

Ramsey Bay Snowmobile Club Trail Report. November 12/16

Because of the conditions this fall we have not yet been able to check most of the trails. Again this year because of the heavy wet snow in October there are probably a lot of trees down over the trails. We did check a portion of the Ashley Trail and found a washout where the beavers plugged the culvert. As we were unable to unplug the culvert we did construct a bridge over the washout.

We do have good news from the Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association and Sask Environment re trails and shelters. In May of this year a new agreement was signed for the use of trails and shelters on crown land. This agreement includes all designated trails and all of our trails which are now classified as Northern bush trails. We can now legally maintain and clear all of our trails to their original width without obtaining a permit. We do, however require a permit if we wish to widen the trails or do any work near water. Use of our cutter or other equipment which does not widen the trails appears to be within the guidelines. As part of the agreement the trails must be signed with appropriate signage for snowmobile safety.

In regards to the rebuilding of the Musquash shelter, Trevor Jacobson with Lands Branch is in the process of doing an environmental review and consultations with First Nations. An approval is expected very soon. A big thanks to Dave Street, who has already constructed a steel foundation (20 x 16) which will be used once the approval is received. Also thanks to Jim Baier (Elance Steel) who donated the time and materials for painting the foundation. If approval is received quickly we still may be able to construct the shelter for this season.

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