising from the grooming, operation, use and maintenance of the snowmobile trail but only with respect to the negligence of the LSC for those operations usual to a snowmobile trail.

Financial Implications:

There are no direct costs to the Township associated with this agreement. Maintenance, insurance, and liability coverage are the responsibility of the OFSC, as outlined in the agreement.

Strategic and/or Other Plans:

Township of North Kawartha 2023 – 2026 Strategic Plan

- Economy
- Governance

Township of North Kawartha 2023 – 2026 Strategic Economic Development Plan

- Infrastructure
- Tourism
- Economic Diversification

In Consultation With:

Kelly Picken, Clerk

Jason Post, Deputy CAO

Appendix:

Snowmobile Agreement By-law 2026