



Paudash Trailblazer's Club 2017/18 Begins ...

Snowmobiler's Prepare for the New Season

by Brian McKinlay, President, Paudash Trail Blazers

Welcome to the 2017/18 snowmobile season!! Yes that's correct the "season" has already begun in terms of trail work, budgeting, groomer prep , etc.

This summer/fall has been busy as we have been in the process of adjusting to the new District structure and budgeting process. This season will see a different formula for determining our dollar allocation from the OFSC to our district and then to our club. Our budget has been submitted and approved so we hope projected permit sales will materialize.

On the equipment front we are once again downsizing the fleet across the district and since our tractors are the oldest we will see two of our old units retired. This will leave our club with three units for our approx 340 km of trails.

For those who have had occasion to pass the clubhouse you will hopefully have noticed the old machines have been retired to scrap and the yard has been levelled and extended. We cleaned up over five tons of scrap metal in addition to the very old tractors that had been previously retired. Many hours have also been spent reorganizing the sign shed and shop to clear out old "stuff " .

For any club to be successful in today's environment it is essential for us to organize and activate a strong volunteer base. We are fortunate to have an ever increasing number of dedicated snowmobilers who have recently or are planning to retire in our area. Our challenge now is to do a better job of organizing, communicating and activating these valuable folks. Since our club is amongst the largest in Ontario we plan to attempt to establish "Zones" and "Zone Captains " within our trail system and encourage these teams to work together to help us monitor and improve the system.

Thanks to all those who give their time to our club. All on the executive and our important teams are volunteers who work diligently to try to do the best for our riders. Hopefully this season will see colder temps and lots of snow so that we can achieve success.

Our monthly meetings are held every third Thursday at the NKCC. All interested parties are welcome to attend or connect via the web at paudashtrailblazers.on.ca

Editor's Note: The Paudash Trailblazers are one of the largest clubs in southern Ontario in terms of area and number of members. Their trail management area is bounded by Apsley, Bancroft, Fourcorner Lake and Gooderham.

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By Brenda Lenson



Here it is the middle of September and summer has finally arrived. We have had the most glorious weather this month and now the trees are starting to show their fall colours. With the temperature close to 30 degrees, it doesn't seem right to be talking about Christmas! We will once again be hosting the **Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 25th at 6:00 pm**. The theme of the parade will be "The Magic of Christmas". We had such a wonderful Canada Day Parade and are hoping to be as successful with our Christmas Parade. Why don't you put a float in the parade and join in the fun?

Plans are underway for the **Annual Winter Carnival**. It will be held on Saturday, January 27th at the NKCC. Hopefully there will be something for everyone. Make sure you mark your calendars so you don't miss this event.

Check on the Township's website for all upcoming events; follow the Apsley Lions Club on Facebook or go to our website <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/apsleylionson/>.

The winner of the raffle that we held at the Coe Hill Fair was Peter Lennox of Wollaston Lake. He won a \$200 prepaid visa card.

Don't forget **Bingo every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm** at the Community Center, come on for a little fun and maybe win the jackpot.

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