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The New Brunswick Federation of Snowmobile Clubs



President's Report... NBFCSC Trail #58 will be open in 2019!



want to thank our partners at Tourism, Heritage & Culture (THC) for working with us since last spring and into the summer months to find a solution. THC's continual support for the growth and improvement of New Brunswick's winter

tourism was a key catalyst to "finding" the money necessary to ensure what has become known as Trail #58 in New Brunswick's most remote region.

Trail #58 officially begins (or ends) in the Village of Blackville, NB. Blackville is one of numerous communities within the snowmobile trails of NBFCSC Member Club #22, Miramichi Sno-Goers. Club #22 has a large territory connecting Fredericton with the Miramichi Valley SC on the north side of the SW Miramichi and NW Miramichi Rivers. Club #22 will also in the future like to be able to connect with our Grand Lake SC to the east when resources are available. Club #22's determination is only one of the reasons we all have access to Trail #58, connecting historical southern and northern snowmobile trail systems into remote New Brunswick.

NBFCSC Trail #58 actually began as an unmanaged (no grooming and no official signage) trail approximately 20-years ago. The first trail number given to it by the Club was actually #38. The initial goal was to get a "trail" to the then new Serpentine Lodge. Today, Trail #58 ends (or begins) very close to Serpentine Lodge.

Two other significant contributors to this trail actually becoming an official NBFCSC trail also should be mentioned. Mr. Reg MacDonald, a former MLA for Club #22's region, played a significant role. Reg went on to serve snowmobilers in this Province as a Volunteer Director on the NBFCSC Board for many seasons. Reg, while on the NBFCSC Board, secured additional grooming funding. This money was in addition to monies that Club #22 had and was already contributing to create an actual trail from the Miramichi region to Serpentine Lodge to Mt. Carleton Park. The

public funding ensured that Club #22 who had created the corridor would have additional funds to maintain the trail – Trail #58.

Money is never entirely the solution to any challenge and this story is similar. The countless volunteers from Club #22 who live in the communities from Boiestown, Doaktown and Blackville and in between also deserve the credit for creating, establishing and entrenching Trail #58. An approximate grooming trip in those days until just 3 seasons ago was almost a 3-day commitment. Grooming Trail #58 one way was 16-18 hours. Overnight and fueling and food at Serpentine Lodge, 16-18 hours return. Without these volunteers, regardless of the money to operate the Club #22 Groomer, Trail #58 would not have existed.

Instead, Trail #58 has flourished. We believe that NBFCSC Trail #58 is now one of the 'busiest' and most utilized trails in the entire NBFCSC trail system.

We know it is one of the snowmobile trails with the longest season. Snow falls and stays routinely on most of Trail #58 every November and rarely disappears until early May. It is the spine of the entire Provincial system connecting the entire Christmas Mountains region. It resides in a very consistent snow belt regardless of conditions elsewhere.

Thank you to everyone who has and who still plays a role to maintain Trail #58.

Scott Ralston,
NBFCSC President,
"A Volunteer Organization"



Snowmobiling is New Brunswick's Winter Tourism...

– Mission –

The NBFCSC is a volunteer organization and is committed to constantly enhancing organized snowmobiling through supporting clubs, volunteers and landowners and by focusing on partnerships with governments, industry, private corporations and public institutions we will become the premier trails organization in the province for the enjoyment of enthusiasts, tourists and New Brunswickers.