



NOTICE OF INTENT

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER AND THE CENTRAL ONTARIO ATV CLUB TO ALLOW ATV ACCESS ON A PORTION OF FLOS ROAD 3 WEST AND A PORTION OF THE NORTH SIMCOE RAIL TRAIL

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Township of Springwater intends to consider entering into an agreement with the Central Ontario ATV (COATV) club to allow access on a portion of Flos Road 3 West and a portion of the North Simcoe Rail Trail to develop a connection between the Coughlin and Phelpston Simcoe County Forest Tracts.

Background

In November 2008, Springwater Township Council approved the Trails Master Plan. This Plan included a new trail application and motorized trail evaluation criteria. This criteria has made up a portion of the proposed road and trail usage agreement. The linkage proposed by the COATV was initially reviewed as a possible pilot project during the development of the Trails Master Plan.

The Plan also recommended the creation of a Trails Development Committee to oversee the development of trails development, trail linkages and trail agreements within the Township of Springwater. In April 2009, the COATV presented to the Committee a completed new trail application of the proposed new trail linkage between the Coughlin Simcoe County forest tract and the Phelpston Simcoe County forest tract.

Prior to this agreement being approved, the proposal will be made available for review in a public forum, presented to the Recreation Advisory Committee and to Springwater Township Council for their final consideration.

A PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE will be held on Wednesday September 9, 2009 in the Springwater Council Chambers at the Springwater Township Administration Centre, 2231 Nursery Rd, Midhurst from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Interested persons may attend the Public Open House to view the Map Schedule and ask questions about how the proposed agreement may impact their property.

ANY PERSON who may be affected by the proposed agreement may make a written submission to the attention of the Administration Department, Township of Springwater, 2231 Nursery Rd., Minesing ON, L0L 1Y2 by not later than 12 noon on October 9, 2009. A comment form will be made available at the Public Open House and on the Township

website at www.springwater.ca. It is anticipated that Springwater Township Council will consider the proposed by-law on October 19, 2009 at the earliest.

This Notice, including a map showing the affected road allowance, is being mailed to all ratepayers within the mailing address in the communities of the affected forest areas starting the week of August 17, 2009. The proposed agreement and map will be available for viewing at various Township offices during regular business hours (Administration office, Elmvale Arena, and all library branches).

A copy is also available for viewing at the Township website at www.springwater.ca.

Dated at Midhurst, Ontario
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