

Zone Meeting 2026

SNOWMOBILE MOTONEIGE NB

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AUTUMN ZONE AGENDA

1. Club's 2026 Annual General Meeting
   a. Trail Permit Pricing
   b. Operating Budget 2026-27
2. Groomer Priority List/GRM-005 (Handout)
3. Annual Corporate Partners in 2026-27
4. Awards 2026
5. Signage Placement Guideline Highlights
6. CCSO Update

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7. Planned THC Media Rides 2027
8. Club Agreement (Handout)
9. Season's Organized Events of 2026-27.
10. Work Alone Policy (new)
11. Accident Report Form (Handout)

1. CLUB'S 2026 AGM

Outcomes

- **2027 Permit prices (one change)**
  - Handout
  - All types available online this season (except Family discount)
  - Tourism Weekend 50$-4 days
- **2027 Operating Budget:**
  - Operating Budget 2027 (Handout)
  - Clubs have 5 budgeted payouts annually
  - *November Payout

YEARLY PAYOUTS

- **DECEMBER** 50/50 permits & hours 5yr/avg

  funds derived from trail permit sales until December 15

- **FEBRUARY** 50/50 permits & hours 5yr/avg

  funds derived from trail permit sales after December 15th, until February 15th

- **MAY** 100% hours-current season, budget amount

- **JUNE** 100% hours 5yr/avg

  funds derived from snowmobile registrations ($15. Per)

- **OCTOBER** 50/50 permits & hours 5yr/avg

  funds derived from trail permit sales after the February payout

- **NOVEMBER** 100 % hours-current season - year end payout if applicable

2. GROOMER PRIORITY LIST

Overall

- ***NEW** 2027* Groomer Priority Funding List (Handout)
- **Priority list resets every year**; never a guarantee of your club holding the exact ranking
- Tourism's *Trail Infrastructure Fund (TIF)* of $270,000. Yearly April.
- Federal Government – via ACOA $270,000 – matched the PNB's TIF.
- Snowmobile NB approved budget $270,000
- We offered funding to the first 3 clubs and they all accepted.

2. CLUB'S GROOMER $$ PRIORITY LIST

Ranking Categories-Rules

- Model Year of the Unit = 1 point
- Unit's total hours; every 500 hours = 1 point
- Unit's rolling 5-year avg; every 50 hours = 1 point

Groomer Funding Qualifications:

-Must have adhered to the Club agreement policies with nothing outstanding past deadlines and have financials in place.

-Clubs annual returns must be done yearly as SMNB, ACOA, GNB and the Banks will require this up front.

2. GROOMER PRIORITY LIST

Overall

- The 3 Successful clubs to obtain funding were:
  - Club 74, Charlotte County Snow Cruisers , Zone 7
  - Club 11 – Oromocto River Valley Snowmobile Club , Zone 7
  - Club 28 – Goshen Snowmobile Club , Zone 8

Where is This?



3. GREY ROCK POWER CENTRE

- Exclusive Partner
- Three – 3 – Year commitment 2027-2030.
- Multiple services & businesses at Power Centre *on SMNB Trails*
- Quality Inn (Security)
- Shell Fuel
- Restaurants & Casino
- Yamaha Dealership

3. ANNUAL CORPORATE PARTNERS

- **2026-2027 Supporting Partners**
- Exclusive = $13,000.00
- Level 1 = $70,000.00 – 7 Partners
- Level 2 = $80 ,000.00 – 19 Partners
- Level 3 = $42,000.00 – 17 Partners
- Level 4 = $13,500.00 – 9 Partners
- Level 5 = $3,750.00 – 5 Partners
- **$222,250.00 invoices & in-kind vs. a $75,000.00 budget**

3. ANNUAL CORPORATE PARTNERS

Historical data

- Year 2027
  - **$222,250.00**
- Year 2026
  - **$211,300.00**
- Year 2025
  - **$203,500.00**
- Year 2024
  - **$213,500.00**
- Year 2023
  - **$217,500.00**
- Year 2022
  - **$189,500.00**

<u>* New Partners 2027*</u>

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MACLEANS

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3. SMNB LOTTERY

- Tickets on sale **Oct. 13/26**
- 16 prizes this year!
- *NEW selling season is extended*
  - Tickets return date is **March 29/27**
- How does it work?
  - sell up to 800 tickets, you keep 7$/ticket
  - 801+ sold, you keep $8/ticket
  - Club with most tickets sold wins $1000
  - Club 45, Bouctouche / Ste. Marie ; Winner for 2026 (2000 tickets sold)



4. AWARDS (5)

Howard Doucet Volunteer of the Year (2026)- Stephane Martin – Riviere Verte # 76



Robert J Walsh Club of the Year Award (2026)-Club 75, Peninsule Acadienne



4. AWARDS (5)

Wallace Kenny Initiative Award (2026) – Denis LeBlanc - #4 - Chaleur



Snowmobile Dealer of the Year Award (2026)- Mplus Sports - Edmundston



4. AWARDS (5)

Groomer Operator of the Year Award (2026)-Jocelyn LePage – #33,

Club Motoneige St. Quentin





Where is This?

5. SIGNAGE PLACEMENT GUIDELINE HIGHLIGHTS

- Consistency: Uniform signage across NB trails improves safety, navigation, and professionalism.
- Sign order form through Codiac Printing. (Handout)
- Orientation:
  - Signs must be at rider eye level, perpendicular to trail, for maximum visibility (day & night).
- Placement and distance:
  - Hazards/curves/bridges: 100–120m in advance
  - Stop signs: 5–10m before crossing
  - Trail blazers: every 100–120m
  - Curves placed in the apex of the turn
  - Slow signs mean a change in direction only!







- Service Signs:
  - Fuel, shelter, business and destination signs must include distance info.
- Permanent Sign structures: Trail Number, Community name inc. Mileage, service (Shelter/Fuel) and Business Signs.
- Policy TRL-009

6. CCSO UPDATE

- CCSO Executive is still working on Funding Program for trail maintenance and infrastructure with the Federal government.
- Each snowmobile association across Canada has submitted requests for certain amounts of money covering a number of different projects.
- SMNB has submitted an ask for 2.2 million dollars for the purpose of Vegetation Control (mulching) and Trail Base Reshaping (grading and ditching) all trails. Still waiting for approval from the Federal government.

6. CCSO UPDATE

- If request is approved, money will be divided by KM of trail , with each Zone getting an amount and then further divided by the number of Clubs in the zone , REMINDER - each portion of money allotted is by KM of trail not grooming hours or membership size.
- 40% of the project will be funded by the government , 10% by SMNB and the other 50% by the Club
- Once approved a more detailed information session will be help with the Zone Director and Club Presidents.

7. PLANNED THC MEDIA RIDES 2027

- Snowtrax TV - ENG
- Bonne ride! - FR
- Parks Canada (3 journalists)
- Journalists-other

8. CLUB AGREEMENT

- Reminder of its importance:
- Annual SMNB/ Club Agreement; signed by Member Club President.
  - 1. SMNB: Club Payouts/Annual Club Agreement Policy - #TRL-001
  - 2. SMNB: Trail Permit Sales Policy - #TRL-002
  - 3. SMNB: Trail Guidelines (Trail Grooming & Trail Signage) - #TRL-004
  - 4. SMNB: Credit Policy - # ADM-001
  - 5. SMNB: Financial Reporting Policy - #CLB-002
  - 6. SMNB: Interactive Groomer Tracking Responsibilities - #TRL-006
  - 7. SMNB: Club's Accident & Insurance Deductible Responsibilities - #ADM-009
  - 8. SMNB General By-Laws

9. SEASON'S ORGANIZED EVENTS

- **November 15** / BOD Meeting
- **December 15** / All Snowmobile-Motoneige NB trails open where there is appropriate snow cover and appropriate freezing of watercourse trail crossings.
- **February 6** Grey Rock Power Centre's Annual President's Ride – Edmundston-Zone 1 **UPDATE+1**
- **February 12, 13, 14, 15** / Tourism Weekend Province Wide
- **March 12/13, 2027** / BOD Meeting (45-day rule prior to AGM)
- **April 15** / All Snowmobile-Motoneige NB trails close - no grooming
- **April 2027**/ Annual Club Surveys/Zone Meetings
- **April 24** / **25** Club's 2027 Annual General Meeting – **FREDERICTON**
- **April 30** / The Christmas Mtns. trail network's closed

10. WORK ALONE POLICY

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to protect the safety of Snowmobile NB staff and volunteers who conduct trail inspection, grooming coordination, maintenance, and other field activities alone in remote and winter environments. This policy establishes procedures to minimize risks and ensure timely emergency response.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all Snowmobile NB:

- Staff and club volunteers;
- Individuals operating in remote trail systems;
- Workers performing duties outside normal hours or in isolated locations.

10. WORK ALONE POLICY

3. Definition of Working Alone

Working alone includes any situation where an individual:

- Is on trails or in wooded/remote areas without another person nearby;
- Is beyond immediate assistance (e.g., no quick access to help);
- May have limited or no cell coverage;
- Cannot be directly observed or supervised.

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4. Key Risks in Snowmobile NB Operations

5. Responsibilities

5.1 Snowmobile NB (Organization)

5.2 Member Club

Member Club will:

- Approve all lone field work in advance;
- Ensure workers file a **Trip Plan** before departure with Trail Coordinator or President;
- Maintain a check-in and escalation system;
- Monitor weather and trail conditions;
- Suspend work when risks are too high.

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5.3 Workers / Volunteers

- Individuals working alone must:
- Follow this policy and all safety requirements;
- Submit a trip plan before departure with Trail Coordinator or President;
- Carry mandatory safety gear;
- Monitor weather conditions;
- Check in as scheduled;
- Stop work if conditions become unsafe.

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6. Mandatory Trip Planning

- Before working alone, individuals must file a **Trip Plan** including:
- Planned route and trail sections;
- Expected departure and return times;
- Purpose of travel/work;
- Equipment being carried;
- Emergency contact person;
- Check-in schedule.

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7. Communication Requirements

- Due to limited coverage in remote areas:
- Workers must carry at least one reliable communication device:
  - Cell phone (if coverage exists), AND/OR
  - Satellite phone, GPS messenger, or radio (preferred in remote zones)

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8. Required Safety Equipment

- Personal Safety Gear

- Emergency Kit

- Field Equipment
  - Snowmobile
  - Groomer

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9. Safe Work Practices

9.1 Travel Safety

9.2 Mechanical Readiness

9.3 Weather Monitoring

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10. High-Risk Activities (Restrictions)

The following should **not be done alone whenever possible**:

- Major trail clearing (chainsaws, heavy equipment);
- Ice measurement or lake staking;
- Work during storms or extreme cold alerts;
- Travel in unfamiliar or rarely used trail sections.

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11. Emergency Procedures

11.1 In Case of Emergency

- Call 911 or emergency services if accessible;
- Use satellite/GPS emergency signal if available;
- Stay with your snowmobile / groomer unless unsafe to do so;
- Shelter in place and conserve energy/heat.

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11.2 Failure to Check-In Protocol

If a worker misses a check-in:

1. Attempt direct contact;
2. Contact emergency person listed in trip plan;
3. Notify supervisor/club coordinator;
4. Initiate search procedures if necessary.

12. Incident Reporting

11. ACCIDENT REPORTING

Report Form

Bodily Injuries

Procedures

Pictures

Accurate information only

DO NOT PUT UP MORE SIGNS!!!!!


Thank You