

Re: Pleasure Valley Road Petition – OFSC.

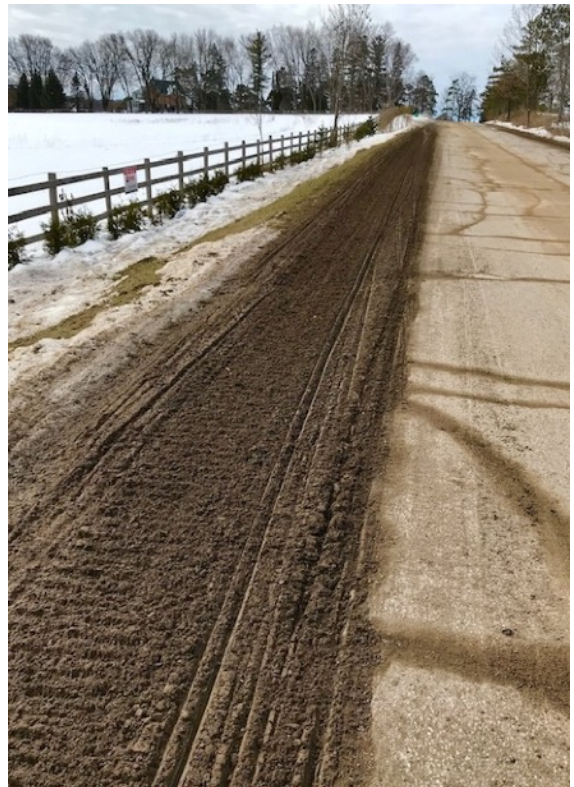
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This is why I contacted the OSFC regarding their “trail”.

View east



View west



Community mailbox – looking west



Our mailboxes – looking east



A common remark on primary report cards is “Your child plays well with others.” Well, snowmobiles and parked/stopped cars don’t play well together. Actually snowmobiles and a lot of things don’t play well together.

“There oughta to be a law!” comes to mind.

Here is one of the first times a snowmobiler used the path that had been used for decades. This is not the path indicated by OFSC signs for 2019-2020.



Here is what snowmobile drivers had decided near the end of the season. The culvert and its marker are not involved.



Here is the OFSC's sign telling drivers to proceed straight ahead, along Pleasure Valley Road. In previous years this was a "Left Arrow" sign, telling drivers to get off Pleasure Valley and use the strip of land between Pleasure Valley Road and County Road 4.



Summary:

As Cally Mann states in her report:

“Snowmobiles are built with a single track on the back that propels the snowmobile forward and the skis on the front are how the machine turns. On hard surfaces such as pavement or frozen gravel, without snow, such as on roads, it becomes extremely difficult for the users to make a turn and therefore have an extremely decreased ability to swerve on the road in the event of an impending accident.”

The MOT not only states where you can't ride a snowmobile, it also states where you can ride a snowmobile.

“Where to ride

You **CAN** ride:

- on your own property
- on private trails belonging to organizations of which you are a member
- on private property, with the owner's permission
- alongside public roads, between the shoulder and fence line (unless prohibited by the municipality)”

While the MTO does not govern our road, its thinking is clear.

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There is no such space along Pleasure Valley Road. Parking is permitted on both sides of our road. Stopping is required at the community mail box.

Where do snowmobiles safely go when they encounter a stopped/parked vehicle on the ploughed shoulder of our road?

I failed to resolve this with the OFSC.

Thanks