

Ramsey Bay Snowmobile Club Trail Coordinator Report

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Once again, as has been the case for many years, most of our trails need work. We were able to clear some of the trails that could be accessed before freeze up but then the big windstorm came up so most of our trails will need work again. Because of the 2015 forest fire, burnt trees are continually falling so clearing trails will be an ongoing process. When you are sledding, be prepared and carry some type of saw with you. Also, because of those nasty beavers, we have had some damage done to some of our trails that we were able to access to date. The bridge on the Ashley Trail was washed out along with some of the trail. Hopefully after freeze up we will be able to cross on the ice. The culverts on the Kids Lake trail were plugged by beavers and the trail washed out over the culverts however it still should be passable.

As part of the agreement with the Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association re designated Northern bush trails we are required to sign all of our trails. This includes both directional and safety signage. We have purchased signs and have already commenced with some signage. This will be an ongoing process and hopefully by the end of this season all signs will be in place.

As you are all aware the Musquash shelter construction has been completed and it is now ready for the sledding season. There is a good supply of firewood in the woodshed, a new BBQ and everything to make your sledding stop a pleasant one. As a reminder we ask everyone who uses the shelters to leave it clean for the next sledders and remember to pack out what you packed in! There is no garbage pick up at either shelter. We were not able to access the George Lake Shelter yet but did haul a wood shed package to near George Lake. This will be assembled soon.

Finally, as trail coordinator I would like to thank all of those volunteers who spent hours building the Musquash shelter and also hours clearing and maintaining trails over the years. These were mainly the same people, mostly old and mostly retired but dedicated to improving our snowmobiling in the area. Thanks!

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