

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION**  
**Trail Development Policy**

## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 This policy describes the requirements for the PEISA members and their clubs to:
- a. establish a snowmobile trail; and
  - b. connect the snowmobile trail to the PEISA snowmobile trail system.

## **2.0 Authority**

- 2.1 This policy is authorized by Board of Directors, Prince Edward Island Snowmobile Association, hereafter referred to as the Association.
- 2.2 Off-Highway Vehicle Act and Regulations are authorized by the Government of Prince Edward Island.
- 2.3 Confederation Trail development standards are the responsibility of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

## **3.0 Policy**

For a trail to be approved and connected to the Association's trail system, the trail must be proposed and developed by a local snowmobile club and its members.

- 3.1 The local club will submit a letter of intent concerning a new trail development to the PEISA for approval. Upon approval of the letter of intent, the local club may proceed with formal trail approval process as outlined to section 3.2.
- 3.2 Following receipt of initial approval from the PEISA, the local club will provide the following:
- a. A motion approved by the club supporting the establishment of the new trail;
  - b. A clear objective for the trail, example
    - 1 trail to connect to services;
    - 2 trail to connect to a clubhouse;
    - 3 trail to create a scenic loop.

- c. Length of the trail in kilometres or miles.
- d. List of Provincial Identification numbers (PID's) for each parcel of land the trail will cross;
- e. A set of signed land use permission forms corresponding to the PIDs for each parcel of land the trail will cross;
- f. Identification of trail route hazards which must be removed;
- g. Identification of waterways or land formations which will require bridging or in filling;

#### **4.0 Trail Approval Process**

- 4.1 Letter of intent by sponsoring local club to the PEISA;
- 4.2 Initial approval by the PEISA;
- 4.2 Approval of all affected landowners by submission of signed land use permission forms;
- 4.3 Inspection of proposed trail by the PEISA and the responsible grooming club, if trail is to be groomed;
- 4.4 Second approval by the PEISA;
- 4.5 Approval by the responsible grooming club as identified in the Trail Permit Funding Agreement, section 3.0.

#### **5.0 Responsibility of the Parties**

The trail must be built or constructed to the following criteria:

- 5.1 Trail bed of 5 metres minimum;
- 5.2 Sight lines on the inside of corners must 120 metres (400 feet);
- 5.3 Trail must not be compromised by encroaching or overhanging branches;
- 5.4 Brush must be cleared one metre back from either side;
- 5.5 Groomed trail must be cleared of obstructions to a height of 4.5 metres.

For detail requirements on bridging, signage, fencing and trail inspection see the Trail Maintenance Policy.

Following establishment of the trail, the PEISA will provide the following trail services;

- 5.6 Annual trail inspection report;
- 5.7 Provision of new or replacement signage as required;

- 5.8 Provision of trail insurance;
- 5.9 Where applicable, ensure trail grooming services.