

# The Township of The Archipelago

## Recommendation Report to Council

**Report No.:** 2024-027

**Date:** November 21, 2024

**Originator:** Josh Badger, Director of Operations and Facilities

**Subject:** Six Star Snow Riders Snowmobile Club MOU Municipal Lands

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Six Star Snow Riders Snowmobile Club to permit the continued seasonal use of municipal lands and road crossings as identified in the attached Schedules A and B for the purpose of snowmobile trail operation, and for a term of three years.
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### **BACKGROUND**

The Six Star Snow Riders Snowmobile Club has requested that the Township consider permitting the continued use of municipal lands and road crossings through a new Memorandum of Understanding. These properties are of great importance to the snowmobile club as it provides recreation, and business to local business owners. The Six Star Snow Riders trail network is an important piece of trail in the provincial network.

Without the Memorandum of Understanding the Six Star Snow Riders trail network businesses community recreation would be impacted, and the snowmobile club would have to find and prepare an alternate route.

The agreement has been reviewed by our insurer, who was satisfied with the coverage and the requirement for the club to list The Archipelago as an additionally insured on their policy. Our insurer did suggest that the Township include an indemnification clause in the additional conditions portion, which has been included. The snowmobile club has also provided a certificate indicating they were in good standing with the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs.

The agreement may be terminated by either party with 60 days written notice.

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### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial costs associated with executing the Memorandum of Understanding.

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## **ANALYSIS/OPTIONS**

### **Option 1 – Recommended**

1. That Council enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Six Star Snow Riders to permit the continued use of municipal lands and road crossings as identified in Schedule A and B for a term of three years. This will allow the continued use for recreation and enjoyment of the natural landscape.

### **Option 2 – Not Recommended**

1. That Council not enter a Memorandum of Understanding and deny the snowmobile club use of the municipal properties. This would directly affect the club's operations, as well as our businesses and community throughout the winter months.

### **Option 3 – Not Recommended**

1. That Council choose to amend a Memorandum of Understanding for length of term, or conditions of the agreement.

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## **STRATEGIC PLAN**

This direction is in alignment with the following Strategic Priorities contained within our Strategic Plan:

- Sustainable & Cost-Effective Services
- Effective Relationships & Partnerships
- Leadership & Communication

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## **CONCLUSION**

1. That Council enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Six Star Snow Riders Snowmobile Club to permit the continued seasonal use of municipal lands and road crossings as identified in the attached Schedules A and B for the purpose of snowmobile trail operation, and for a term of three years.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Josh Badger  
Director of Operations and Facilities

I concur with this report  
and recommendation,



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John B. Fior  
Chief Administrative Officer

**ATTACHMENTS**

Memorandum of Understanding

Schedule A – Public Authority Property Description

Schedule B – Public Authority/Trial Map

Six Star Snow Riders Letter to The Archipelago

OFSC 2024/2025 In Good Standing Certificate

DRAFT By-law

The Corporation of the

**TOWNSHIP OF THE ARCHIPELAGO**

BY-LAW NO. 2024 -

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A By-law to Authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding –  
Land Use Permission for the Six Star Snow Riders Snowmobile Club  
use of municipally owned property within Ward 5 and Ward 6,  
for a term of three years.

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**WHEREAS** Section 9 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act; and

**WHEREAS** the area requested has been used as a snowmobile trails for many years previously and is essential to the existing provincial trail network; and

**WHEREAS** the snowmobile trail network is important for the community and businesses.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IN ENACTED** as a By-law of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago as follows:

1. That the Reeve and the Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to the Memorandum of Understanding agreement between the Corporation of Township of The Archipelago and the Six Star Snow Riders Snowmobile Club for land use permissions as outlined in Schedule A and B; and
2. That this By-law shall come into force and take effect on the day of the final passing thereof.

**READ and FINALLY PASSED** in **OPEN COUNCIL** this **22<sup>st</sup>** day of **November, 2024**.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF THE ARCHIPELAGO**

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Bert Liverance, Reeve

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Maryann Martin, Clerk