

Long –term Agreements reached with Provincial Government

The New Brunswick Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (NBFSC) has recently been pleased to sign two major agreements with Premier Gallant’s new provincial government.

Tourism, Heritage and Culture (THC), our lead advocate in the provincial government saw NBFSC President Sandy Young and Tourism Minister Bill Fraser signature a ten-year Trail Manager’s Agreement. The new Trail Managers Agreement will ensure that the NBFSC is the Provincial Government’s *Trail Manager* for all snowmobile trails in the province until the end of 2024.



As snowmobile Trail Manager, a major responsibility includes the securement, distribution, sales and reconciliation of all Trail Permits each season. Only the Trail Manager can acquire permission for the use of Crown and Park Lands as well as Transportation authorizations for Managed snowmobile trails. Thus all applications for land-use must be obtained via the Trail Manager. Another one of the Trail Managers most critical responsibilities is the securement of commercial General Liability insurance in order to open the snowmobile trails in the Province every season.



The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), another partner in the proposed Provincial Trail's Use Policy also recently reoffered the NBFSC a ten-year Crown and Park Land Lease. The snowmobile Lease will stay in place until the 2024 season and provides 'exclusive use' rights to the NBFSC as per DNR's requirement since 1995.

The NBFSC-DNR snowmobile trail lease on Crown lands encompasses approximately 2554 kilometers of snowmobile trails. The lease on Park lands encompasses another 664 kilometers of additional snowmobile trails. Overall there is (or approximately) 42% of all snowmobile trails in the Province covered under the new Agreement for the NBFSC's entire 7600 kilometer trail network. The exclusive –use Lease provides snowmobilers and New Brunswick's residents and snowmobile tourists with a Winter Tourism season from December 1st till April 15th, annually.



NBFSC President Sandy Young stated in recent meetings with Minister Fraser (THC) and Minister Landry (DNR), “On behalf of the volunteers of the NBFSC and all snowmobile Trail Permit holders, we wish to express our gratitude to your government. The trust, respect and responsibility you have granted to us with these 10-year agreements builds on the tremendous relationship we have forged together since the early 1990’s with Premier McKenna”.