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By Ryan Eickmeier, CEO

# Trailside Talk

## On-Trail Safety Starts With Each of Us!

By Ryan Eickmeier, OFSC CEO

I would be remiss to not start this article with a simple and much deserved thank you to the countless law enforcement officers who patrol our trails each winter. Thanks to their dedication, snowmobilers of all skill and experience levels can confidently ride our 30,000kms and return home safely.

On-trail safety is a topic that I speak to snowmobilers about often. Annually, over 30,000kms of trail are made available to snowmobilers throughout Ontario, in a mix of rural, remote, and urban areas. If we compare that number to say the total length of automobile highways in the Province (more than 16,000km), we can really start to scope the incredible distances we are working with. In looking at this topic, we should ask ourselves the following questions: Should there be law enforcement patrols at every trail intersection? Do you see law enforcement every time you drive down the road? The answer, I think to both questions, is definitively no. Our roadways are not enforced this way and I would suspect

enforcing our snowmobile trails in this way would not be the right decision. But much like our roadways, there are a set of laws that outline the allowable and safe operating parameters and conditions (speed, permits, insurance, etc) to access an OFSC Prescribed Trail, and there is a societal expectation that snowmobilers follow them. Regardless of the level of law enforcement presence in your riding area, safety is a shared responsibility amongst all users of our trails, and it starts with each of us.

One of the most common words used to describe Ontario Snowmobiling is freedom - and it truly reflects the experience we enjoy each winter, no matter where we ride. With freedom comes responsibility, so we must continually ask ourselves if we are fulfilling the responsibility in exchange for the freedom we are afforded each winter.

- Do we purchase a permit to legally access the trails? (If you're reading this, we already know you've got this covered so thank you)
- Do we practice zero alcohol/drugs when out on the trails?
- Do we stay on marked trails?

- Do we ride within our limits and the law?
- Do we ensure everyone we ride with is doing the same? (because, if they aren't, ignoring it sends the message that it's okay)

Simply put, if you've answered NO to any of these questions, I would invite you to park your sled and stay home this winter.

During snowmobile safety week last year, snowmobilers were thrilled to see the Ontario Provincial Police announce the use of aviation assets with new camera technology to be able to police the trails from the air. These new initiatives proved highly valuable in raising awareness and chatter on the trails, and made people think twice before breaking laws. Given the success of this initiative, I would venture to guess we will see these assets deployed again this year.

I'll finish with a definitive challenge: I challenge each of you to ensure everyone in your groups gets home safe each time they ride this season. That means we all need to reaffirm our commitment to safety before we hit the trails! GSOM

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## We. Are. Ready (When It Snows, of Course)!

By Ryan Eickmeier, OFSC CEO

30+ grassroots meetings across the province helps develop our 2019/2020 'to do' list

Let me first start by welcoming you, the more than 100,000 snowmobilers who annually enjoy our trails, back for the 2019/2020 Season! By the time this magazine arrives in your mailbox, you'll be absolutely itching to get out and ride. So, I apologize in advance if this article only adds to that anxiousness, but my job is to assure you of one thing: Winter is Coming!

As we did in advance of last season, the OFSC has doubled down on our grassroots beginnings, meeting with riders, our Clubs, and Districts throughout the offseason to help develop a list of priorities for my team to deliver on in advance of the upcoming season. The following is a sampling of key initiatives most relevant to you.

### Support for Snowmobiling from the Province of Ontario

Throughout the off-season, the OFSC has worked closely with the Ontario Government on initiatives ranging from funding to public policy changes, all to the benefit of our industry as a whole.

### Expanded Use of Dealer Plates

In March 2019, I was pleased to stand beside the Minister of Transportation to announce the expanded use of dealer plates that made it easier and more efficient for dealers to transport boats, snowmobiles, and off-road vehicles to customers and recreational shows. Prior to this change, dealers were expected to buy a new trailer plate each time they moved a unit; now, one service plate can be used for multiple deliveries. Simply put, this removed an unnecessary burden on powersports businesses, and is a measurable move that has opened up new customer service opportunities, improved their ability to showcase and exhibit products, and ultimately help grow our industry.

### Personal Trailer Inspection Exemption

As of July 1 2019, the Ministry of Transportation announced that pickup trucks and trailers

for personal use were exempt from the requirements of an annual inspection. This included both the inspection and displaying the yellow sticker as long as the pick up truck and trailer are to be used for personal use. As with the above, the OFSC was pleased to support this change which means less time navigating red tape and more time on the trails.

### Online Driver Training

Originally announced in September 2018, a dedicated team of Driver Trainers, Ministry of Transportation Officials, our online delivery partners, and OFSC Staff spent the last 12 months packaging our course content in to an online format. Thanks to their diligent work, online driver training is now available, and will undoubtedly serve to increase accessibility to thousands of new and prospective snowmobilers.

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### Gift Cards

A long sought after option for snowmobilers across Ontario, Gift Cards are now available to purchase and can be redeemed directly for a permit, locking in the pricing at the time of purchase. This solves the challenges of 1) Not being able to Gift permits to others, and 2) Not being able to take advantage of our early season pricing while waiting for the VIN of your new sled(s). My marketing pitch is simple: Give the gift of snowmobiling this winter!

### Multi-Year Funding

In September 2019, Minister of Transportation Caroline Mulroney announced a multi-year funding agreement of \$500,000 annually towards snowmobile trail maintenance and infrastructure. 100% of this funding will go towards ensuring the long-term sustainability of our trail network, and it provides us



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with predictability and assurances to plan accordingly over the next few years.

### Grooming Fleet Plan

This season marks the first where we can truly tout that our Grooming Fleet is managed with a provincial scope in mind. This means that grooming assets are being allocated based on a variety of critical factors, including traffic, weather, terrain, etc. In short, we are using the data we have available to strategically place new and refurbished groomers where they are needed most. This plan has allowed us to reallocate higher hour units to lower traffic hours, thus extending their life and maximizing our investment in them. This is a critical step in ensuring the long-term sustainability of our fleet and trails.

### Go Snowmobiling Ontario Mobile App

Last year, my team and I were thrilled to be able to introduce a brand new mobile app in time for the start of the season. Based on the 20,000+ purchases, the App was received very well and has become a must have on the trails. As well, we made the commitment that proceeds of the sale of the app would go directly back in to future enhancements, and have done just that. More information on the enhancements you can expect for this season can be found later in this issue, but I am pleased to say that we have tackled the recommendations brought forward,

and expect use of the app to continue to grow this season.

### Expanding our Marketing Efforts

As you can imagine, sustaining more than 30,000kms of trail is a challenging financial task. That's why in advance of and throughout this season, the OFSC has re-committed to the importance of our marketing efforts, locally, interprovincially, and internationally. If we draw a big circle around the Great Lakes region in Canada and the US, we can reasonably capture a large majority of our market. In order to reach this vast audience however, we plan to put forward a mix of radio, television, print, social media, digital, and physical marketing efforts to name a few. The benefit to you? Simple: Higher permit sales means more money on the snow. Our goal is to find the marketing methods that delivers the best bang for our buck, and ultimately allows us to return the most money back in to ensuring our trails remain world class.

In closing, I'll refer us back to the 2019-2020 Winter Forecast from the Old Farmer's Almanac: "Get Ready for Winter's Wallop". I wish you all a safe and memorable riding season on our world class trails!

**Ryan Eickmeier**, *Chief Executive Officer*  
Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC)

## OFSC Tech Talk

**We've come a long way over the last few years and have made, and continue to make, giant strides in having the right technology in place to not only serve you, the riders, but also to collect accurate data to steer the future of our organization.**

Here are a few highlights of where we're at with technology:

- The new OFSC website launched on Thursday, September 26th and continues to be our primary driver for permit sales and all things Snowmobiling in Ontario.
- Permit system launched at 8am on October

1st and we were grateful to have MPP Andrea Khanjin (Barrie-Innisfil) on site for the official kick off.

- The Interactive Trail Guide came back online in November and we thank everyone for their patience and respect for our landowners during the off-season.
- The 2020 Go Snowmobiling Ontario App is now available in Apple and Google Play stores. For only \$3.99/season, you can take the ITG with you, wherever you go with or without cell service.
- The much-anticipated OFSC Permit Gift Cards were launched in October and now provide a way for you to give the gift of snowmobiling or buy your permit before your new sled arrives.
- By the time you are reading this, Online Driver Training will have launched which offers youth a new way to obtain their Motorized Snow Vehicle Operator's License year-round and anywhere in the province with an internet connection. GSOM



## AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR EVERY SNOWMOBILER

For your personal safety and that of your passenger, it's imperative that you know and understand all of the information available at [ofsc.on.ca](http://ofsc.on.ca) and Ontario's Motorized Snow Vehicles Act prior to operating a snowmobile or accessing an OFSC Prescribed Trail. When accessing an OFSC Prescribed Trail, you accept an assumption of risk and the conditions of release and waiver of liability.

Read Waiver on Page 16.

## Now You Know!

**Just in case you haven't been following us online, here are some things you should know:**

- Try Our Trails will not be offered for the 2020 Snowmobile Season.
- The 2019-20 Go Snowmobiling Ontario App is now available in Google and Apple stores. For only \$3.99/season, you'll have real-time access to the latest trail availability information, offline functionality, location sharing and much more! Access to the free online version of the Interactive Trail Guide will be available at [ofsc.on.ca](http://ofsc.on.ca).
- Ontario's Minister of Transportation Caroline Mulroney addressed over 200 members of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs at their annual meeting in Mississauga on Friday, committing to long-term, sustainable funding of \$500,000 annually to support Ontario's snowmobiling industry. Minister Mulroney also reiterated the government's support for online snowmobile driver training and permit vouchers, streamlining processes and cutting red tape. (view full press release at [ofsc.on.ca](http://ofsc.on.ca))

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## OFSC Launches GSO Promoter Program for 2020 Season!

Staff Report

Over the summer we put out a call for applicants for a new initiative we're launching – snowmobilers promoting Ontario snowmobiling. We were pleasantly surprised (and a bit overwhelmed) with more than 200 applicants in the first 48 hours – proof that Ontario Snowmobilers are passionate about what they love most: Winter!

They've invited us to share in their experiences this winter and you'll be hearing all about their Ontario Snowmobile adventures this season and next. Let's meet the 2020 Go Snowmobiling Ontario Promoters!

### Christy Carson

Christy is an outdoorsy girl who grew up north of the checker board in Tobermory. Her love of trails started early and is still going strong today. Christy is a professional photographer with "mad" skills for both portraits and powersports. Christy takes advantage of being her own boss and likes to hit the trails as many sunny bluebird days as possible. Christy recently made the leap from secretary of her club, Stoney Keppel Riders and is the new Club President for this season.



### Darren Watchorn

Darren received his Snowmobile License in 1992 in Temagami. He spends the summer praying for snow like many of us and enjoys making diehard summer fans angry with his constant praise of the snow. Darren relocated to Southern Ontario in the early 2000's but maintains the passion that the north instilled in him. Darren enjoys snowmobiling with his wife and daughters and is passionate about keeping our youth interested in snowmobiling. He believes snowmobiling in Ontario reinforces the Yours to Discover message and hopes to see you on the trails this winter!



### David Myshral

David has been riding with his dad since he was 3 years old.....without revealing his age, that's 41 years of sledding under his helmet! David rides with his son most of the time and likes to stay local to the Kawarthas and Haliburton as much as possible. As good stewards, they bring a bag and pick up any litter they find on the trail to keep the trails in pristine condition. David told me recently that he's still surprised he got selected from our group of applicants but excited to be part of our pilot project this year. Being selected as a Promoter motivated David to volunteer with his son for brushing with the Port Perry Snowmobile Club this fall.



### David Schueler

David can still recount his first time on a sled when he was 10 years old and visiting family in Timmins. David bought his first snowmobile for \$400 – which was apparently maroon and very "bad ass." He became a mechanic so he could save money on the repairs and 'tinkering' of his sleds. He likes introducing friends and family to the sport and



has his 2-year-old helping him out in the garage with the tinkering. May as well start 'em young!

### Gary Porter

Gary has been on a snowmobile since he was 10 years old and still fondly remembers his old beat up 1972 Motoski Capri. He volunteers with the New Dundee Snowmobile Club and shares his passion with his family. Even in the hottest days of summer, he's busy working on snowmobiles and making YouTube videos that have over 1.2 million views and growing every day.



### Jarrett Thomas

Jarrett was introduced to our sport in his adult years. He loves the social aspect and being able to see parts of Ontario not accessible without a sled. He started out riding with some buddies which has now evolved into couple rides, family rides and sharing ride stories while ice fishing. Jarrett can be quoted as saying "OFSC is ahead of the game when it comes to the level of organization it takes to manage such a large province including trails and membership" and we couldn't agree more!



### Jenny Thibert

Jenny spent the first 20 years snowmobiling with her husband as a passenger – until 3 years ago when she decided it was time to take control of the handlebars and lead the way! Her brand-new sled is on its way and Jenny is “stoked to track up the miles this winter!” Jenny believes safe snowmobiling is about staying on the trails and respecting fellow riders and always thinking about who’s coming around the next corner. Jenny rides out of the Kemptville Snowmobile Club and is proud of the amazing volunteers, landowners and riders who fundraised tirelessly over the last decade for a new Clubhouse which was opened in 2017.

### Kelly Kivi

Kelly got back into snowmobiling just 4 years ago after some riding in her childhood. Since being re-introduced to the sport, Kelly has invested in a trailer, 2 machines and a truck so she is always ready to go to the snow! She volunteers with her local club doing trail clean-up and other events and has a new appreciation for the amount of work that goes into our trails year-round. Kelly also takes part in the Huntsville Kelly Shires ride each year. It is one of her favorite snowmobiling events supporting such a great cause.

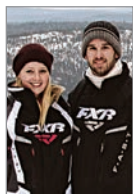
### Nathan Degagne

Nathan does anything to get through the summer and pass the time until winter arrives. He’s been places by sled that he thought he’d never see and enjoys every bit of what snowmobiling in Ontario has to offer.



### Nicole Amos

Nicole and her partner Chris are an adventurous, coffee loving, travel obsessed couple living in Newmarket. Sledding is not only a passion but gives them a sense of freedom to be able to explore areas across our beautiful province not otherwise seen. Their shared passion for snowmobiling and photography are the perfect combination as they love to share unique locations with others through the lenses of their cameras and make people feel like they are coming along for the journey.



### Nunzio Iacobellis

If you follow anything related to snowmobiling on Facebook, you’re likely familiar with Nunzio as he is an active contributor on many forums and groups. Nunzio shares his passion for snowmobiling with his wife and they have traveled all over Ontario...and another province that we’ll leave unnamed. On his bucket list this

year was attending Hay Days and as it turns out, happened to be on the OFSC’s list as well! Nunzio interacts with sledders on a regular basis online and is now Club President of Snowcrest Riders in Gravenhurst.

### Phil Molto

Phil has been sledding since 1973 and still loves to ride. He’s been an active member of the snowmobile media for the last twenty years. Phil is excited to promote our trails but more importantly, our clubs and districts in a very positive manner.



### Rob Raminsh

Rob is a proud and self-admitted Canadian sledhead. When Rob isn’t sledding, he’s rebuilding old sleds in his garage and is on a time crunch now to get his latest project trail ready. Rob enjoys sharing his passion for sledding with his wife and 3 young sons and hopes to encourage other families to join in. He’s anxious to get riding this year and wants to thank everyone at the OFSC for the work that they do.



### Sarah Foote

Sarah likes to keep her bio simple and told us she loves snowmobiling, fishing, boating and snowmobiling. If it’s winter, there’s snow and trails are available – you can find her on her sled.

### Ubay Almssraf

Ubay was born and raised in Baghdad, Iraq and moved to Canada in 2003 and met his wife, Danica who brought him for a trip to her little hometown in North Western Ontario, Sioux Lookout. During a visit to Sioux Lookout in the winter of 2011, Danica took him out to try snowmobiling, and the feeling of joy and excitement that he had on that first ride made him fall in love with snowmobiling and trail riding. Ubay and his wife now live in Sioux Lookout and he has been volunteering and is an active member for the local snowmobile club including his recent appointment to the Executive.



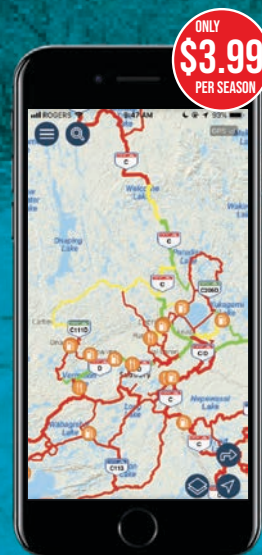
### Vanessa Cartwright

Vanessa got out of the city in exchange for black fly infested summers and minus 30 degree winters of Northern Ontario. Vanessa is a mom of two small girls and works full time in law enforcement. She takes every opportunity to explore Ontario Snowmobile Trails – even if it means wrestling a toddler into a snowsuit.

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# GO SNOWMOBILING & DON'T FORGET TO GO VOLUNTEER

STAFF REPORT

*Volunteerism is at the very heart of our organization and without our volunteers, it would not exist. If you're new to the sport or have been around for a while, you already know just how hard our volunteers work year-round to deliver Ontario's premier winter recreation activity and it doesn't stop there.*

There's no mistaking the volunteering that goes directly to the trails – brushing, grooming, prepping, infrastructure, maintenance etc. but when you volunteer with the OFSC, a district and/or a Snowmobile Club, it's more than this. Our volunteers are active within their communities, host fundraisers for causes like Easter Seals, breast cancer and many others.

Last season, several volunteer stories were shared and a few really stood out and pulled on the heart strings of many of us.

Our friends from L&A Ridge Runners have a landowner who at first was apprehensive about having trails cross their property but are now close friends with the volunteers at the club and even help with negotiations for other land use access. This landowner runs a camp for kids and teens with special needs, learning disabilities and developmental delays.

Camp Kennebec was a summer camp up until 4 years ago when they opened a March break camp and they approached L&A Ride Runners about the possibility of introducing campers to snowmobile riding. Don and Dieter jumped at this opportunity and have just as much fun as the kids do. The volunteers who take part in this heart-warming experience take their time with the kids, many of whom have never seen a

snowmobile, as it can take some gentle guidance to remove some apprehension and nervousness. In speaking with the camp director, I was brought to tears hearing just how special this experience is for the kids, the counsellors and our volunteers.

L&A Ride Runners also run fundraisers throughout the year and donate to Camp Kennebec and hope to continue to do so each year. This is but one example of how our volunteers are committed to “giving back” to those that are not as fortunate within their respective communities. We look forward to hearing about the ride this coming March and the future of this partnership – it's a win for all!

Sometimes volunteering just happens because a snowmobiler needs assistance while out riding and this very thing happened last year to our friend David and his buddy Don who were caught in a storm last winter riding from Hearst to Timmins. As David described it, the trail “had completely disappeared from the accumulation of snow and drifting” and with the cold and weather conditions, the GPS and Cell Phones shut down before any trail guide could load up.

By 4:30pm, the temps were quickly dropping to -30C and the duo headed out in hopes of finding a clearing on their way to Timmins. Don was in the lead (going very slowly) and ended up in the “rhubarb” with what was described as

a “gentle rest.” At this point, David walked around trying to find a safe place to park his sled but found himself hip deep in snow with every step and one point up to his chest and had no choice but to stop walking. For two 60-year-old riders, with “well developed signs of leisure living” the reality started to set in, but they remained calm and focused on finding a solution. Just after 5 pm, they were thrilled to hear sleds coming towards them on the trail – especially when the group of 8 sledgers arrived and were in their 20s and 30s, ½ Don and David's age and in much better shape.

In true Ontario Snowmobile fashion, the group of heroes immediately offered to help. They had tricks for getting through the deep snow (on their knees and shins to mimic snowshoes). Within a short time, Don's sled was out of the rhubarb, they all chatted for a bit and then the group headed off to Timmins before the daylight turned to nightfall.

Don and David want to thank all the sledgers who stopped, volunteered their time and energy to get them on their way and safe at the hotel. Timing is everything and the willingness of Ontario riders to help when it's needed is a true reflection of our willingness to volunteer – it may not always





look organized, scheduled or planned but when help is needed, we do what needs to be done.

With no cell phones, David couldn't capture any photos of the experience so provided us with photos representing 'The Calm After the Storm.' GSOM

*These are only a few examples of ways we can do our part, so we ask you this: In what way do you contribute to Ontario Snowmobiling? The possibilities are endless, and every bit of help can make a big difference!*



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5. This agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and representatives in the event of my death or incapacity.
6. I agree that any litigation involving the OFSC or its member clubs shall be brought within the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Province of Ontario and shall be brought within the Province of Ontario.
7. I further agree that these conditions and any rights, duties and obligations as between the OFSC, its member clubs and the trail permit holder shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and no other jurisdiction. (Refer to ofsc.on.ca)
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2. I understand that I must complete Section I and Section II in order to access the OFSC prescribed trail system.
3. I will ensure that all operators and/or passengers of the snowmobile to which this permit is affixed are made aware of these conditions before accessing any OFSC prescribed trails.
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**General enquiries:** Contact information for the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs can be found on the website: [www.ofsc.on.ca](http://www.ofsc.on.ca).

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7. Weather conditions affect trails, snowmobile operation and operator visibility and they may change without warning;
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9. Operators will stay to the right of the trail notwithstanding that there are no centre lines and operate their snowmobiles with care and control as there may be other users on the trail including non-snowmobilers and trail grooming equipment;
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