

Town of Gander

Public Forum Gander & Recreational Trail Use

May 9, 2016



OVERVIEW

- Purpose of Session
- Reason for ATV & Trails Sub-Committee
- Sub-Committee Mandate
- Timeline
- Quick Facts
- ATV Recreation Use Survey
- Trail Map
- Future
- Questions/Comments



PURPOSE OF SESSION

- Present ideas
- Receive feedback from the public
- Where do we go from here?



REASON FOR THE SUBCOMMITTEE

- Gander is known as an ATV friendly town and we would like to stay this way.
- Complaints/safety issues received with regard to:
 - Speeding
 - Underage driving
 - Driving on walking trails
 - Excessive noise
 - Damage to property from ATV's/Snowmobiles
- Reports from Town's Municipal Enforcement



ATV SUBCOMMITTEE MANDATE

- Assess existing trail network
- Identify necessary upgrades/costs
- Create a trail system maintenance plan
- Ensure development regulations respect integrity of trail
- Produce a safe network for pedestrians/rec. vehicles
- Increase trail base activity



TIMELINE

- Bylaw for ATV/Snowmobile use done in 1993
- April 2014 – public safety received numerous complaints
- July 2014 – public information awareness campaign
- Walkway issues/complaints
- Increased violations lead to review
- ATV subcommittee established August 2015
- Subcommittee reviewed all aspects of the trail system
- March 2016 – online survey launched



QUICK FACTS

- Highest per capita ownership in the province
- Increased popularity of ATV/UTV 80's onward
- Successful Quadapalooza event/adventure tourism
- Established trail system already exists
- High volume of ATV/UTV, dirt bikes & snowmobiles

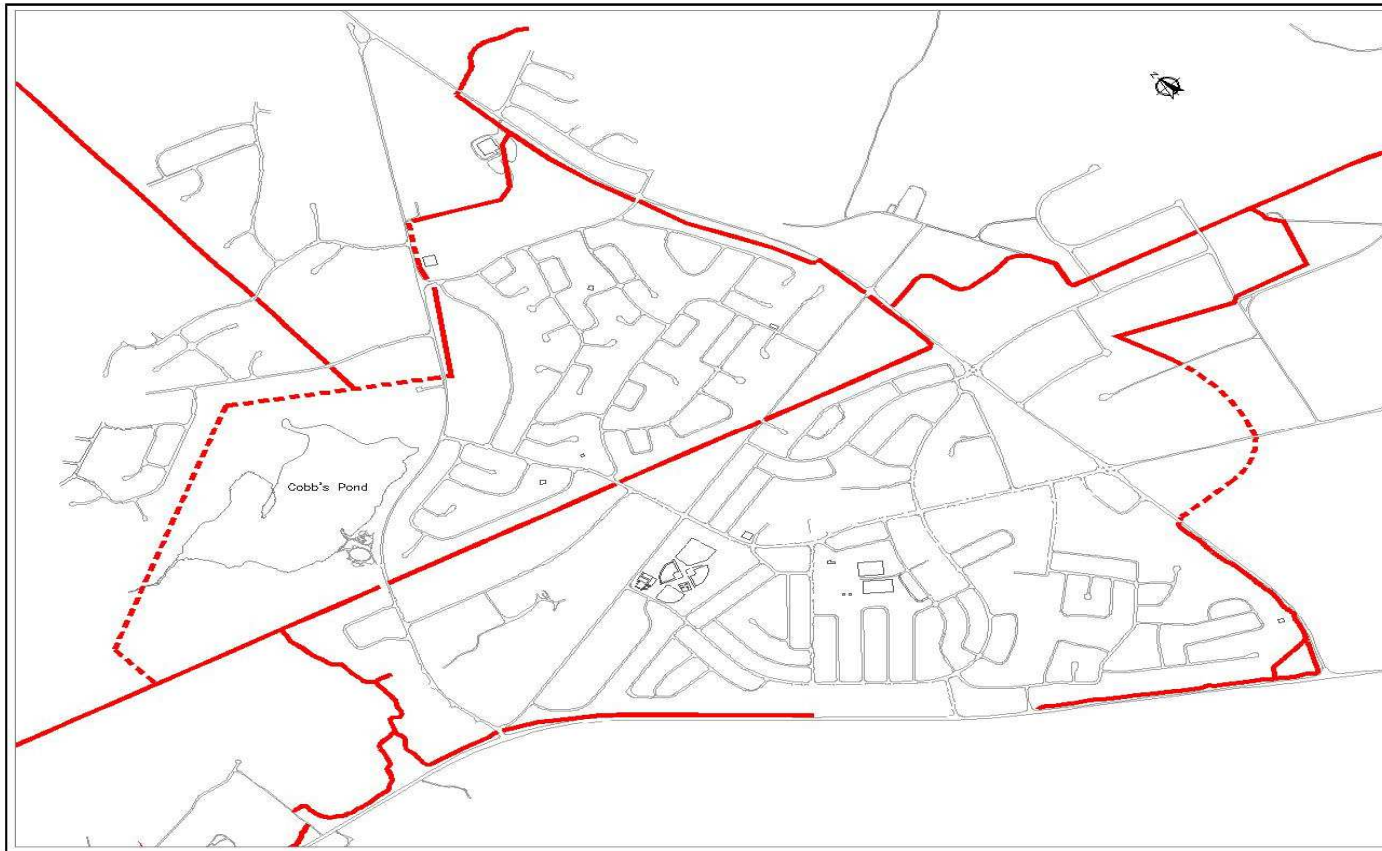




ATV RECREATIONAL USE SURVEY

- Approximately 990 respondents
- 94% between ages 22-55+
- 63% own an ATV/UTV/Snowmobile
- 40% drive directly from their residence to trails
- Concerns were: speed, use of rec vehicles like automobiles
- Positive aspects include recreation activity for residents



GANDER PERIMETER TRAIL



NOTES	
1. Do not scale from drawing.	
—LEGEND—	
	Snowmobile/ATV Route
	To Be Developed
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FUTURE

- Council review of online survey
- Review of public consultation
- Implement changes if necessary

