

Snowmobile club seeks help with Clubhouse

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The Grey Bruce West/Sauble Sno-Riders want to build a clubhouse and are looking for help from South Bruce Peninsula

The group has been without a clubhouse for a couple of years. Its lease for the land where the former clubhouse was was not renewed.

John Chivers and Brad Casemore of the club were at council's committee of the whole meeting this week to ask council if it could help.

Chivers said the group needs about an acre for a clubhouse and would like to start construction in the fall. They would like it to be central to its trail system, which runs all the way from Allenford in the south to Oliphant in the north, and west to the Hepworth, Clavering and Park Head areas.

The group grooms more than 100 kilometres of trails and Chivers said having a central location is key for the group and its grooming operations.

The clubhouse would include a greeting area, a place to sell hot chocolate, chili and hot dogs, a meeting area and shelter for trail grooming equipment.

Chivers asked for council's help in any way possible, from waiving fees such as severances and building permits to identifying land at an affordable price to an outright gift. The group identified a piece of property the municipality owns on Municipal Rd. in Sauble Beach, that had been previously proposed as a site for a sewage treatment plant.

Mayor John Close said council will have to work with staff to see if anything can be done to assist the group.