



PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

**Recreational use of 6 km of T'Railway in
Town of Paradise**

Report on Survey and Public Forum



TOWN OF PARADISE

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Overview of the Public Consultation

The purpose of this project was to invite public input regarding the recreational use of a 6-km length of T'Railway in the Town of Paradise. The community survey had a very high response (1,168) representing a cross-section of newcomers and long-time residents; the Public Forum was well attended and of the 66a attendees, 21 were non-residents and several represented special interest groups.

The following synthesis of the responses to a Community Survey and the Public Forum. As well, there were comments on the Town Facebook page and two follow-up emails received after the Public Forum. In general terms, the public consultation revealed the following:

- Views were polarized for or against motorized use (strong agreement/disagreement); however, in the written suggestions, there was empathy between the groups regarding recreation opportunities for the other group. This empathy probably stems from the fact that 56% of the respondents use the trail weekly and most are residents of the Town.
- In the survey, the majority preference was to allow motorized use on this section of T'Railway – 56%; this was consistent as the same number disagreed for non-motorized designation.
- There was support to widen the trail to accommodate ATVs and allow use by both users - 51%; there was 54% support for multi-use in the survey (61% in open-ended Question 10 (366));
- If the trail was upgraded for non-motorized use, 51% of respondents (600 people) indicated that it would increase their use of this section of the T'Railway;(Note: for every 3 non-motorized activity there are 2 motorized activities taking place on the trail);
- Currently, 26% of trail users (308) feel unsafe when they encounter ATVs on the trail;
- An overwhelming 69% supported the development of an ATV strategy; and an overwhelming 74% supported more signage to indicate which trails are for non-motorized use or both motorized and non-motorized use;

Perceptions about current trail use and opportunities for future improved trail development for motorized and non-motorized users was obviously not clear to respondents and participants. While the vision for the Grand Concourse standard of T'Railway from St. John's to CBS was acknowledged, there were different views regarding whether this section of T'Railway was truly closing off a vital ATV link or whether very many ATV users used it at all. There were concerns regarding unmet promises made when the T'Railway in CBS was designated non-motorized over 10 years ago. ATVers are still without the promised bypass trail. Paradise ATV users do not want to lose the ability to access trails inside the community and losing this section of the T'Railway represents a bigger agenda: the future of ATV use in the Town of Paradise.

Key questions emerged in the comments: What does each group need and can it be accommodated in an overall trail use approach for the community? Given the urbanization of the Town of Paradise, how

does the Town deal with conflicts between motorized and non-motorized recreation use of trails now and in the future?

Options for the Town to consider:

1. **Do nothing:** Potential outcomes of 'do nothing' approach:
 - the trail will remain un-usable by many cyclists and walkers, both locally and regionally;
 - with a growing population, the safety concern may exceed the 26% reported currently;
 - funding opportunities would go unrealized;

2. **Develop ATV Strategy and make 6 km non-motorized:** Provide support for ATV group to work with the Town to develop a strategy to identify pragmatic solutions to current conflicts and create future opportunities to recognize economic benefits from ATV use. Potential outcomes:
 - ATV users may identify alternative routes that better suit their needs;
 - allows Town to develop T'Railway in 2020 with funding support;
 - enables ATVers to be organized in a manner to address conflict issues and seek funding for ATV trail development;
 - Town of Paradise businesses benefit from spending associated with ATV activities and events held in the Town.

3. **Ban ATV use** on 6 km of T'Railway for safety reasons but identify a **staging area** for ATVs to access the network of trails they wish to get to from Paradise. Potential outcomes:
 - access funding for T'Railway development in 2020;
 - ATVers have a place to access trails legally;
 - addresses safety issue between motorized and non-motorized users;

4. **Create ATV lane on T'Railway** to provide separation from non-motorized users to and include consideration of ATVs in the terms of reference for the proposed Recreation Master Plan for Paradise Park. Potential outcomes:
 - access funding for T'Railway development in 2020;
 - addresses safety issue between motorized and non-motorized users;
 - allow ATVers to access trails that provide links to regional trails;

1. Background

The Town of Paradise wishes to undertake improvements to a 6-km portion of the T’Railway, shown in red on the map below. This portion of the T’Railway is part of the T’Railway Provincial Park and Grand Concourse walkway/bicycle system. Currently, motorized vehicles, such as ATVs and snowmobiles can



use this section of the trail. It is the only section that still includes the original 1 ½” stone and is not up to current Grand Concourse trail standards.

To the east, the Town has already leased a portion of the railbed and designated it as non-motorized. This is part of the Grand Concourse trails system that connects with Mount Pearl and extends to the City of St. John’s as a non-motorized trail system. The west, this portion of the T’Railway connects with the non-motorized Conception Bay South T’Railway Park.

In 2020, the Town plans to complete upgrades to the section of the T’Railway trail within Paradise (McNamara Drive west to the Paradise / CBS boundary).

Funding has been approved by the Trans Canada Trail Foundation to undertake improvements on the condition that the upgrades are for non-motorized use only. If the T’Railway continues to allow for motorized use, then the Town will have to re-apply for funding to upgrade the trail.

As part of the funding process, the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation as the authority responsible for the T’Railway Provincial Park, require that the Town undertake a public consultation prior to making this portion of the T’Railway non-motorized.

The Town of Paradise retained Tract Consulting Inc. to undertake the public consultations regarding recreation use of this 6-km portion of the T’Railway.

2. Consultation Approach

The scope of work for the public consultation approach consisted of the preparation and analysis of a community survey, and hosting a Public Forum regarding recreational use of this 6 km of T’Railway on behalf of the Town of Paradise.

- **The Community Survey**

The Community Survey was posted on the Town webpage on February 15, 2020 and the formal launch by the Town occurred on February 25, 2020. The Town was responsible for communication related to the launch of the survey and ensuring that the residents were informed of the consultation and the opportunities to participate. Copies of the Town webpage, Town Facebook page, three separate notifications in the North East Avalon News publication, and other media coverage can be found in Appendix 1.

The survey closed on March 4, 2020.

A discussion of the Survey results is provided in Chapter 3. The questions included in the survey are provided as they appeared in the survey along a breakdown of the results.

- **Public Forum**

A Public Forum was held at 7 p.m. on March 11, 2020 at the Double Ice Rink Complex in the Town of Paradise. Tract staff were responsible for an overview PowerPoint presentation, hosting the ‘question and answer’ session, and taking notes of the session.

The results of the survey were presented at the Public Forum to allow residents to understand the preferences and issues expressed by the respondents regarding motorized or non-motorized use of this portion of the trail.

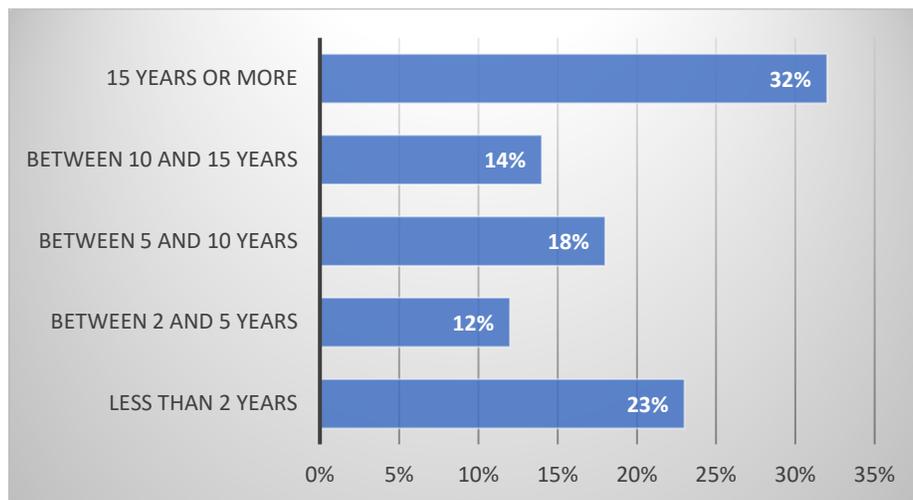
A discussion of the comments at the Public Forum is provided in Chapter 4, and the notes made during the Forum can be found in Appendix 2.

3. The Community Survey

The community survey was focussed on exploring resident preferences regarding recreational use of a 6-km section of the T’railway in the Town of Paradise. This was in support of the Town’s intention to seek funding for improvements to this section of the trail.

The survey had a total of 1,186 respondents. The first question asked respondents ‘how long have you lived in the Town of Paradise?’. As 28 respondents skipped this question, it was deemed that these 28 individuals were not residents of Paradise; therefore, the survey respondents were predominantly residents of the Town of Paradise.

1. How long have you lived in the Town of Paradise?



The respondents represented a good cross-section of residents in the community with 32% consisting of 15-years and 35% representing relative new-comers of less than 5-years residents.

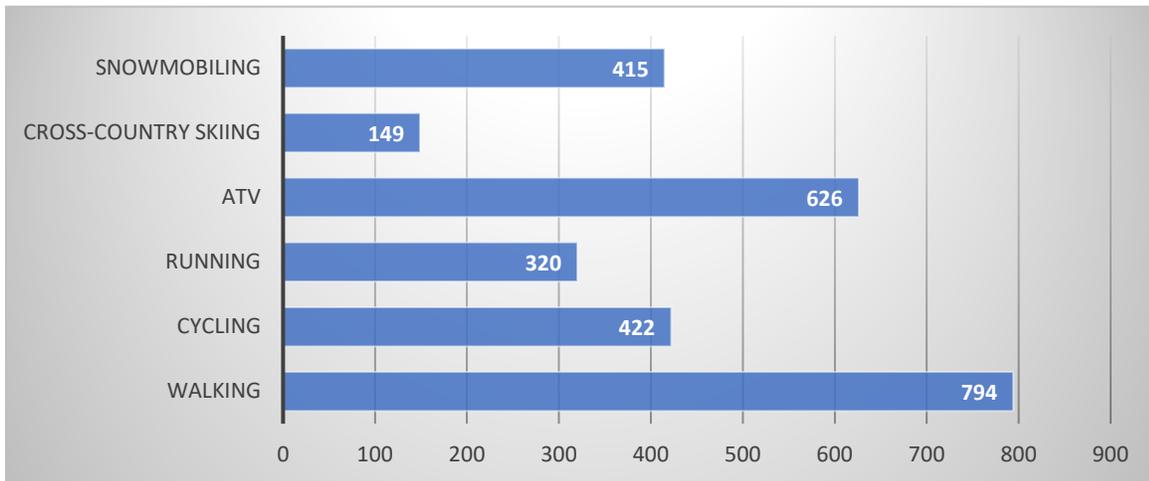
2. Do you use the T’Railway for any of the following recreational activities? (please check all that apply)

For this question, the respondents could indicate all the recreational activities pursued on this section of the T’Railway for a total of 2,726. When comparing non-motorized and motorized uses:

- Of this, 62% of the activities were non- motorized, consisting predominantly of walking (794), cycling (422), running (320) and running (320)).

- In terms of motorized activities, 38% of respondents using the trail for ATV use (626) and snowmobiling (415).
- Overall, for every 3 non-motorized users, there are 2 motorized users.

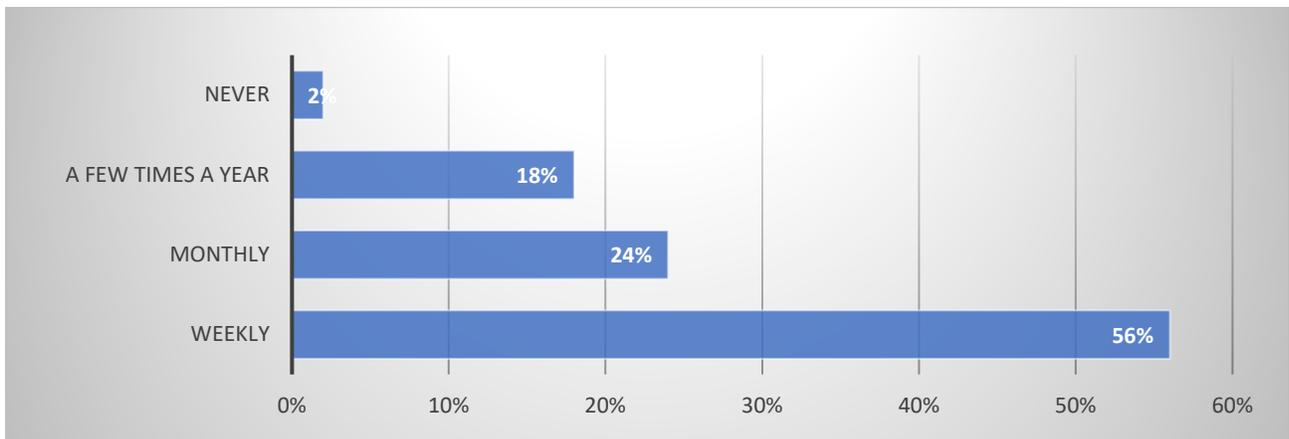
Walking is the most common activity (794 users) and ATV use is the second-most common use (626). The breakdown, by activity, is shown in the following graphic.



3. Do you use this portion of the T'Railway? (Yes/No)

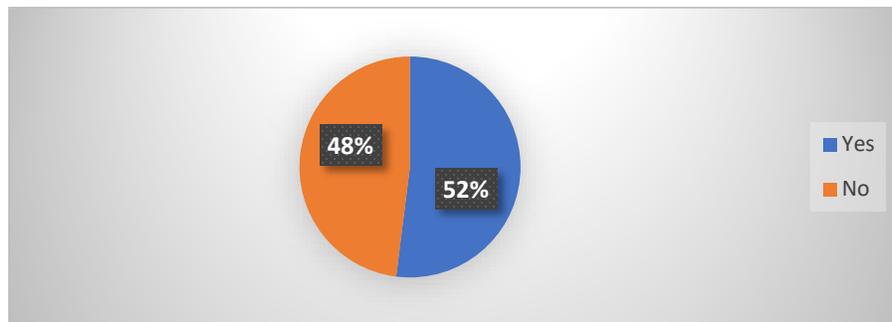
Overwhelmingly the respondents indicated that they use this portion of the T'Railway (95.5%). This provides confidence in the survey as these respondents have first-hand knowledge and experience of this section of the trail. It also helps to explain the number of detailed comments provided later in Question 10 where suggestions for improvements were requested.

4. If Yes, how frequently do you use the T'Railway?



With 56% of the respondents, or 664 individuals, are using the trail on a weekly basis and another 24% use the trail monthly. This is a high level of use on an undeveloped trail. It would appear that the trails provide a recreational opportunity that meets a popular need or preference of the respondents.

5. If the T'Railway was upgraded and made non- motorized, would you use it?



The key to this question is whether making this section non-motorized would increase recreational use.

In comparing the response to Question 6 (2) and 6 (8) there are 14% more respondents who disagree with the trail being designated non-motorized (52% versus 38%) and there are 17% more residents that agree that ATVs should be allowed on this portion of the trail (47% versus 30%).

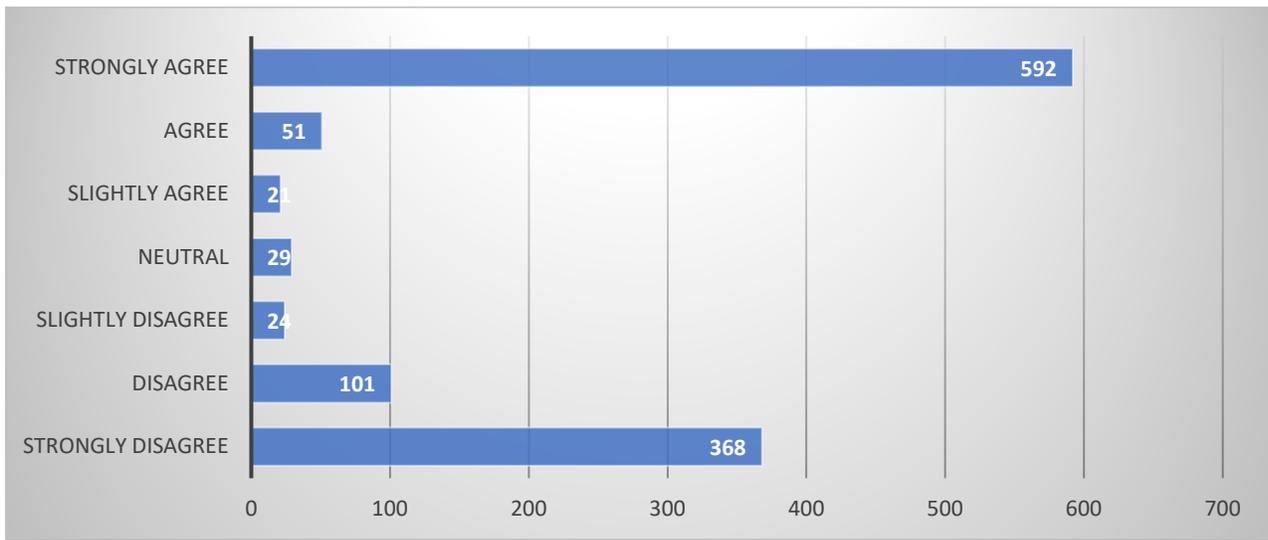
Yet there is a 50/50 indication of increased use of the trail if it was made non-motorized.

Question 6 consists of a series of statements where the respondents are asked to indicate the level of agreement or disagreement on a 7-step scale.

6 (1) This portion of the T'Railway should remain as a multi-use trail for both motorized and non-motorized users

The preferences clearly indicate that this issue is very polarized with only 6.2% of the respondents indicating neutral or a slight preference and 81% indicating a strong reaction.

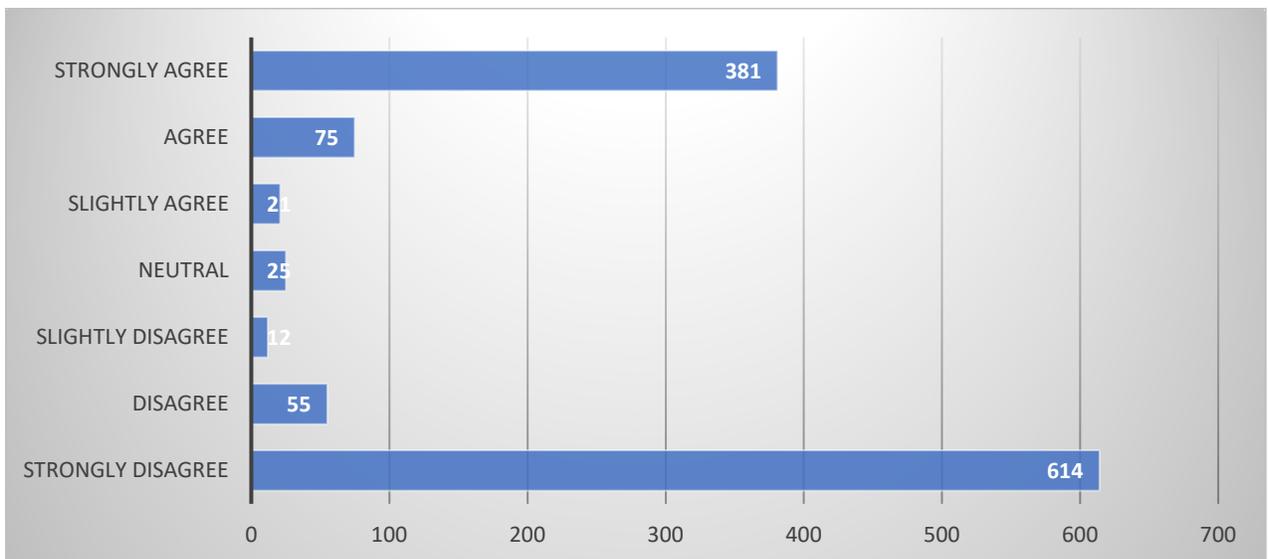
- 50% strongly agree that the T'Railway should allow for both motorized and non-motorized use and a further 4.3 agree for a total of **54.3% in agreement**;
- 31% strongly disagree with a further 8.5% who disagree for **39.5% who disagree**.



6 (2) This portion of the T’Railway should be designated as a non-motorized recreational trail.

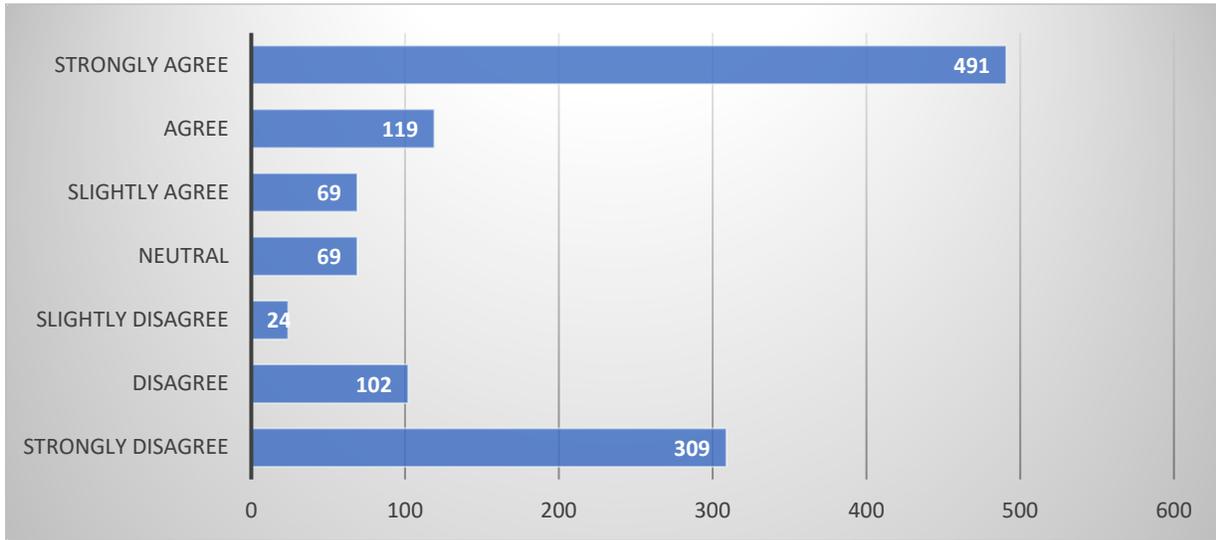
Again, there is a very polarized, strong reaction by respondents to this statement to designate the trail as non-motorized:

- 52% strongly disagree, with a further 4.6% who disagree for a total of 56.6% who disagree; and
- 32% strongly agree, with a further 6.4% who agree for a total of 38.4%.



6 (3) The Town should invest in widening this portion of the T’Railway to accommodate ATV use in order to facilitate multi-use.

- 41% strongly agree, with a further 10% who agree for a total of **51% in agreement**;
- 25% strongly disagree, with a further 8.6% who disagree for a total of **33.6% who disagree**;

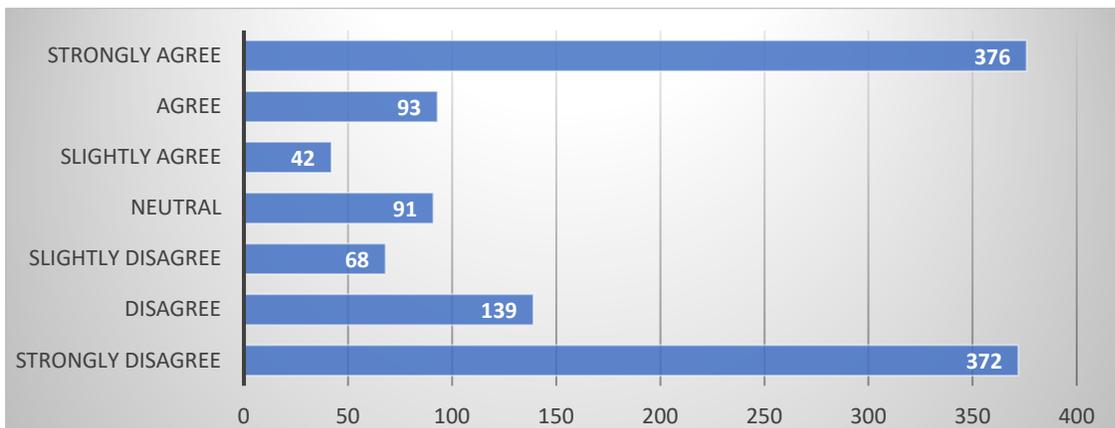


6 (4) It is not safe to have ATVs on the same trail as walkers, cyclists and joggers.

This statement had about the same number of respondents indicating a concern as respondents who did not have a concern for multi-use with motorized and non-motorized users, as follows:

- 32% strongly agree with a further 8% who agree for a total of **40% in agreement**;
- 32% strongly disagree with a further 12% who disagree for a total of **44% in disagreement**;

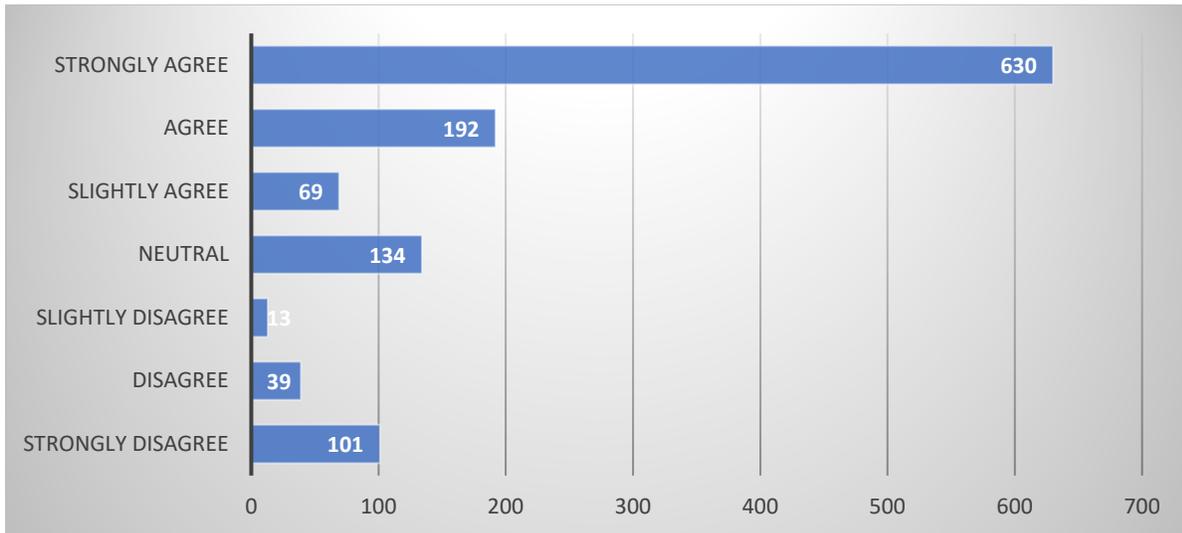
Nonetheless, 40% or 474 users is a high number of individuals who are concerned about the safety of the current mix of activities on the trail.



6 (5) The Town should prepare a Strategy for ATVs in the community.

There is obviously strong support for some way to address the recreational ATV activity in the Town of Paradise.

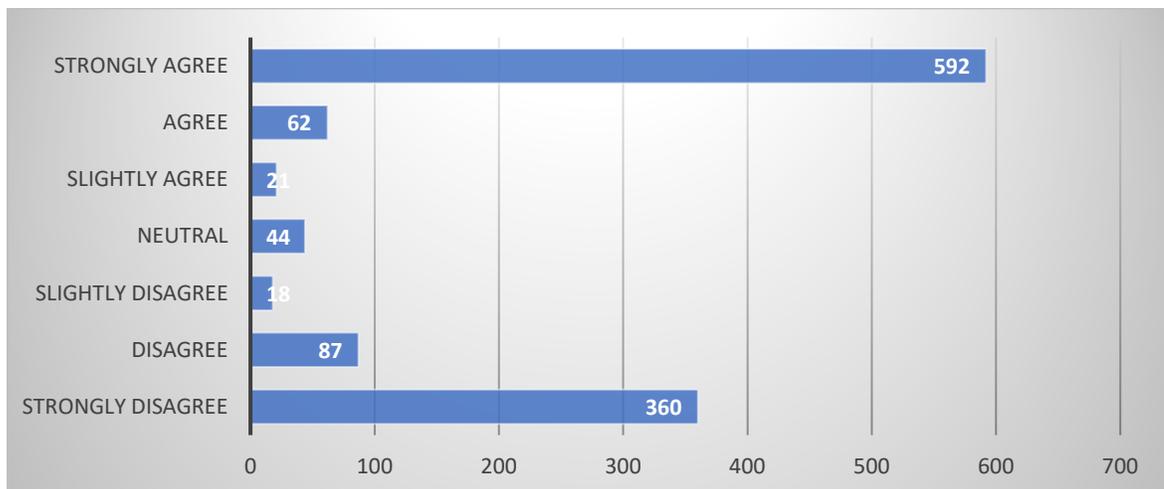
- 53% strongly agree, with a further 16% who agree for a total of **69 % in agreement**;
- 8.5% strongly disagree, with a further 3% who disagree for a total **11.5% who disagree**;



6 (6) ATV use should be allowed on this portion of the T’Railway.

The response to this statement is consistent, albeit slightly milder, than the response to 6 (2), which indicates consistency by the respondents to this survey which predominantly supports allowing ATVs on this portion of the T’Railway.

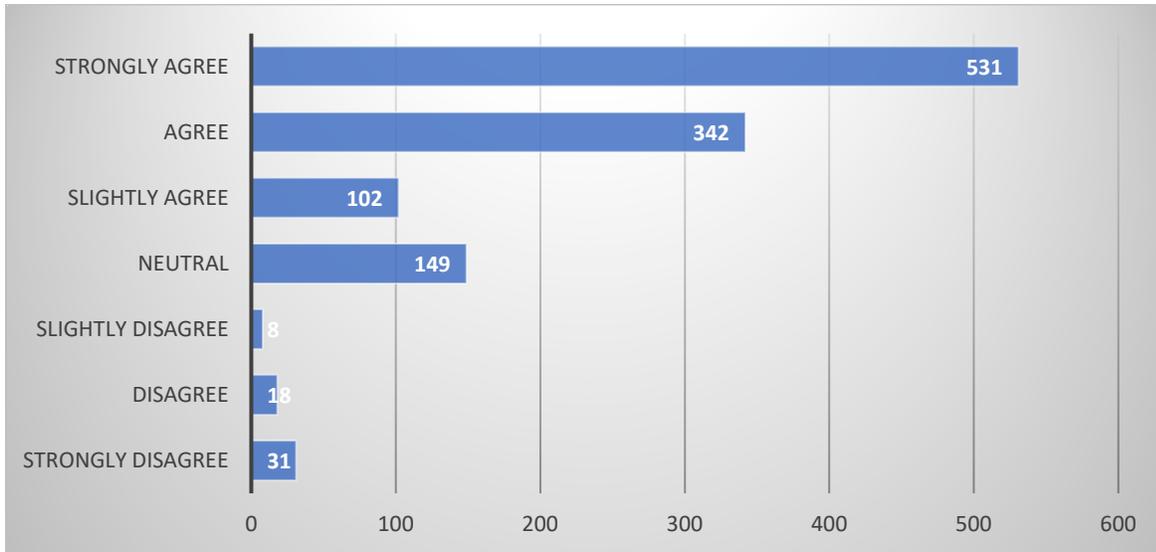
- 50% strongly agree, with a further 5% who agree for a total of **55 % in agreement**;
- 30% strongly disagree, with a further 7% who disagree for a total of **37% who disagree**;



6 (7) The Town needs more signage to indicate multi-use trails or single use trails so that residents are aware of their choices when determining outdoor trail-related activities.

More signage receives overwhelming support by the respondents:

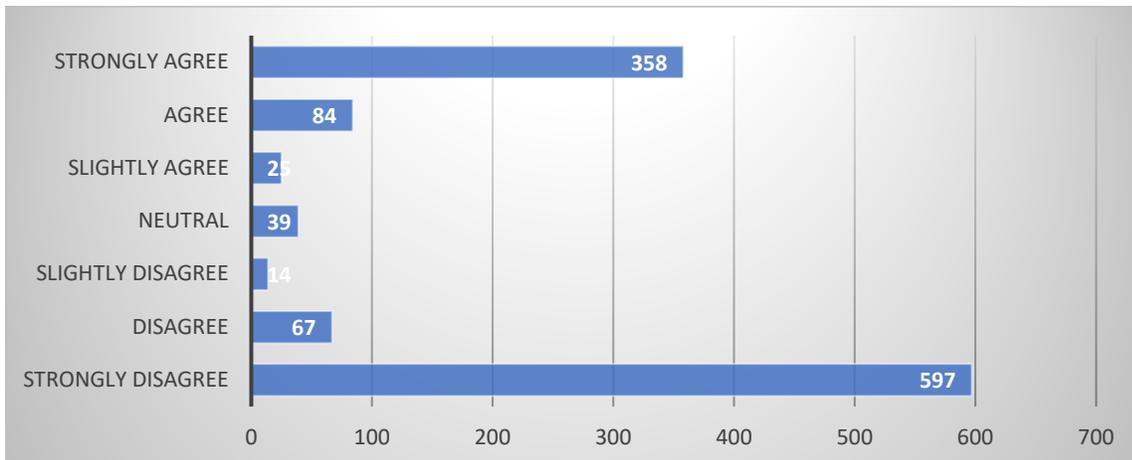
- 45% strongly agree, with a further 29% who agree for a total of **74% in agreement**;
- 3% strongly disagree, with a further 1.5% who disagree for a total of only **4.5% who disagree**;



6 (8) This portion of the T’Railway should be for non-motorized trail use only.

Again, this statement is consistent with the respondents score for question 6 (6):

- 30% strongly agree, with a further 7% who agree for a total of **37% in agreement**;
- 50% strongly disagree, with a further 5.6% who disagree for a total of **55.6% who disagree**;



7. Have you encountered ATV users on this portion of the T’Railway?

91% of respondents indicated that they have encountered ATV users on the trail. Since 91% of the survey respondents indicated that they used the trail, it would be safe to deduce that most of the respondents to this survey used the trail encountered ATVs. Whether these trail users encounter an ATV each time they are using the trail is an unknown; nonetheless, this is indicative that there are a high number of ATV/non-motorized encounters and they will only increase as the population of the community increases.

8. Was there any conflict or negative experience from your encounter with an ATV on this portion of the T’Railway?

26% of respondents, or 308 people, indicated that they experienced conflict or a negative experience when encountering an ATV on this portion of the trail.

9. If yes, to above question: WORDCLOUD of responses

In the WORDCLOUD, the size of the font used with the adjective indicates how often the word was repeated in the answers to this question.

For the 26% of users who had a negative experience with motorized users, speed, driving fast, flying rocks, dust and noise contributed to concerns regarding people’s safety and ability to enjoy the trail. There was a concern regarding a lack of respect for non-motorized users.

10. **Question 10: Are there any suggestions you would like to offer regarding use of this portion of the T’Railway?**

There were 600 entries made in this open-ended question (refer to Appendix 2). In these comments, more respondents continued to express support to motorized use of the T’Railway (43%) and of these 61% advocated multi-use with both motorized and non-motorized users. Overall, 35% indicated that there should not be motorized use.

SUMMARY OF SUGGESTIONS			
CATEGORIES OF ANSWERS		<i>Sub-totals</i>	
• Non-motorized		210	35%
○ No ATVs	183		
○ Non-Motorized – improve trails	27		
• Pro-Motorized		258	43%
○ Support Motorized (ATV) use	87		
○ Multi-use: support motorized and non-motorized use	147		
○ Do nothing (leave as is)	10		
○ ATV only – non-motorized barred	3		
○ Improve trails for both	11		
• Comments ‘not stating’ for motorized or non-motorized		132	22%
○ Safety	32		
○ Signage	17		
○ Improve trail	17		
○ Ban dirt bikes	3		
○ Need strategy for trails (including ‘accommodate Motorized and Non-motorized use – but separately’)	63		(10.5%)
• No comment	50		
		600	100%

Overall, throughout the survey, the responses were very polarized on the issue of motorized or non-motorized use of the T’Railway. However, in the suggestions open-ended question, ATV supporters acknowledged the needs of non-motorized trail users, anti-ATV respondents acknowledged that ‘something had to be done’ for ATV users. Each group expressed concern regarding the level of improvement required for the trail and the impact of different uses on the challenge of maintaining that standard suitable for everyone.

Also, in the comments made by respondents in Question 10, there were a considerable number of lengthy responses which reflected consideration for opposing views. I have selected only 13 of these to illustrate the concerns of the respondents and how difficult it was to ‘categorize’ their preferences.

Representative quotes:

“The large humps and large loose rock make running on this trail very difficult/dangerous. Flattening out the surface and covering it with finer stone like Neil's pond, Octagon pond, or Adam's pond trails would

be fantastic. Restricting access to motorized vehicles will be a challenge, especially if this is their only route out of town. It may be a good idea to do a survey of where these users start and end on the trail way, there may be alternatives that work for everyone.”

“I believe that it can be safe for pedestrians and ATVs to both use the trail, after all walkers, runners and cyclists have to share the road with cars/trucks however I believe that ATV use would damage the trail to the point of making it unusable for cyclists and runners. Even if it were widened to include an ATV lane, I suspect the few bad apples of the ATV user group would not respect it. While were at the upgrades, let’s add some lighting so that we can enjoy the trails even more.”

“If there are concerns with this as a multi use trail, maybe engage other cities (Like Corner Brook) who have a plan and strategy in place to make both walkers and motorized vehicles work on the same trail system. The trail system should be used as an outdoor activity centre for whoever wants to use it. This would make for economic spinoffs for restaurants and other businesses in our community. Don’t let historical precedents overshadow a move forward in our thinking towards activities that are happening around us anyway. Embrace it and make it work!!!”

“If upgraded, it would provide a wonderful, continuous path from downtown St. John's to Seal Cove for biking, running, hiking, etc. It would improve life in Paradise & to residents in surrounding areas. If not restricted to non-motorized use, then Paradise would be an island surround by the communities of St. John's, Mount Pearl and CBS that do restrict motorized traffic. Please let use move forward in the 2020s and show the province that we, too, understand the impacts of climate change and not encourage the use of more motorized recreational vehicles.”

“Don't ban ATV's. A lot of us long-term residents who are now seniors like enjoy using the trail on our ATV's. the town has all the other trails in the woods blocked off so we have no where else to go. Stop discriminating against seniors and atv users.”

“if Paradise chooses to make the trail non motorized then an alternative should be constructed FIRST otherwise we will be in the same position as CBS who promised ATVers an alternative trail and have never delivered”

“Mount Pearl and CBS have made a huge mistake in designating the trails as a Walking only district. Please even though you’re in between them do not follow in their footsteps. stand up, stand out, and show us that you acknowledge ATV riders, snowmobilers etc should have year round access to the trail!”

“If you want a non motorized only trail, don't take away the Atv access from that section of the trail. That's unfair to ppl who use it respectfully, and those who have chosen to live in the area because of the

motorized vehicle access. Take the government money to build or supplement the cost to build an adjacent trail designed for non motorized only. That way it will satisfy the requirement the funding be used for a non motorized trail work only. Now here's the real selling point for that idea; the trail can be designed not only to be non motorized only, but designed in such a way that a motor vehicle would be unable to navigate it. This would surely provide a better level of safety i.e. bottle necks, narrow bridgeways etc. Consult an expert regarding the method of trail design to be most effective. Will it be more costly than just one or the other? Almost certainly, however we are essentially talking about infrastructure, which is always a good investment when properly planned and executed."

"I am very familiar with the portion of the old track in question, from the top of octagon pond west through to CBS. As a cyclist I have used this track for years. The country traveled through on this track is beautiful and I have thought for years that it should be overhauled and maintained as other areas of the track have been. Non-motorized use is the way to go and I strongly believe that use of this portion of the trail for non motorized use will exponentially increase should the town decide to go ahead with this plan. I love this trail and feel that the true beauty of this part of the town is not truly appreciated (only by a small few of us). Would be a major asset to the town if this was completed. ATV riders would suffer in regards to access to major trails but this shouldn't hold back the town in making the right decision to enact the necessary decisions in order to receive this funding. A project like this makes total sense for Paradise, in this age of declining green spaces. PLEASE GO FOR IT!!!"

"Having trailways accessible to ATV users is far bigger attraction than some people realize. I personally use this section of trail on a weekly, if not daily basis in the summer. It is a crucial section of trail that many use to access other trails and I believe it can be a big attraction for people looking to move to Paradise, knowing they have an easy access to other trail systems. I understand peoples concerns about have foot traffic along side ATV traffic but the benefits of this section of trail to ATV users vs the number of people who I see walking the trail, along with all the other walking only trails around the town; i just see this section as very beneficial to ATV users and its removal will be a huge loss to some, while adding one more walking trail will only be a slight benefit for others. What I would like to see is a shared ATV/walking trail throughout Paradise, CBS and into Holyrood. Obviously have an enforced speed limit, and ideally a curb or some divider. I think this would be a huge attraction for our towns. There have been so many trails lost to waling trails in the past 15 years, please don't remove this one as well. Thank you"

"We live in a diverse community and so should this trail be used by many different means. My family enjoy the trail to use with our young children to ride our ATV and Skidoo. We always respect other people including walkers and come to almost a complete stop when passing and we always include a smile and wave which is always returned. We love that we can use the trail and to be honest it was one of the reasons we bought where we did. If the trail is taken form us we would consider moving to a location in CBS where we can regain access.

The town should plan a multi year project to make the trail usable for all parties and this would be a reason to celebrate. We need to be focused on serving everyone with different wants and not focused

on one or two groups. If this was done right Paradise could be a leader and not a follower, that brings our community to the a place where it is inclusive a all types of families who enjoy many different recreational activities.

Do the right thing and have this trail to be used by everyone.

The last thing I will add is there needs to be better monitoring of the trail to deal with the problem kids who disrespect the trail and others using it. These kids should not be given the power to ruin this for everyone and we need to get together as a community to discuss this part of it and come up with solutions to solve it. They are on the roads disrespectful as well as the trail and it needs to be dealt with through law enforcement, closing the trail to motorized vehicles will not solve this part of the problem.”

“I use the T'railway in multiple ways including as an ATV rider however I strongly feel this portion of the trail would be better served as a non-motorized trail so that it can connect with the rest of the T'Railway use in the neighbouring communities. Groomed for cross country skiing and walking in the winter and maintained in the other seasons for cycling, running, walking, etc. Making this section non-motorized will eliminate my ability to use my atv however having the trail upgraded to the T'Railway standard of neighbouring communities of St. John's, Mt. Pearl & CBS will be worth the trade off.”

“If there are concerns with this as a multi use trail, maybe engage other cities (Like Corner Brook) who have a plan and strategy in place to make both walkers and motorized vehicles work on the same trail system. The trail system should be used as an outdoor activity centre for whoever wants to use it. This would make for economic spinoffs for restaurants and other businesses in our community. Don't let historical precedents overshadow a move forward in our thinking towards activities that are happening around us anyway. Embrace it and make it work!!!”

“By eliminating ATV use on the trail you will be forcing users to use alternate routes to use their ATVs, thus introducing other conflicts. The T'railway is the only route that is designated for motorized users, by eliminating this route ATV users are being alienated from participating in their preferred mode of recreation in the Town. CBS eliminated motorized use of the T'railway several years ago and committed to create an alternate route for ATVs, they did not deliver on their promise and now passage through their Town and on to the rest of the province from Paradise has been cut off, and should be a major issue for the Town and other municipalities in the region. I would like to see our Town advocate on our behalf with CBS for passage through their Town and on to the rest of the Province with ATVs. ATVs get a lot of undeserved criticism because of a small group of individuals do not use them on the trails responsibly, however the same distinction isn't made for walkers if young people walking on those trails steal or vandalize property in the Town. There have been many other trails upgraded/created in the town for non motorized users and there is no lack of options for people choosing to use trails in that way, however this is the only trail in the Town designated for multi-use, if this is taken away, ATV users have nothing. My suggestion would be to either have the trails patrolled to eliminate improper use on multi-use trails, or restrict/eliminate non-motorized use of the T'railway to eliminate any perceived safety issue, the walkers have several other tax payer funded options to utilize in the Town.”

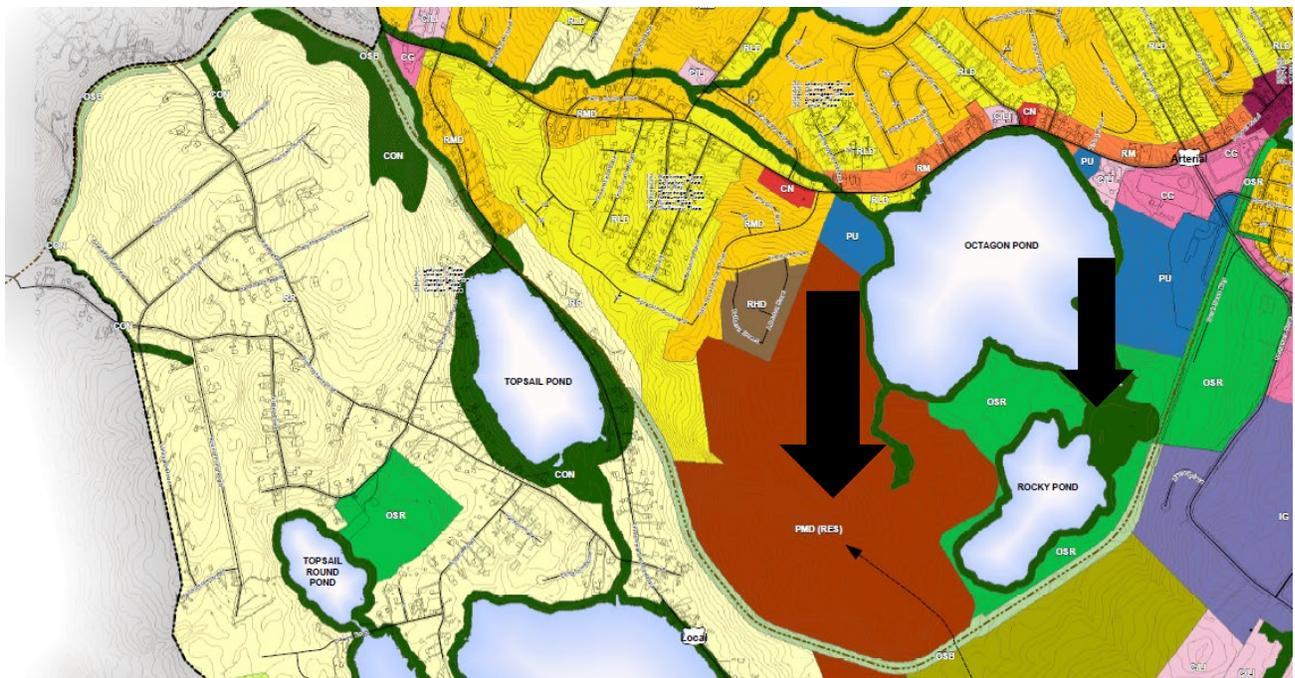
4. The Public Forum

The Public Forum was held on March 11, 2020 at 7 p.m. at the Double Ice Rink Complex in the Town of Paradise. There were 66 people in attendance, of which 21 were not residents of the Town of Paradise.

From the audience, 23 people made comments during the 'Question and Answer' session. Of these, 5 individuals represented organizations, Bicycle NL and the sub-committee promoting Women's Cycling, ATV Avalon, NL ATV, and the Visually Impaired Sport and Recreation Association.

A presentation of the results of the survey was provided by Tract Consulting Inc. In addition to the survey results, Tract provided a context for the 6 km section of the T' Railway.

The Land Use zoning map of the Town of Paradise indicates that the future residential growth area, identified in brown on the map below as the 'Comprehensive Development Area' is adjacent to this 6 km trail. In the future (black arrow) It is anticipated that the residents of this area will potentially become trail users. As well, any nuisance issues related to noise and dust, etc. must be taken into consideration for these future homeowners. The map also indicates the Open Space Recreation area to the east which is slated for community-wide recreational development (with no ATV use) in 2020.



Legend: PMD=Planned Mixed Development; RR=Rural Residential; PU=Public Use; CDA=Comprehensive Development Area; OSR=Open Space Recreation; RMD=Residential Medium Density

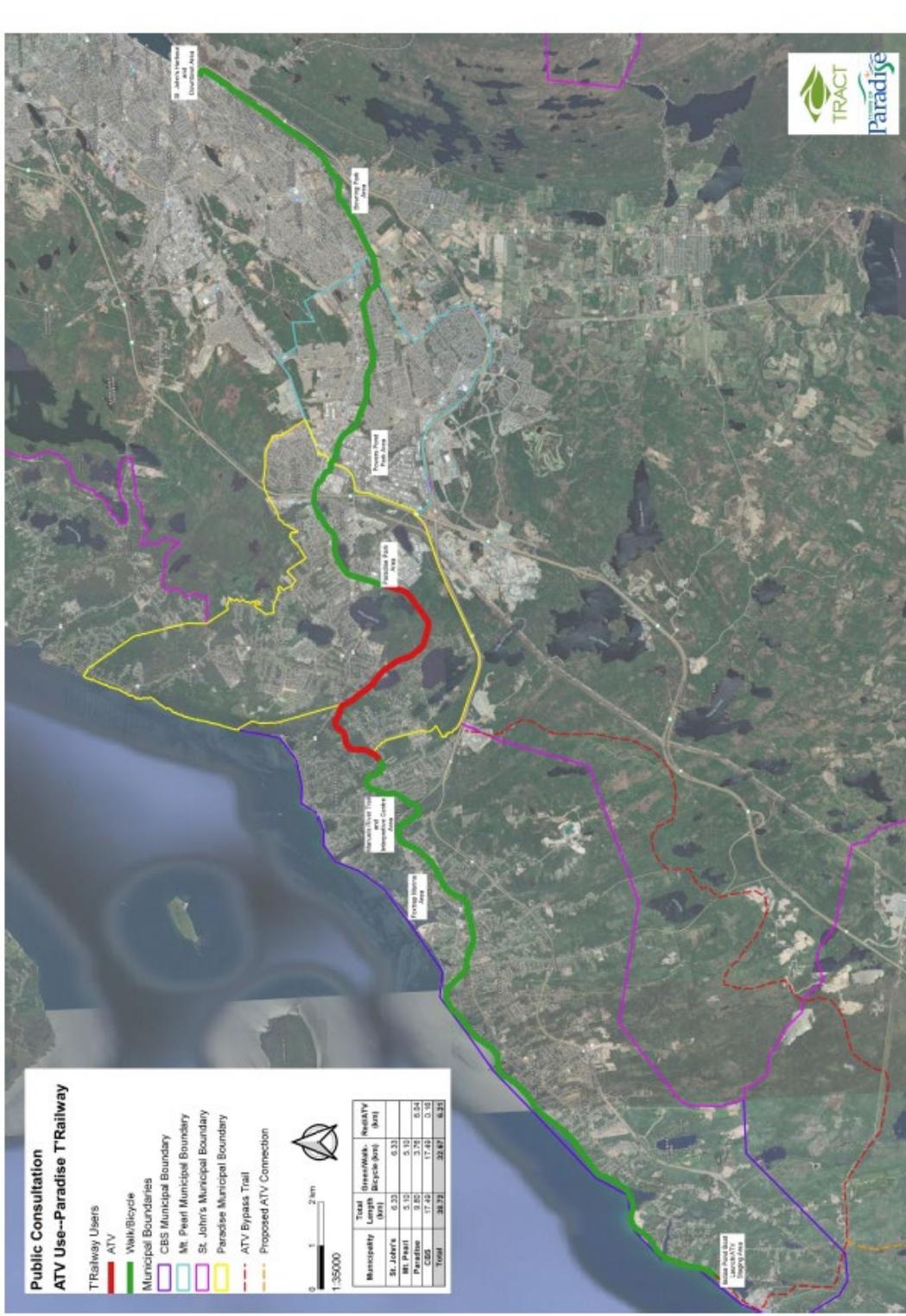
At the end of the presentation, Tract provided a map which showed the current informal ATV trails currently in use – see below. Note that most of these trails are in a road right of way and that ATVs are crossing major roads (authorized under Section 10 of *The Motorized Snow Vehicles and All-Terrain Vehicles Act, 1990*).



ATV Trail
(Informal)

T' Railway

As well, Tract provided a more regional context for the ATV Trails referencing the regional ATV Bypass proposal that would link the Town of Paradise to CBS and Holyrood, as well as the Non-Motorized T’Railway that book-ends this section of trail – as shown below:



There were a wide range of points made by these individuals, from personal encounters on or within the vicinity of the trail to a broader vision of for the future of community trails in a regional context. A general report of the comments was recorded during the meeting and can be found in Appendix 3. Overall, despite strongly differing views, the audience was very respectful and participated in a thoughtful manner.

The following highlights the key points made at the Public Forum:

- Response to survey represents only 5.5% of the total population of the Town of Paradise; and responses to survey could be over-represented by any specific interest group;
- Possible change to approach towards T’Railway uses and funding by groups such as Trans-Canada Trail Foundation;
- Poor current condition of T’Railway section deters many cyclists and walkers who would otherwise use this link between Octagon Pond and CBS – needs to be improved; This also points out the need for more information regarding the potential growth in use of the trail with improvements;
- Question for future research: Did improvements to CBS T’Railway increase usage? To what extent?
- Conflict issues with motorized use affecting non-motorized users and adjacent residential neighbourhoods: Noise, dust, speed, create moguls on trail;
- Willingness to pay for licence if money went to development and upkeep of trails;
- T’Railway provides access to regional network of ATV trails and wilderness outside Town boundaries; This points out the gap in information regarding ATV linkages, use of streets to access trails, non-signed road crossings to access informal, but popular ATV trails, etc.;
- Economic benefit of ATV tourism at local, regional, provincial levels;
- There will be more ATVs as machines become more affordable and as owners upgrade then more second-hand machines available;
- Aging population where more individuals who no longer cycle or walk may use ATVs to access nature; conversely, this aging population might also consist of more individuals looking for a variety of places to walk safely;
- If make T’Railway non-motorized to reduce user conflict, might create conflict as ATVs go somewhere else;
- ATVs and snowmobiles have different issues and/or benefits;
- CBS ATV Committee has been revitalized and Paradise should consider a similar committee or connect with CBS and Holyrood for a broader approach to ATVs;
- Need to do something for ATVers;
- Specific users, such as the visually impaired need a good surface for walking or cycling, particularly if using tandem bikes which can’t deal with the moguls and ruts;

APPENDIX 1 -Publicity related to the Public Consultation regarding
Recreational use of the 6 km of T'Railway in the Town of Paradise

TRailway Consultation

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The Town of Paradise has a number of trails throughout the community. They are popular with residents of all ages, and are used year round for walking, running, cycling, snow-shoeing and cross-country skiing. They promote a healthy lifestyle among residents and help with connectivity throughout the Town.

In 2020, the Town is planning to complete upgrades to the section of the TRailway trail within Paradise (McNamara Drive west to the Paradise / CBS boundary). Funding has been allocated from the Trans Canada Trail Foundation to complete this work. In order to receive the funding, the Town must designate the six kilometres of the TRailway as non-motorized. Currently, motorized vehicles such as ATVs can use this section of the trail, however, ATVs are not permitted on the TRailway outside the Paradise boundary.

We Want to Hear From You

All trail users are important to the Town of Paradise and the Town is seeking input from residents about the use of the TRailway. The Town has hired Tract Consulting for the public engagement work. They will conduct a survey and host a public meeting to gather public feedback.

Survey

The survey closed March 4, 2020.

Public Meeting

Tract Consulting will hold a public meeting to share the survey results and get public feedback about designating the section of TRailway in the Town of Paradise as non-motorized.

The meeting is Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at the Paradise Double Ice Complex.

[Receive Email Updates](#)

Notice in Shoreline on February 18



Swimming Lessons

It's time for Session 2 of Swimming Lessons at the Aquarena. The session runs March 8 to May 3 and is exclusively for residents of Paradise.

Registration opens 12 noon on Thursday, February 20, and is available online only at paradise.ca/swimming



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The Town wants to hear from trail users about the Trailway.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Solicitation #: 20-00-RFQs

Commodity/Service: Request for Qualifications - Public Hearing Commissioner as per the Urban and Rural Planning Act

Closing Time & Date: 2:00 pm (MST) February 26, 2020

The Town of Paradise is calling on interested parties to submit an application for the provision of the above noted services. Packages are available by e-mail at info@paradise.ca. Please contact the Town's Procurement Officer at 782-3534 for additional information.

Applications are to be submitted on forms provided and contained in sealed envelopes, addressed to the Procurement Officer and clearly marked with the Applicant's name and the solicitation name/number as listed above. Submissions must be delivered to the reception desk at 20 McNamara Drive, Paradise, N1, A1L, ONL no later than the closing time and date specified above. A public opening will take place immediately after close. Any submitted application may not be necessarily accepted.



Winter Parking Ban

Residents are reminded that no vehicle is permitted to park on any street within the Town of Paradise from December 1 to March 31, inclusive, between the hours of 1:00 am and 6:00 am, or any time during a snowfall and for twenty-four (24) hours thereafter.

2020 Property Tax Bills

The Town of Paradise 2020 Property Tax Bills have been issued.

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Note that residents 60 years of age or older are eligible for a 10 percent senior discount.

For complete information, visit Paradise.ca/PropertyTax.

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Notice in Shoreline on February 25



Free Public Swim

A free public swim just for Paradise residents at the Aquearena
Saturday, February 29, 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. - includes water slides
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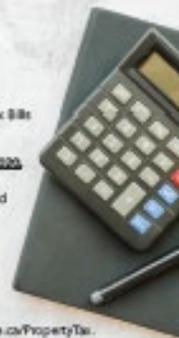
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Local News

Paradise Ponders Banning ATV Use on T'Railway, Seeks Public Input

February 26, 2020 06:28 am



The town of Paradise is considering banning ATV use on its section of the T'Railway system, and is seeking input from the public.

The Trans Canada Trail Foundation has allocated funding to the town to complete upgrades to a section of the trail. However, to be eligible to receive the funds, the town must designate the trail as non-motorized.

The connecting municipalities of Conception Bay South and Mount Pearl have already designated their sections of the trail as non-motorized although parts of the CBS trail are mixed use.

Mayor Dan Bobbett says the trail is used for a variety of activities including snowshoeing, running, cycling and riding ATVs.

He says they want to hear from everybody who uses the trail in order to gauge the best way to meet the needs of residents.

An online survey has been made available on the [town's website](#). After the survey closes the first week of March, the town will hold a public consultation about the issue on March 10th.



Town of Paradise
about 2 weeks ago

T'RAILWAY CONSULTATIONS



[PARADISE.CA/TRAILSURVEY](https://www.paradise.ca/trailsurvey)



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We want to hear from both trail and ATV users in this process and get an understanding of all their needs. The Town of Paradise is known for offering both urban and rural living, and that means balancing the needs of those who enjoy our trail system and those who use ATV.

Take the online survey at: www.paradise.ca/TrailSurvey.

T'RAILWAY CONSULTATIONS



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Ryan Hodder It's a provincial park. Municipal councils should never been allowed to take over sections for town roads and walking trails. Should be muti use right across the province. A 4 ft wide atv and a Walker should be able to coexist on a 12ft wide right of way.... The cross canada trail they are getting funding from allows snowmobile use. Is paradise planning to ban snowmobile use as well?

Like · Reply · 1w



Shayne Bullen Its about time Newfoundland and municipalities get on board with the rest of the the maritime provinces and Canada. Everywhere besides here the atv and snowmobile federations/ clubs play a huge part in the economy. Yet we can have trail to ride on with... [See More](#)

Like · Reply · 1w



Mark Ploughman I just did a scan of Nova Scotia and it doesn't appear that any of their rail bed based trails allow ATV use.

Like · Reply · 1w



Mark Ploughman From the Government's web site: Snowmobiling in Newfoundland and Labrador offers riders coastal journeys with beautiful ocean vistas and exotic treks through untouched forests, over ancient mountains, and along the edges of glacier-carved fjords. With over 5,000 kilometres of trails, and an abundance of accessible backcountry, snowmobiling here rivals anything the Rockies have to offer.

Like · Reply · 1w



Mark Ploughman Nova Scotia only cites 3500 Kms.

Like · Reply · 1w



Shayne Bullen Snowmobiling is not the topic here its ATVS. None of that has anything to do with the avalon peninsula. Outside the metro area ATVS are not frowned upon. Towns are finally starting to see benefit of having them around as do other provinces. How about you have a scan of how many registered ATV TRAILS there are in other provinces and how many Registered clubs and how many members. The economic benefit is huge.

Like · Reply · 1w



Shayne Bullen Mark Ploughman yes because there stilling using rail in parts of nova Scotia

Like · Reply · 1w



Write a reply...



Mike Murphy I don't normally jump in on these things. But I have to say I'm on the fence. I understand that atvs should be allowed on the trails. However if that's the case set a speed limit and enforce it. Especially if it is within the town boundaries. I'm not a... [See More](#)

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↳ 2 Replies



Chris Boyce There are no bike trails except the t'railway. I use this to get from CBS to St Johns and Paradise, to run on and to bike with my kids. this section needs upgrading like the rest of it. I have to skip this section most of the time and take my life into... [See More](#)

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Joanne Brewer Really wish the communities on the Avalon would be as accommodating to Atv users as they are off the Avalon! With the exception of Whitbourne & Holyrood with the restaurants on the railway. We travel a lot in the spring to the fall and don't mind vacationing at home, hotel, food , gas, booze all goes to the local areas that we visit.

Like · Reply · 1w



Kristy Moss I'm not an ATV user but I have to agree that they should leave the railway for ATV users. There are lots of places around the town to walk/cycle. That's just my opinion.

Like · Reply · 1w



Jason Dicks That railway is a huge tourist attraction for atv riders outside of the province. Groups travel from all over to travel the trail. It's too bad those running the show would sooner appeal to a handful of runners than working to jump on the opportunities surrounding atvs.

Like · Reply · 1w · Edited



Josh Smith We're already limited as to where we can go, with having the old railway system cut off as you enter CBS. This stretch in Paradise is basically the only way to access trails outside the city via the side/ditch of Peacekeepers Way and the TCH. Pedestrians and cyclists have all kinds of trail systems around. Leave the railway as is.

Like · Reply · 1w · Edited



Paul Smith Josh Smith agreed.

Like · Reply · 1w



Tina McDonald Josh Smith that's simply not true!

Like · Reply · 1w



Write a reply...



Trista McGrath Paradise you always seem to disappoint! Maybe take your funding and start saving for a facility for our kids to swim. The options for atvs are terrible and now your attempting to pull what's left. An atv and pedestrian can both enjoy it as it is. Altho...
[See More](#)

Like · Reply · 1w · Edited



Cassandra Brake I walk/snow shoe on this section of the trail way all year round at least weekly and have never had an issue with a snowmobiler or ATV. I enjoy having 'untouched' trails in my back yard. It's nice to feel like you are leaving the urban area and getting back to rural. I think it's fine the way it is. Survey completed!

Like · Reply · 1w



Paul Heffern No, towns should not be allowed to change this and it should stay as it is right across the province. There are always some that want to ruin it for all.

Like · Reply · 1w



Chris Roberts One of the few remaining access points for motorized vehicles in Paradise. Keep it multi use.

Wondering if there have been any vehicle pedestrian accidents on the tracks the town is aware of....doubt it.

Like · Reply · 6d



Tina McDonald I participated in the Trans Canada Relay in 2000. The T'railway was never meant to be used by motorized vehicles. There are many trails around and outside the city that ATV's can use. There's no shortage of them, but There are very few safe places left... [See More](#)

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Josh Smith Tina McDonald I think you're a little misinformed here. The stretch of railway in discussion is currently allowing the operation of motorized vehicles and always has since the tracks came up. We aren't trying to take back a section that's already been ... [See More](#)

Like · Reply · 1w



Tina McDonald Josh Smith has paradise ever encouraged ATV use? No, because small town mentality is not prevalent there. It is a rapidly growing municipality. Let rural Newfoundland benefit from ATV tourism. They need it more than we do. People don't normally book a... [See More](#)

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Josh Smith You're right that is why I'm upset. This consultation is just a formality that they are required to do. The decision has been made clearly. But I'd have to disagree in that small town mentality is here whether you agree or not. I'm one of many many peo... [See More](#)

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Tina McDonald Josh Smith also, you are a bit misinformed because the Trans Canada Trailway extends from St. John's to Victoria BC. It is different than other old railway beds in the province. It was meant for hiking, biking, snowshoeing and skiing. It was renamed Th... [See More](#)

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Adam K Hindy Just start using the roads if they take away another section. Honestly leave the trail as multi use. Put up proper signage and start to trend. So many non residents come to NL each year to travel the island via atv which is fantastic.

There are endless places for ppl to walk and they still can here.

Like · Reply · 1w



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Kris Green Adam K Hindy set of pirellis comin right up 🙌🙌

Like · Reply · 1w



Adam K Hindy Kris Green it's bs if they get away with this

Like · Reply · 1w



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Write a reply...



Leo Sears Open it up and put enforcement on the trails I see like 5 enforcement trucks 100 times a day driving around paradise getting paid lol should have tk buy a trail pass to keep trail maintenance up and put posted signs up anyone caught going limit or doing stupid things should loose the bike and privileges to use the trail more they block off more people gonna be calling and complaining about bikes in the road I think

Like · Reply · 1w



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Albert Gibbons Great to hear from all the ATV owners! Sadly I don't own one or agree with their use inside municipal boundaries! You don't see idiot walkers on trails but you do when it comes to ATV's! Some ATV owners give them to teenagers to drive in our municipalities. Even when there are trails how do they get there when they leave your driveway? While most are responsible users, there are a lot of idiots using them as well.

Like · Reply · 1w



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Shayne Bullen Albert Gibbons it is sad that you dont own one. Also It is sad that you dont see the economic benefits that would spin off from allowing atvs use in municipal boundaries. ATV clubs, federations would bring major tourism to this side of the province. We need to get with the times a follow suit with the rest of canada.

Like · Reply · 1w



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Shayne Bullen Once again it's just like the smoking. It's people that dont smoke who set the rules for people that do. It's people who dont own atvs who set rules for ones that do.

Like · Reply · 1w



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Top Fan

William Gallant [Shayne Bullen](#) corner brook has seen a significant increase in hotel rentals, fuel, food establishments and all that the ATV community has to offer back. Its here on the Avalon they can't get their heads out of their asses and see the benefits.

Like · Reply · 1w



Shayne Bullen [William Gallant](#) yeah its unbelievable. Sickening really

Like · Reply · 1w



Top Fan

William Gallant [Shayne Bullen](#) yes sir.

Like · Reply · 1w



Robert Pike [Albert Gibbons](#) the best thing CBS ever did was ban motorized vehicles on the railway!

Like · Reply · 1w



Ron Power Using your logic Albert Gibbons be a shame to ban hunting because some idiots own guns wouldn't it? I mean most gun owners are responsible, but not all. Would it be fair to you to have a gun ban put in place because some people don't use them properly? Or ban hunting altogether because some people poach? You'd be singing a totally different tune then I'd bet.

Like · Reply · 1w



Albert Gibbons [Ron Power](#) guess what, you can't hunt in municipal boundaries? How you associate the two is amazing! I also agree that guns and hunting should be banned on all trails within municipal boundaries! That should cover it!

Like · Reply · 1w



Ron Power [Albert Gibbons](#) you totally missed my point apparently. Have a good day sir.

Like · Reply · 1w



Cody Cooke If it wasnt for the amazing access to the trails/woods for my atv and snowmobile I doubt I'd even be living in NL ...

Like · Reply · 1w · Edited



Colin Stuckless Folks, take it from the people who went through this in CBS - this is a checkbox exercise to record that a consultation happened. In order to receive the funding, ATVs need to be banned, it's a condition of getting the money.

In CBS the same Tract Con... [See More](#)

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Randal Power If you can workout a secondary route for ATV use in the are by connecting some of the other existing trails in the area it might let you get the best of both.

Like · Reply · 1w

↳ 1 Reply



Walter Wilkins Hey from Prince Edward Island! I've been wanting to use my adventure motorcycle along the T'Railway for a while. My understanding is that parts of the T'Railway that is permitted and other parts it isn't? Fine with me. The only thing I'd ask is that the rules are clear and consistent.

Like · Reply · 1w



Derek Galway A good investment in the health of people. We could definitely use more safe bicycling trails.

Like · Reply · 1w



Eric Watton Is this still the T'Railway Provincial Park? If so, Provincial Parks under the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation likely has jurisdiction with legislation. If not, who knows...the Town of CBS I guess.

Like · Reply · 1w



Steve Davis Leave it multipurpose.. enforce it. Wheels yield to heels.. and we all win.

Like · Reply · 1w



Leo Sears It's multi purpose use right now everyone goes on it anyway and u don't catch any of them because everyone dose it so just open it up and by rights there not even aloud to block it off the federal government owns it

Like · Reply · 1w



Calvin Baldwin I'd say leave it open for atv use.. it keeps them off the roads and easier access to trails.

Like · Reply · 1w



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Joan N Pete There is lots of trails for walkers and bike cyclists leave the railway bed for the atv

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Mark Ploughman From above:

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Tina McDonald **Mark Ploughman** I also enjoy ATV's but people are also forgetting that the Trans Canada Trailway, also known as The Great Trail is a trail that extends from St. John's to Victoria, BC and was never intended for motorized use. That's why they don't fund ... [See More](#)

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Mark Ploughman I couldn't find any rail bed based trails in Canada that would allow ATV's. Some are suggesting that other provinces allow it. There's no evidence to support that assertion.

Like · Reply · 1w



Tina McDonald **Mark Ploughman** Yes, you're right. This is the only province that allowed it. The TCT extends across the province for approximately 1400 kms and Newfoundland kept approx 30 kms as green space. And now we are asked to give that up.

Like · Reply · 1w



Jason Dicks ATV riders want to get to trails. We don't want to be riding roads or trying to get around barriers.

Yes, it's great to have walking trails...I too enjoy walking...but to turn every traditional atv trail into a walking trail is a bit much....

[See More](#)

Like · Reply · 1w



Christopher Robin Done and posted.

Like · Reply · 1w



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William Gallant This is ridiculous. Gonna have to trailer an hour to access any riding trails. May as well spend my money on services outside metro, buy atv outside the metro area which then leaves us to purchase fuel outside the area. Win win for power sports within...
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Mark Downey **William Gallant** they have their mind made up already, just doing their due diligence to seem transparent to the community. Little do they realize that limiting access is causing more problems. Rider education and signage would give a better result than taking trails that some of us go out of our way to fix and maintain.

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William Gallant **Mark Downey** yep. True dat

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William Gallant **Tina McDonald** why keep it outside metro? I like to support the community I live in. Why should I have to trailer 40 minutes to enjoy riding.

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Tina McDonald **William Gallant**

How are you supporting your community by using a section of the T'railway to connect with another section outside city limits? Are you helping your community by booking a hotel room, or eating at a restaurant? Seriously, I'd really like to know how you're supporting your community because perhaps I'm misunderstanding your point.

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Tony Roestenberg Cochrane Pond? 10 minutes away.

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William Gallant Tina McDonald no I'm not. But I'm buying fuel, service on my ATV, parts for my atv. By allowing access to the community will also bring tourists riding their ATV into the community. Therefore they will be booking hotels, buying from local restaurants ... [See More](#)

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William Gallant Tony Roestenberg yes it is only 10 minutes away. But if they continue to close the trails. That's as far as we will get. They complain about use on roads. Stop taking away trails that's been there since the 3 wheeler days. People won't be forced to use the road if there is a trail system within the community.

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Brad Delurey Cant you take your pedal bike to cochrane pond if its only ten mins away ?

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ATV users concerned about potential loss of T'Railway access in Paradise

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A public consultation will likely decide whether ATVs and other motorized vehicles can continue to gain access to the T'Railway within the municipal boundaries of Paradise. SaltWire File Photo

Town says outside funding contingent on keeping motorized vehicles off trail



PARADISE, N.L. — The Mayor of Paradise says he wants to hear from all local users of the six-kilometre stretch of the T'Railway Provincial Park as the municipal government considers the possibility of keeping motorized vehicles off it.

"We want to hear the input from all the users, the responsible ATV users and also the other users of the T'Railway — the bikers, the fat-bike association, the runners, the joggers, the snowshoers, all those," Mayor Dan Bobbett told The Telegram.

A public consultation is underway on a proposal linked to \$161,000 in funding from the Trans Canada Trail Foundation. According to the town, Paradise would need to designate it as a non-motorized trail in order to receive this money. Currently, it is a multi-use trail. The total budget for the planned upgrade is approximately \$600,000.

T'Railway Provincial Park stretches along the main line of the abandoned rail bed from St. John's to Port aux Basques, spanning almost 900 kilometres. It's part of a national system known as The Great Trail.

Bobbett said the province told the town it must conduct a public consultation before making any changes. An online survey can be filled out on the town's website, and Tract Consulting will hold a meeting to share survey results and get more public feedback before council makes a decision on the matter.



Rick Noseworthy is the president of the Newfoundland T-Railway Council and the Avalon T-Railway Association.

Public reaction

The town shared news of the public consultation process on its Facebook page Feb. 25. Reaction to the proposal was swift, with many ATV users suggesting it should remain a multi-use trail.

Rick Noseworthy, the president of the Newfoundland T-Railway Council, which represents the core user groups of the provincial park — hikers, bikers, horseback riders, cross-country skiers, ATV users and snowmobilers — says he would like to see the Paradise portion of the trail remain a multi-use one.

"Unfortunately, the way this is playing out is that they're pitting ATVers and motorized against non-motorized, and that shouldn't be the way it is," said Noseworthy, who is also the president of the Avalon T-Railway Association. "We live in harmony throughout the rest of the province. Why is Paradise going to be this way?"

Noseworthy also questioned the municipality's suggestion the Trans Canada Trail Foundation funding is contingent on the non-motorized designation.

"We live in harmony throughout the rest of the province. Why is Paradise going to be this way?" — Rick Noseworthy

"Our executive director was talking to Trans Canada Trail as early as last week, and we're of the belief and we were told that that money is not contingent on being non-motorized," said Noseworthy. "The Town of Paradise are saying it is. In defence of them, four years ago when that money was allocated, at that time it may have been."

A Trans Canada Trail spokesperson confirmed to The Telegram that the program the Town of Paradise applied for funding was specific to what it classifies as greenway development.

"We are encouraged that the Town of Paradise is considering the option of designating this section of the Newfoundland T-Railway as a greenway and we hope to see this project become a reality," the spokesperson said in an emailed statement, adding the organization is pleased the town is holding a public consultation on the matter.

Trail system

The St. John's, Mount Pearl and Conception Bay South portions of the T'Railway are already non-motorized, thus leaving the stretch of trail in Paradise connected to a pair of municipalities that only permit non-motorized access.

Noseworthy says an agreement was made with Conception Bay South whereby all interested parties would work on establishing a new trail for ATVs and snowmobiles. He serves on an advisory committee, which has identified a potential route.



Paradise Mayor Dan Bobbett. — TELEGRAM FILE PHOTO

Noseworthy says Paradise could instead look at twinning the trail to permit multi-use access or, at the very least, commit to developing a trail somewhere else in the community for motorized access. He suggests that should be done with an understanding ATVs and snowmobiles could continue using the T'Railway until the new trail is developed and ready to use.

Bobbett said the town is interested in hearing about solutions and ideas from residents.

"What we're saying is we want to hear from the responsible users. We want to hear those people that are presently using it right now and see if there's an alternative. Maybe there's another location in the town where you can access trails other than the Trans-Canada Trail."

Bike rider's perspective

Christopher Boyce uses the T'Railway regularly to bike from his home community of Conception Bay South to Paradise and St. John's. He said the Paradise stretch, as it stands, is not in very good shape and he would welcome any upgrades. He also uses the T'Railway for running and biking with his kids.

"Living down in C.B.S. here, before the section of trail down here was fixed up, it was a mess and nobody used it. ... Hundreds and hundreds of people are out on the trail all the time, and it's become a fantastic resource and made the livability of the town so much better," Boyce said.

"...it's become a fantastic resource and made the livability of the town so much better." – Christopher Boyce

However, he says it is important to balance the needs of all users. Boyce said it would make sense to try to find an alternative option for motorized trail users if the Town of Paradise proceeds with the change.

"If it's a resource that I was using and I was being kicked off of, I'd be annoyed," he said. "I can sympathize with the ATV community, (which) has been kicked off the rest of it in C.B.S. and St. John's and Mount Pearl."

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APPENDIX 2 – Record of Comments for Question 10 of the Survey

Q 10: Are there any suggestions you would like to offer regarding use of this portion of the T’Railway?	
Respondent s	Responses
1	If the trail becomes multi use, safety will be the most important thing for all users, signage would be needed to stress being respectful of all users of the trail.
2	Separate walking/running trail along the trail way.
3	Just need to enforce the use a bit more. More signage.
4	You seemed to have missed the main point to address in your survey. You need to remove the railway rock and make this trail section usable for peddle bikes, runners, etc, the current grade/terrain/yes-mans makes it extremely difficult to bike. If developed your other section, we could peddle with ease to CBS who has. A great trail. If it can be widened for ATV’s too, that may work with strict rules and separation but currently it is deemed too difficult and a missed opportunity for the town. Get it graded for mountain bikes, and hurry! Tks
5	Nil
6	Only that I would love it to be upgraded for non motorized use.
7	I would love for this portion to be graded with terrain more suited to running, walking, etc. It would enable users to be able to safely exercise without having to use Topsail Road. The groomed trails in Paradise are a valuable resource and attraction for many races - this would enable the town to expand offerings. It would also encourage more exercise which is much needed in our province.
8	The large humps and large loose rock make running on this trail very difficult/dangerous. Flattening out the surface and covering it with finer stone like Neil's pond, Octagon pond, or Adam's pond trails would be fantastic. Restricting access to motorized vehicles will be a challenge, especially if this is their only route out of town. It may be a good idea to do a survey of where these users start and end on the trail way, there may be alternatives that work for everyone.
9	Should support all outdoor enthusiasts. Both motorized and no.
10	Try and accommodate both, most users are respectful
11	take the \$ offer and make it 100% non motorized
12	upgrade trail west of Octagon Pond
13	Groom the trail for walkers and cyclist, no motorized vehicles, the same template as CBS and st johns. Have a contiguos trail from Seal Cove to the Prossers rock boat basin
14	The Trail way should be consistent with the CBS and St. John’s sections. This only makes sense
15	The path should to be graded to match CBS and Mount Pearl. I would also like to see a trail linking existing atv trails to facilitate recreational options.
16	Grading the path like in CBS and Mount Pearl would make cycling along this path much more enjoyable.

Q 10: Are there any suggestions you would like to offer regarding use of this portion of the T’Railway?	
Respondent s	Responses
17	No motorized vehicles allowed
18	Have a plan or specific use that can accommodate both
19	If upgraded, it would provide a wonderful, continuous path from downtown St. John's to Seal Cove for biking, running, hiking, etc. It would improve life in Paradise & to residents in surrounding areas. If not restricted to non-motorized use, then Paradise would be an island surround by the communities of St. John's, Mount Pearl and CBS that do restrict motorized traffic. Please let use move forward in the 2020s and show the province that we, too, understand the impacts of climate change and not encourage the use of more motorized recreational vehicles.
20	It is illegal to use ATV on the road so how to aTV users get to the trail way??
21	It doesn't make any sense that a significant non-motorized recreation asset from St. Johns to almost Seal Cove. is split in two by the Paradise section. It is not inclusive for barrier free access or for families with young children.
22	I would like to see this portion upgraded to integrate with the other trails for non motorized use. I believe it will be a great asset for the town
23	Widen so walkers runners and cyclists can use the T’Railway. No to motorized vehicles.
24	I don't believe one can avail of any atv trail at either end of this section so why not upgrade and exclude.
25	Explore further options to upgrade this section of the Trail to make it enjoyable for everyone, Recreational Vehicle users should not be discriminated against, there are many pedestrian only trails in Paradise already. During the winter months, if it were not for snowmobiles, many of the people walking this section of Trail wouldn't be able to, it is the snowmobiles that pack the snow down, making the Trail walkable as most users do not use snowshoes on this section.
26	It would be great if portion of trail between McNamara Dr and CBS was upgraded so that no longer rocky and undulating as well as trees impinging. Use it now at times but it's not at all to an acceptable standard.
27	Remove the gravel that is currently on the trail and replace it with a finer material or less of the current grade of gravel, to make it easier for cycling. I have used the trailway to cycle from Topsail Pond to St. John's, however the excess gravel from Sobeys to Topsail Pond makes it very difficult to cycle.
28	The trail should remain a muti use trail, closing the trail to ATVs will effect the number of people who walk the trail

Q 10: Are there any suggestions you would like to offer regarding use of this portion of the T'Railway?	
Respondent s	Responses
29	We need to promote non -motorised activities within safe community available conditions as a priority , ATV's don't mix with this at all and they are not sensitive to walkers especially seniors who try to use Paradise related trails in a community spirited manner promoting healthy and environmentally sensitive use
30	I would be nice if a track was made on the edge of the trail for cross country skiers and advising users to not destroy it when they are walking or snowshoeing. I do believe Pippy Park or Butter Pot Park has this in place. Also during the summer and winter there needs to be more supervision done to ensure those walking their dogs clean up after their dogs. Hats off to the elder couple I see every now and then walking the trail and cleaning up after those who refuse too.
31	I'd like to see the Trailway maintained for cross island tourism paradise is expanding with very little consideration for non-motorized trails and walking and biking infrastructure
32	We as snowmobilers n atv'ers use it to access places like paddy's pond northern pond n other areas from our residents. We also accommodate the walkers n snowshoers when passing them by slowly passing by n moving over .. these walkers in my experience have always given a smile n wave as we go by n those with their pets refuse to pick up their pet doo n have no room to complain .. these trails are not fit to walk in a lot of places due to this n the disgusting fear of walking in it
33	I'm hoping it will be a similar grade of trail as the CBS portion of the railbed
34	Don't ban ATV's. A lot of us long-term residents who are now seniors like enjoy using the trail on our ATV's. the town has all the other trails in the woods blocked off so we have no where else to go. Stop discriminating against seniors and atv users.
35	Walkers need to keep their dogs on a leash, pick up after their dogs and be considerate to other users of the trail. Accommodating ATVs and snowmobiles is important for residential influence, and continuing to bring new home owners to the town. It does not have to be one or the other with the trail, no matter who makes the most noise
36	I personally don't use an ATV but I do skidoo...personally I feel if you will upgrade the trail ATVs may ruin the trail but skidoos don't do that in the winter. My fear is all motorized vehicles will be band and we skidoo in the winter and would have no trails from our home if you do that.
37	100 non motorized
38	no motorized vehicles what so ever including snowmobiles.dirt bikes and atvs
39	I think if it could be widened to accommodate both atv and non atv that would be ideal. But the key is teaching trail etiquette! Such as slowing down or stopping when non-motorized people are passing. If the trail becomes completely non-motorized then the kids with dirt bikes will just end up on the roads because they have no one to go.

Q 10: Are there any suggestions you would like to offer regarding use of this portion of the T’Railway?

Respondent s	Responses
40	I walk and cycle on the T’Railway for the fresh air, exercise, quiet and closeness to nature. Having to deal with the noise, fumes and safety concerns from ATVs is very unpleasant. The T’Railway should be non-motorized.
41	There are so few outdoor spaces here for people to be outside getting physical exercise. This should be a priority.
42	Leave it be
43	No
44	Road could be widened, atvs on one side, walkway for pedestrians on another side.
45	make it a quiet walking, running and biking trail
46	if Paradise chooses to make the trail non motorized then an alternative should be constructed FIRST otherwise we will be in the same position as CBS who promised ATVers an alternative trail and have never delivered
47	Ban dirt bikes.
48	Spend the money on the roads
49	<p>The t-rail is a big attraction for atv tourism. West coast of Newfoundland is benefiting greatly from this and have even changed municipal regulations for atv use on various roads. Paradise consists of young families, much of which enjoy the outdoors and Atv. I believe specific regulations that allows responsible atv operation on public roads and designated areas will enable residents to connect and enjoy what they love and also reduce the dangerous driving atv/dirt bikes on public roads (young kids speeding).</p> <p>Communities in the Avalon should put regulations in place to enable atv tourist to see all of the island. Our province has alot to offer, and we need to capitalize on a trail that spans all of Newfoundland.</p> <p>I take pride that I live in paradise and that it is such a family oriented town. Enabling our residents to connect in another activity (atving) will grow that connection between its residents.</p>
50	Better signage of multi use sections. Widen multi use sections. If the T’Railway could be multiuse through all communities there are atv tourism opportunities that places like clarenville and gander take advantage of
51	Look at Gander as an example it works perfect
52	We enjoy walking biking and using our ATVs it would be unfair to take that from so many tax paying residents!
53	Allow atv use. Although there are many who walk the trail. I personally only know people who only use the trail for atv/snowmobile use.
54	Like anything with motorized vehicles, enforcement has to play a role. The benefits of a multi-use trail system is healthy for the community.

Q 10: Are there any suggestions you would like to offer regarding use of this portion of the T’Railway?	
Respondent s	Responses
55	The trail must be available for all citizens to use for outdoor activities, especially citizens unable to walk but are able to ride recreational vehicles. I walk and use ATV as my property backs onto the trail and the only issues I see is unleashed dogs and their droppings. I have always seen right of way given to walkers. The trail must be available to all residents to enjoy.
56	Please do not segregate any group of outdoor activity as more important than another. Many of us senior citizens can not ride Fat Tire bikes or Snowshoe. Yet we do want to still get in to our multiple trails without having to put our recreational vehicles on a trailer. My property backs onto the Trail where I both walk and use our ATV. The only problem I have incountered is unleashed dogs and lots of dog droppings. Never once have I incountered any waste or garbage left from recreatioal vehicle users. Nor any conflict between either . There is always a mutual respect for with no animosity at all.This trail must stay open for all to enjoy .
57	It's a fact that ATV's are the most dangerous vehicles ever to be placed on four wheels. They are quite often driven by stoned and drunk drivers at all hours (with the headlights turned off to avoid police detection) how much more dangerous can it get. Last year there were 12 fatalities and countless injuries in NL due to ATV accidents, a 10 year old boy from Clarenville died on Christmas day, two other teens from Clarenville were also seriously injured, one teen required amputation of both legs, the Town is still in shock.
58	Widen parts of the trail or cut back the brush and and trees in parts and don't allow any motorized vehicles.
59	At either end of the trail is a starting point for non motorized use trails. It doesn't make sense to keep this portion motorized. The trail needs to be completed in order to have a continuous trail from Seal Cove, CBS (eventually Holyrood) to downtown St. John's. More non motorized trail access for residents would promote more active living opportunities for them. A shared foot traffic and cycling trail is the best course of development for this section.
60	How about some policing. Snowmobiles and dirt bikes are speeding back and forth line the trail is a racetrack. Also these vehicles ruin the trail causing huge puddles and pushing the aggregate out to the edges. If the town spends money fixing the trail but allows atvs it will be shortly destroyed and wasted.
61	No ATVs
62	NO ATVs
63	Smoother for waking and bicycle riding to avoid ponds in case of bad weather

Q 10: Are there any suggestions you would like to offer regarding use of this portion of the T'Railway?	
Respondent s	Responses
64	Yes it should be a walking trail no Atv or dirt bikes as a resident of Spracklin Blvd I am tired of atvs bikes skidoo's side by sides speeding down the street and driving dangerousky on the walking trail when I am in walking my dog. The town needs to take control.
65	Walkers have more then enough walking trails, why should they get another one?? I know that the ATV riders are very respectful of the walkers. We respect walkers using a trail that mostly riders use so who gave them the right to complain.
66	there are lots of walking trails, this should be multi use.
67	There are lots of trails in Paradise if making the rail bed non motorized is necessary for funding, do it. Develop the existing other trails for motorized use. Which mostly would just need signage and awareness.
68	yes, please keep this open to all users. if you stop ATV use then people will take to the roads. if one person gets hurt because they were forced of the Trailway, it is not worth it. in other provinces in Canada, this is big business, with warm up shacks, food establishments and even logging on some trails. All taxpayers contribute to these trailways and "all" should be able to use them. Please keep them open to ATV's / Snowmobiles.
69	Please, for the love of god, don't take this away from me. My wife has recently passed and her love of ATV/snowmobile riding lives vicariously through my use of the T'railway. Please, please, please do not prohibit motorized vehicle use on the T'railway. Thank you.
70	PLEASE DO NOT PROHIBIT MOTORIZED VEHICLE USE ON THE RAILWAY.
71	From downtown to Paradise and through most of CBS the trails are non-motorized. Paradise should follow this example. There are plenty of backroads trails and such for ATV's to use. Dirt bikes are the worst offenders. They rev their engines to stir up the road gravel and create humps that is dangerous and impossible to ride with the loose gravel. Trail maintenance will be impossible if ATV traffic is allowed to continue. The town might as well leave it as it is rather than spend money to only have it torn up and destroyed by ATV traffic.
72	I other places in the province trails are shared successfully. No reason it can't be here
73	As this section of the T'Railway is considered part of the Grand Concourse and a connection between CBS and Mt. Peal it should be used for non motorized activity.
74	It would be really nice to have the trails redone
75	As this portion of the T'Railway is considered to be part of the Grand Concourse and a connection between CBS and Mt Pearl it should also be a non motorized.

Q 10: Are there any suggestions you would like to offer regarding use of this portion of the T’Railway?	
Respondent s	Responses
76	no
77	Keep it as the other adjacent municipalities "no motorized vehicles", you are opening the door for a pedestrian, motorized vehicle accident and possible lawsuits.
78	Can live with ATV use, but dirt bikes are a major problem and a no no. Peddle bikes need to have bells installed, to let people know they are coming, especially around Octagon Pond.
79	Trails for both ATVs with hard terrain and a bike park with nice trails and jumps
80	We all hav eaten right to enjoy the outdoor trails weather it’s people walking or driving atvs.
81	Atvs and other activities should be aloud on the trails
82	Non motorized use only. Patrolled better by police for users safety. Tickets given. Vehicles taken. Often kids, parents should be held responsible.
83	Widen the trail for multi purpose use
84	Everyone should be able to enjoy the use of the trails. If the walkers don't like it, they should stop complaining and walk or do trail activities on a trail that is specifically for walkers only. ATVs bring more benefit to the economy then the walkers do. If you are blocking off this T-railway to ATVs then the town should make trails just for ATVs because walkers have more then enough trails available.
85	Walking/Jogging and Peddle Bike Use only. Winter use of the trial should restricted to walking, snowshoeing and/or cross country skiing.
86	This T’Railway is for everyone not just walkers and motorized vehicles have the same rights as walkers
87	It should be restricted to non-motorized use. Proper barriers should be erected and markers similar to the much superior trails in CBS.
88	It would be wonderful to have this portion of the trail fixed up and groomed for skiing, walking and running. Motorized vehicles such as skidoo’s tend to make the trail very bumpy and hilly.
89	Brush needs to be cut back to enable better sight and room to move over especially between topsail pond and frog pond road.
90	NO ATV OR DIRT BIKES SHOULD BE ALLOWED ON TRAILS. THEY NOW ARE ON ROADS AND FREQUENTLY ARE ON OCT POND, NEILS POND AND ADAMS POND AND NO ONE FROM TOWN CARES. IF THEY DID THEY WOULD BE BUSTING PEOPLE AND TAKING THEIR BIKES

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Respondent s	Responses
91	When you make this T’railway for pedestrians only, you will DEFINITELY need to close off all access points that motorized vehicles currently use otherwise they will destroy the trail.
92	for this section of the trail, install another lane so ATV can pass along
93	Make them safe and more ecologically sound. No need tearing up the landscape with atv’s.
94	Yes, Keep it for recreational vehicle use. There are many trails off of the “T’Railway” that lead to cabins, ponds and other places around the Avalon for atv use. Making that trail for walking purposes only would only create more problems for recreational vehicles on the main roads and would be ridiculous for the small portion of people who would walk on it for 15 minutes a month. Do not destroy something that currently works for both parties and ruin a piece of heritage
95	It needs to be on the same level as that in CBS and Mount Pearl in order to facilitate a fully groomed trail from St. John’s to Seal Cove.
96	No
97	Please keep ATV use on the trail legal and safe for everyone who want to use it, there are many walking only trails that people can use
98	I feel that if the trail is upgraded to the standard of the rest of the Trailway in Paradise and CBS then it should be for non motorized use. If, however, the trail is widened to provide a separate lane for motorized traffic then I have no objection. I fully expect this will be very difficult to achieve and to enforce or police.
99	I think widening the trail would be a great idea. I strongly believe a multi purpose T’Railway would be the best option as many people would continue to use it. It would make all citizens happy!
100	If the portion of the T’Railway remains multi-use - a speed limit for the ATV users needs to be established and enforced.
101	I think it should be multi use after all we all pay taxes. Why should one group be singled out. We have people walking on the roads while vehicles are there as well. We have people walking with their pets leaving their lumps on the trails. Maybe we should talk about that as well it is all about respect. When I see anyone on the trails I will slow right down and respect them.

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Respondent s	Responses
102	<p>Myself and my wife made the hike from the Paradise portion of the T'Railway starting at Karwood all the way to mid-CBS. The difference in how the trails are maintained and their visual appeal is stark. CBS looks to have a proper walking path meant to be enjoyed by residents. It is well groomed and very pleasant to use. Paradise's side is damaged and not nearly as nice. What's more, in the parts that are supposedly only for walkers (such as between Karwood and Sobey's including the path around Neil's Pond), I have encountered motorized recreational vehicles. Last year, the wooden portions of the path around Neil's Pond were damaged when an ATV was taken over it, breaking the support in several sections. I have had to dodge dirt bikes crossing the path here as well as the portion that leads to the Octagon Pond path. They are pushy, dirty, noisy and cause damage to the walkway. There is a barrier near the Karwood side of the path, but with nothing anywhere else, this just serves as a slight inconvenience to motorized vehicles, nothing more. Bikers are almost always very young and do not seem to understand that they are disturbing families that are trying to enjoy the path. If I were to suggest potential use for the path, I would say to restrict it to non-motorized uses. Plenty of back paths in the local forests for those people to ride on and destroy.</p>
103	<p>Maybe a small trail somewhere else would be good for local ATVs, but a shared trail is not a good idea. Occasional bikes are not a problem but regular use of the trail for both motorized and nonmotorized will change the total experience of the trail for the worse. A separate trail for ATV would be helpful. I use the trail multiple times a week as a mount pearl resident. We walk, run and bike from mount pearl to Neils and octagon pond a lot.</p>
104	<p>Keep it natural use - non motorized</p>
105	<p>Ban the atvs.</p>
106	<p>Make the T'rail not accessible for motorized vehicles by placing rails and block aids to prevent vehicles from using these trails.</p>
107	<p>common sense for atv drivers</p>
108	<p>Keep it a quiet area as it is disturbing noisy for us living there. Also potentially dangerous for children and pets.</p>
109	<p>This is a means of getting from point A to B with regards to ATV usage. Banning ATV use will dramatically increase ATV presence on paved roadways causing many more issues than not closing this section for ATV.</p>
110	<p>There are slot of atv/ dirt bikes in the community and ally of people would like to see trails as in mount pearl - I think both have to be accommodated and then there are twice as many using the trails - maybe a licence for the trail in the area could help with finances</p>

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111	Yes it should cōnnect to the CBS trailway
112	I think it should be totally for walkers/ runners and cyclists. Please give us somewhere to walk that is safe. There are no sidewalks in this area and we take our life in our hands every time we go out for a walk or a run. The road way is very narrow and traffic is very heavy. A walking trail would be fantastic.
113	Keep ATVs on the T'Railway to keep ATVs off the main roads
114	I do not use this section of the T'railway because it is not safe for the activities I partake in (walking, running, etc.). If it was completed I would think it should be non motorized for safety of pedestrians.
115	There are many non motorized areas to walk,run ,etc. If proper signage is in place including speed there should be no reason why we can't all share the same trails. Maybe a load and off load area for atv/snowmobile users would help keep users in designated areas
116	Non motorized use only.... please
117	Signage
118	No
119	T'railway is multi use for all nl resident and not owned by any municipality
120	Should be accessible for all
121	This should be kept for those who enjoy atv use to access all the country side has to offer. Walking groups, jogging groups, and biking groups seem to solely park at the duck pond of Three Island Pond Road and use the road for all their needs on a consistent basis rather than ever using the trails which could be used for atvs. Residents are already choosing to use the road for all these sports rather than the trail. Keeping the trail for atv use will accommodate all residents. If the trails are to be kept solely for walkers and joggers they should be willing to use it rather than the road. We live on this section of Three Island Pond Road and enjoy the option to have a little atv ride just as others like to walk, jog, or bike on the road.
122	Mount Pearl and CBS have made a huge mistake in designating the trails as a Walking only district. Please even though you're in between them do not follow in their footsteps. stand up, stand out, and show us that you acknowledge ATV riders, snowmobilers etc should have year round access to the trail!
123	This t'railway can serve both purposes. Everybody just needs to be educated and made aware that it is for all users and to be aware of the same. ATV riders need to respect the fact that it's multi use trail and to operate their vehicles accordingly. Signage would be a must
124	Lots of signage

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125	Doesn't seem like council is taking seniors enjoyment of the trails and atvs into consideration. After working for a lifetime we can finally get to enjoy using our atvs on the trails. Many of us can't walk and run as well as younger people and being able to use the trail on atvs is the only way we can do it. Banning ATVs on this trail is discriminating against us seniors. Isn't Paradise a town that is inclusive for all residents, including seniors and others with mobility issues? It's shameful to think you'd discriminate against seniors in order to get funding. We pay our taxes too.
126	A lot of times I will opt to travel to the CBS portion of the trail(Gas up out there and stop to bergs while we are at it) as the paradise section (between spruce hill road and McNamara dr) is in rough shape. My children have a hard time on the un groomed crushed stone and the ATVs add an extra obstacle some times.
127	No atv
128	Please, be fair and accommodating to everyone when making a final decision... I believe posted signs and speed limits will be beneficial for atv users and safety for those walking/ running.
129	Zero motorized use. Self propelled only.
130	Make it for non-motorized use only
131	Walkers bikers runners only
132	We have to be mindful of all the t'railway users.To exclude a user would be wrong.
133	It is such a pleasure to walk Cbs trackways. Do the same. Include some greenery. Plant some perennials along the way. Also this survey shoul not use light gray text on a white background. Very hard to read.
134	The options are widening, banning or keeping it as is. Speed bumps and signage with Municipal enforcement is another option.I've never heard of anyone being ticketed for speeding or reckless driving on the bikes around the city.
135	Make it a safe place to walk
136	There are very few trails that people can enjoy safely. It is difficult to walk on the roadways and it isn't safe to have to share the trail with motorized vehicles. If the town promotes healthy living and activity, it needs to make the trails conducive to this. ATVs should ot have access to the trails. It is the owner's responsibility to find trails outside of town limits. There is no entitlement for them to be able to access trails within the town.
137	no
138	I love the trails through CBS, I mostly head that direction. I would love to see the trail in question up graded. I would also love to see accommodations made to for the ATV users.
139	It should be used at motorized vehicles, if not people will continue to drive up macnamar drive , until they meet the pole line Having this as multi use will keep people off the roads

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Respondent s	Responses
140	Yes, leave as is & find somewhere else to pour my money into, maybe Laurie Beach?
141	The trail way is the only method to cross the province via ATV, years of trail work has been made to connect to these portions of the trail. Not to mention that that the upkeep was done by atvs
142	A location for access to areas where at a are permitted.
143	These trails and all other trails cut through the non residential areas of our community were built , cut and used by atv users and snowmobiles. Much like st Philips these trails were then made into non motorized trails with no consideration taken for the greater population of users of the trails, rail way or otherwise which are indeed the motorized users.
144	In recent years, Paradise entertained the idea of changing its status from town to city. Given the rapid population growth and urbanization, Paradise should consider banning the use of such recreational vehicles like the City of St. John's. Municipal funds should not be used to support or encourage use of motorized recreational vehicles, but to encourage active lifestyles, respect for wildlife, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, as well as reduction of noise pollution. The point of maintaining our suburban forests is immersion into our natural surroundings leaving minimal impact. Not yielding a path of destruction for motorized junk cans to rip through our communities.
145	Pretty sure the T'Railway is a provincial park and doesn't belong to the town of Paradise. There are multiple non-motorized walking trails in Paradise/metro and very little motorized off highway access.
146	Why is Paradise allowing atv and dirt bikers on the trailway if other towns around us are not? Paradise could be developing a more healthy active lifestyle for its residents by encouraging physical activity on the trails (walking, running, snowshoeing, skiing, and cycling) rather than inactive driving pursuits. Perhaps there could be more emphasis in our town on preserving the environment and habitat for wildlife as well rather than destroying it. Atvs and dirt bikers are already on our streets and the town is having some difficulty with this issue. How many times have I driven home at 5pm and there are dirt bikers trying to cross traffic that is coming off the outer ring? I can't count the number it has happened so many times. It is so dangerous for the exposed bike driver and for other drivers too.
147	Better signage (bike/walking), change of grade of large rock (difficult to bike on). Keep ATVs off. Excellent trail otherwise.
148	Please make it non motorized.
149	There will always be issues unless enforcement is increased. Promote responsible ATV operation to mitigate concern amongst all
150	Add additional trails to support this section of the T'railway

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Respondent s	Responses
151	<p>If you want a non motorized only trail, don't take away the Atv access from that section of the trail. That's unfair to ppl who use it respectfully, and those who have chosen to live in the area because of the motorized vehicle access. Take the government money to build or supplement the cost to build an adjacent trail designed for non motorized only. That way it will satisfy the requirement the funding be used for a non motorized trail work only. Now here's the real selling point for that idea; the trail can be designed not only to be non motorized only, but designed in such a way that a motor vehicle would be unable to navigate it. This would surely provide a better level of safety i.e. bottle necks, narrow bridgeways etc. Consult an expert regarding the method of trail design to be most effective. Will it be more costly than just one or the other? Almost certainly, however we are essentially talking about infrastructure, which is always a good investment when properly planned and executed.</p>
152	<p>Having a trail that connects to both Mount Pearl and CBS completely would be a great asset to all communities involved.</p>
153	<p>There are so many atv users who use this trail it would be wrong to shut it down and make it non atv friendly!!!</p>
154	<p>Please develop it! Very exciting news! The only negative part of this fantastic trail system is this particular undeveloped section.</p>
155	<p>I don't own an ATV and have used the T’Railway many times for walking and bicycling. In my opinion, it would be irresponsible to prohibit motorized vehicles from using the T’Railway. A better idea would be to provide enforcement to ensure everyone can safely enjoy the trails.</p>
156	<p>More police enforcement for youth and any others who speed on the trailway without any regard for pedestrians and other users. Make these people and their parents too (if they are under age) accountable for their actions. (Parents are paying for the vehicles, gas and insurance so they ARE in effect responsible.) As a parent, if my child was misbehaving I would take away their "toys".</p>
157	<p>It needs to be regulated more. Signage, widen, etc to allow for both use. However, considering MP and CBS have banned them, is it worth it for Paradise Residents to use motorized? How far could they actually go? Maybe limit to pond access for recreational use, ie. ice fishing/trouting, etc.</p>
158	<p>With proper signage and communication with the residents of Paradise, there is a happy medium that can be decided upon. The portion of the trailway I frequent is used to connect with nearby trail systems that connect with CBS onward. Please think of all parties when coming to a decision on this issue. There can be lots of irresponsible ATV users who do not want to follow signs/abide by rules. Put proper legislation in place to deal with these folks. There are just as many or more law-abiding ATV users out there who do not want to see this trail disrupted. Thank you.</p>

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Respondent s	Responses
159	Very few use this trail for ATV purposes, especially compared to non-ATV use. For the betterment of the general public, non-ATV use designation is best.
160	It's awful that we cannot fully enjoy the beauty of our province on atvs and etc due to issues like this
161	Adopt the policies of CBS and Mount Pearl... zero tolerance for motorized vehicles.
162	Make it multi use so they cant complain
163	As a paradise resident who drives to CBS to use their portion of the trail on a daily basis, I believe you should upgrade similar to there trail infrastructure. I often wish the paradise trail was as usable!
164	N/A
165	No Motorized vehicles should be allowed on the trail bed through any municipality's . They also create unnecessary noise pollution and dirt/dust going everywhere. It's a shame Paradise has to even engage with this discussion. We should all be able to enjoy our surroundings without these vehicle creating nothing but havoc throughout the town. Opening this up for these type of vehicles is an invitation for more disruptive behaviour within the town boundaries.
166	I would love to use this section of the trail to link the Paradise with CBS by bicycle but it is too rough right now. To get around it, I cycle on the road but that isn't nearly as safe as the trailway
167	Walking, running, snowshoe, ski, bicycle, baby carriages, only
168	This section of the trailway is the only one in the area that permits motorized vehicles, so where can riders go? Also how do they get to this trail, more times then not driving via roadways in the community
169	Keep it groomed in winter and ATVs off during winter month snowmobile only
170	No
171	We have many users from all across NI and those who visit from outside Newfoundland who travel the entirety of the T rail system for their vacation and adventure purposes. Many are guided by our Tourist Businesses who bring much needed revenues to All over Newfoundland. To prevent ATV use on any portion the trail system would be detrimental to those tourists businesses and communities throughout all of the Island.
172	ban them and have town officials the permit to ticket and take machines from people
173	There are multiple options for people to walk, run, cycle, participate in winter activities, etc. By eliminating ATV use, you're further limiting people that avail of these trails, as there are few around the area. With correct signage and modifications, the trail can be used for multi- purposes.

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Respondent s	Responses
174	The town has to continue to engage all residents and visitors alike. It should be used for residents who walk, run , strollers, peddle bikes, quads alike. Equal access to all with the proper signage . Engagement throughout the community vs placing one group against the others. Let Paradise trailblaze to include access to all groups
175	ATV use ruins the the trail for Cross Country skiing... Also, they tear up the trails..
176	My suggestion regarding this portion of the trail is that it should stay as a multi-use trail as it was donated for that reason.
177	First off the survey seems to be a waste of time and the way the description on the town web page reads as well as the survey the decision has already been made and directed more towards the non atv user not all users. My suggestion though is proceed with caution. Don't make the same mistakes neighbouring communities did by trying to cut off atv usage by takin away the trails or access of atv users. People are still using these trails in these communities for atv use or roads that surround them, or better yet by passing them with new trails on government lands all because a few who didn't like to walk and have to encounter an atv were offended. Look at the case now where the CBS trail is damaged from a storm and don't know where the money is coming from to fix it.....where are all the walkers now???? I don't see those walkers coming forward and handing out wads of cash to fix their beloved non atv trail. Why? Because they have to many orher choices to walk on. But I would bet you my bottom dollar if the tail was multi use the atv community would come out in droves and money to boot as they have little to one option and they want to keep their trail in very useable condition. Oh and don't forget CBS is still under pressure to get an alternate trail for the atv users at a cost to the town.....if they would have just made the current trial multi use than this would not be an issue.
178	If you are going to use this part of the trailway for non motorized vehicles,then an alternative route of the same quality should be made available first. The trailway belongs to the people of Newfound and Labrador,not the municipality of which it passes through. The East Coast is not ATV friendly.
179	This is a beautiful area and could be so much nicer. At the moment, the terrain is too bumpy to permit people to access it comfortably and safely. The trail is smoother and safer in Manuels and Mount Pearl, so this section prohibits free movement for people who would otherwise be able to use it for regular transportation and recreation. It needs to be groomed, maintained, and a simple plan for trail use and etiquette needs to be developed (which can draw on what other communities have done).
180	No
181	Don't take away atv use
182	The CBS section of the trail is very well groomed and user friendly for walking and biking. Would love to see that in Paradise.

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Respondent s	Responses
183	If paradise is ever to become a modern town it needs to get rid of this idea of trying to accommodate this atv use. Leave that for the back country And let us enjoy our leisure time peacefully
184	Do not permit motorized use. As public policy making body, the principles of health, safety and environmental stewardship should provide overriding guidance. Promoting / spending tax dollars in support of recreational vehicle use, flies in the face of those principles.
185	The path now from the Paradise park to CBS is quite hard to run on so the motorized can use that trail and make the non motorized persons another trail through the woods connecting to CBS. I have done this trail on bike and its quite fish-tailing and lopy. A trail like Octagon Pond would be perfect for the non motorized to connect with CBS.
186	Make the surface like mount pearl packed gravel with raised bridges over roadways
187	Att should be banned and a law more enforced for keeping them off the road as well. Not uncommon to see them on paradise road, camrose drive and country road. Every day multiple times a day. Been up her in this area over 30 years and it keeps getting worst each year. No one cares Police won't do any thing about it nor the town. Have complained so often about it nothing done. I have given up The atv and dirt bikes give off very load noises and are always speeding
188	There is much more benefit to the larger population in having a motorized vehicle free trail for walkers, runners and bicyclists. Contributes to a healthier population, and there will be no noise and air pollution associated with ATVs. Also enables bicyclists to use their bicycles more for regular transportation, which cuts down on car usage. A trail without motorized vehicles will allow for more friendly interaction among users.
189	Most walking trails in paradise started as atv trails, but have been blocked so walkers can use them
190	Have
191	Certainly needs to be upgraded, ATV usage has created a wave effect on the trail which makes it very difficult to walk/run without looking down at your feet at all times. While I do not have a big issue with bicycles, I do think that some of the users treat this like a BMX circuit riding too fast and taking turns and corners without regard for what is coming the other way. Maybe a monitoring process should be put in place, good job for students.
192	too many dirtbikes on local park trails, around Neil's Pond especially
193	One of the benefits of having the railway is the fact that we can use motorized vehicles on it in Paradise. It keeps them off the main road. it is also a great family activity. Not everyone agrees with that statement, but it is. Everyone that I have met on the railway are cautious of walkers and runners and I think it is a great coexistence.

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Respondent s	Responses
194	Do everything possible to make these trails inaccessible to motorized vehicles.
195	The Town should promote healthy lifestyles, not enable activities that deter exercise and disturb the tranquility and quiet enjoyment of the trail. As a growing urban municipality, Paradise should adopt more sophisticated rules for its civil infrastructure, and which promote healthy lifestyles.
196	Pedestrians have many walking trails why ruin it for atv forcing them on the road ways to get where they are going
197	there are many non-motorized trails. this should be allowed for motorized use such as atv's and dirt bikes. it will help keep the dirt bikes off the pond trails. i have more issues with peddle bikes that i cant hear coming up behind me than i do dirt bikes.
198	It should be a requirement to wear reflective clothing as a pedestrian.
199	I am very familiar with the portion of the old track in question, from the top of octagon pond west through to CBS. As a cyclist I have used this track for years. The country traveled through on this track is beautiful and I have thought for years that it should be overhauled and maintained as other areas of the track have been. Non-motorized use is the way to go and I strongly believe that use of this portion of the trail for non motorized use will exponentially increase should the town decide to go ahead with this plan. I love this trail and feel that the true beauty of this part of the town is not truly appreciated (only by a small few of us). Would be a major asset to the town if this was completed. ATV riders would suffer in regards to access to major trails but this shouldn't hold back the town in making the right decision to enact the necessary decisions in order to receive this funding. A project like this makes total sense for Paradise, in this age of declining green spaces. PLEASE GO FOR IT!!!
200	Embrace atv use and all its benefits to the community
201	Ban snowmobiles while you're at it.
202	I think the ATV should be allowed on the old track as I call it from down town St John's right across nfld. It is a very fun sport and can grow our economy so much if ATV use was legal like gander in other areas. Camping and fishing could happen on a daily adventure and hotels could be booked by people coming across island on ATV and gas and snacks at store so on. I think ATV use should be promoted big time and respect the walkers and ATV use at the same time. There is no difference in walking the icy roads in winter with traffic everywhere as sharing the track with ATV. Riders just have to slow down and respect walkers. It would be great to see it happen. CBS in St John's should follow as well.
203	Post speed limits for motorized recreational vehicles on the trail.
204	I could accept sharing the T'Railway with motorized vehicles however, I often see/read about the hazardous use of ATVs, Off road Motorcycles and snowmobiles far too often with no consequences to these operators. For the safety of others, limits must be implemented to deter the same.

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Respondent s	Responses
205	The ATV users have made it both unsafe and unattractive for other users. Banning ATVs will make it a more family-friendly space, more peaceful, more environmental, and more inclusive for all residents.
206	Ban motorized vehicles. Enforce the ban.
207	I like the idea presented above about widening that section of trailway but unless there is some physical separation between the ATV section and the non-motorized section, the same problems will persist.
208	ATVs do not belong alongside families walking with small children and pets it’s impossible to regulate
209	Make it a friendly and peaceful environment :)
210	It may sound that I am against ATV use. NOT the case at all. In fact for many years I've thought if I had the resources I would fund an ATV trail much the same as the Johnson Foundation funded walking trails. The ATV community could design the type of trail they require to best enjoy their sport. I think there is a need for that. There would be parking (drop off points) for ATV users to transport their vehicles, as right now it may be that a common means to access the trail-way in question is to drive over public roadways on their ATV's. I will mention that one individual who donated to the original rails to trails fund raising campaign has expressed his concern to me that his donation was on the premise that he was supporting walking trails. Before closing question 4 above needs clarification. It asks how frequently I use the trail. I answered monthly (estimating 12 times a year. I cycle so for obvious reasons it is not evenly distributed) My usage is primarily when the trail is accessible (ie. not snow covered), although I have been on the trail when there was snow. Summer time use could average out to weekly and even more except at times I'll skip the section in question and use the roadway to get to the CBS section or the Paradise section which is developed. Important side note: There are sections of the trail-way that come withing 60-70 feet of homes. While there is ATV usage there must be some way to encourage civility in these areas. It's not that the users are being disrespectful, that's not their intent and I do not believe it ever was. They are simply enjoying their sport and in doing so it does not cross their mind they are in a residential area. Hence a proper trail for ATV's as mentioned earlier. Hope this helps.
211	Non motorized use only. There are plenty of off road trails for ATV's and dirt bikes.
212	Missing above is that people use this section for snow-shoeing as well.

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213	<p>This Town has a lot of emphasis on runners and walkers, dog-owners, etc. ATV users are left out of the equation in most instances. You wouldn't ban dogs from trails because dog owners (and there are MANY, unfortunately) do not pick up their pet feces. So why is the Town considering banning ATV use because of a few irresponsible ATV drivers? You can argue safety but it is also a safety issue when you have young children walking on trails and stepping and falling (in some cases) into dog excrement.</p> <p>Just because the mayor is a runner doesn't mean that this group should get top priority in planning town trails.</p>
214	<p>Better signage to inform users to keep their dogs on leash and to clean up after them.</p>
215	<p>allow snow mobiles as they help groom the trails for other users. more signage for cyclist to yield to persons on foot. random patrols to ensure people pick up after their dogs.</p>
216	<p>Upgrade it for atv/ snowmobile use. But also keep it for walking. People who are frequent atv/ snowmobilers are very limited these days in Paradise as to where they can ride. It's not fair to limit them even more. People need to be more cautious and aware of their surroundings and get along with each other. If you limit the trails for atv and snowmobile use, it's only going to cause more trouble. People will ride where they aren't supposed to in order to get to a trail that they need to get to. Walking and jogging pedestrians have way more options in paradise than a snowmobile or atv user. Keep it fair for everyone involved.</p>
217	<p>It should be upgraded to the same standards as the rest of the trail and be for walkers, runners and cyclist only.</p>

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Respondent s	Responses
218	<p>Yes, in places install solar lighting where darkness is severe. Change the gravel base to the same material that is used on the Mount Pearl portion of the Trail bed. This material is more stable for walking, running and bicycling. Advise the City of Mount Pearl on the importance of safety at road crossing's. As the rail bed crosses by Coffee Matters in Paradise people have to divert up to the intersection to cross, this is a safety issue. Use signage and paint the road to alert motorists to "Drive Slow" pedestrian Crossing. I am a member of a group of Fat Bike riders who ride the Neil's Pond, Octagon Pond, and Adam's Pond trails twice a week in Paradise. So repairing this trail for bicyclists, walkers and joggers is important we are the highest users and the lack of respect shown by motorized operators represents a safety issue. Repairs to the trail as it approaches Topsail Pond would enhance Paradise as a cycling destination from a tourism perspective. As the weekday Fatties riding group we use your trail system regularly. Please consult and invite Kevin Glynn, President of Bicycle for input on this upgrade.</p> <p>Mount Pearl has a blind riders group that use's the T'rail-way regularly due to the safety of no motorized traffic permitted. This ride is endorsed by the Canadian Institute for the blind, this ride could extend or alternate between Mount Pearl and Paradise who already have several partnerships formed. Thank you for this opportunity and please make the right decision. I would encourage you to satisfy your ATV users by working with City Sand and Gravel and developing a trail that allows and promotes ATV use to the North end of Paradise and North of the Outer Ring road.</p>
219	<p>please do not designate this as a non-motorized trail. Maybe better signage would help along with some municipal enforcement!</p>
220	<p>Why in the world would you take away the only access we have for ATVS in this area of paradise ??? do you realize the economic benefits ?? you guys should be consulting with NLATV</p>
221	<p>Should be open for atvs.joggers have sidewalks and roads, indoor tracks .snowshoeing should be done on inside trails in the woods.atvs have no tack to go to</p>
222	<p>No</p>
223	<p>If it weren't for the trail being used by ATV/Offroad users in the past this trail would have been grown over long ago. It was originally designed for off road use when it was given to the community. We have enough walking trails as it is, not fair to those in the ATV community to take this away. You'll be wondering why ATV use on streets increases if this is taken away too.</p>
224	<p>Our town enforcement should monitor and implement infractions</p>
225	<p>Non motorized and resurface with gravel more amenable for walking. Right now one could turn turn an ankle etc very easily. It is the worst portion of the trail from the CBS trailway to the railway station in St John's. Please make it safer for walkers/ runners/ non motorized traffic.</p>

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Respondent s	Responses
226	It is wonderfully well used in spring/summer/fall and in winter when possible. Maintain it! Promote it! Look to Mount Pearl who keep the trail clear year round. There are more people out walking there than any other trail or path except cleared parks. Beats town and Paradise and even has us thinking about relocating there for our next move.
227	I believe that if you make the trail non-motorized then people will be more likely to drive there atv and snow mobiles on the road instead of the trail and it would cause more risk on the road and to pedestrians if you make the trail non-motorized vehicles only
228	Hopefully if this is approved, it will be respected. I live on the older part that is developed and there are times it is not very comfortable because of the dust from the dirt biked
229	This makes no sense the cops are trying to keep us off the roads and now your takeing away the only trial we are allowed on like are you people stupid there's already tons of trials people could be walking on like people need to grow up go walk some where eles and
230	Should be non-motorized use only! The same as the Mount Pearl and CBS parts of the trail!
231	No motorized vehicles should be permitted on these trails. Municipalities such as Mount Pearl have addressed this issue with a great level of success. I live on Trails End Drive and ATV riders are a serious problem to see wheelies up the street and I have seen this on Topsail road area of Paradise as well. I feel this issue and the T'Railway issues are strongly linked. Address the T'Railway issue properly and you will address the issues I have noted here as well. It's time to get this done.
232	dont take the trail from us atv users we can all share it!
233	<p>Having trailways accessible to ATV users is far bigger attraction than some people realize. I personally use this section of trail on a weekly, if not daily basis in the summer. It is a crucial section of trail that many use to access other trails and I believe it can be a big attraction for people looking to move to Paradise, knowing they have an easy access to other trail systems. I understand peoples concerns about have foot traffic along side ATV traffic but the benefits of this section of trail to ATV users vs the number of people who I see walking the trail, along with all the other walking only trails around the town; i just see this section as very beneficial to ATV users and its removal will be a huge loss to some, while adding one more walking trail will only be a slight benefit for others. What I would like to see is a shared ATV/walking trail throughout Paradise, CBS and into Holyrood. Obviously have an enforced speed limit, and ideally a curb or some divider. I think this would be a huge attraction for our towns.</p> <p>There have been so many trails lost to waling trails in the past 15 years, please don't remove this one as well.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
234	Non motorized! ATV's aren't toys! Owners obviously don't care as they let their children take them from their driveways. Out of sight, out of mind!

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Respondent s	Responses
235	Widen the trail or make it ATV use only it's not fair to take it from ATV users because a few people are complaining,all the other train tracks have all ready been blocked off and that's the only way I have to get to trails
236	Do not close the tracks for the people of paradise on atvs they well have no we're to ride forcing them to take the roads and cause a more serious issue
237	MAKE IT NON MOTORIZED ONLY
238	Keep it motorized
239	Eliminate motorized vehicles of all types including ATVs, snowmobiles and dirt bikes.
240	Speed limits and multi use awareness signs. No reason we can't be fair to everyone's use of the trail
241	Make it for non motorized vehicles and enforce it. I hear of the economic value but don't buy it. I myself tend to head to CBS to walk because it is safer with children and then we usually stop to buy our groceries when there. So the economic benefit goes both ways.
242	See last question.
243	Make the trails wider for multi use. ATV's and snowmobiles need a way to be able to get around and get out to the woods. Not everybody has access to a vehicle and trailer to be able to pull them around.
244	Do not permit motorized use. It conflicts with the safety, health and environmental goals which should take precedence for the municipality.
245	Please keep this section of trail way for multi use. Put up signage so that people are aware, and they can decide if they want to use the trail. There are many walking trails in paradise. This is one of the last, if not the last, section of trail that can be used by atv'ers to get access out of paradise. It can work as a multi use trail. Don't be like the other municipalities and ban atv use altogether. Blocking this section of trail will only drive atv users onto the streets to access other trails.
246	I see no reference to enforcement. To talk about regulating without enforcement is irrational. The town needs to get a better handle on rec motorized vehicles especially at the intersection of topsail road, Irving, sand and gravel, and outer ring road!
247	I have used the cbs trail and it is enjoyable to not have to worry about vehicles being on it
248	Have someone monitor Some parts using cell phone and report uncurtous users ...even bicycle users are a hazard at times
249	a trail for pedestrians and atv users.
250	Look at other parts of the province and where they use ATVs. It's a great way to increase outdoor activities. It can bring in people and increase the economy

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Respondent s	Responses
251	<p>as a resident of paradise for the past 32 years, ive seen many changes over the years. now regarding the trailway. myself and friends have always used the existing trails throughout our town including the t"way. nowadays the number of trails has significantly declined due to development. so preservation of some trails is necessary for motorized usage ,as we have 3 very nice walking trails in my area which are off limits for motorized users. the t"way is used by many to link up to other trails that leave paradise. my suggestion is to issue permits for a yearly fee , signage to indicate a multi-use area, also some education of common sense for those lacking it</p>
252	<p>Would love for it to be off limits for atv/snow mobile. Doesn't have to be the whole trail system but if it was dedicated for walking we could avoid the danger of collisions.</p>
253	<p>There are already a lot of mana cured trails in the town I like the wilderness feel of the trail place where I can walk dog off leash, if finished it will be just like the other trails around. Never had a problem with the atvs</p>
254	<p>The use of ATV's and the potential of ATV related tourism in NL is too big sa market to ignore. ATV use is part of NL culture and ATV enthusiasts have already had access to many trails and areas taken away form them. There needs to be some common ground and cooperation</p>
255	<p>We live in a diverse community and so should this trail be used by many different means. My family enjoy the trail to use with our young children to ride our ATV and Skidoo. We always respect other people including walkers and come to almost a complete stop when passing and we always include a smile and wave which is always returned. We love that we can use the trail and to be honest it was one of the reasons we bought where we did. If the trail is taken form us we would consider moving to a location in CBS where we can regain access.</p> <p>The town should plan a multi year project to make the trail usable for all parties and this would be a reason to celebrate. We need to be focused on serving everyone with different wants and not focused on one or two groups. If this was done right Paradise could be a leader and not a follower, that brings our community to the a place where it is inclusive a all types of families who enjoy many different recreational activities.</p> <p>Do the right thing and have this trail to be used by everyone.</p> <p>The last thing I will add is there needs to be better monitoring of the trail to deal with the problem kids who disrespect the trail and others using it. These kids should not be given the power to ruin this for everyone and we need to get together as a community to discuss this part of it and come up with solutions to solve it. They are on the roads disrespectful as well as the trail and it needs to be dealt with through law enforcement, closing the trail to motorized vehicles will not solve this part of the problem.</p>

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Respondent s	Responses
256	It would be a great idea for the town to become more tab user friendly like everywhere else on the island except for the Avalon. Be the first to make some trails for arcs to access gas stations, and restaurants, maybe a trail to cross rds for anyone coming from outside of town. It would bring tourism and I'm sure surrounding areas would be on-board too. ATV will always be here and is a huge issue on the streets of the town as well this would keep them off the street. Well most of them anyways some will never obey the rules weather it's atv, cars, stealing etc. Maybe a plate you could by at the town to register any atvs in the town, that would make them identifiable if there were issues. Maybe not all would have them but even one in a group would make it easy to track down
257	Would love to see this section of the trail upgraded especially for cycling. I have no problem sharing with motorized vehicles although I do not enjoy these activities. We all have individual taste and I think it's more important to have people enjoy the special trails Paradise has to offer.
258	This trail should be for walkers, runners, bikers, snow shoer shoers, skiers - essentially non-motorized. Trails should be created than designated for motorized vehicles if there is such a need. Paradise is a residential area not cabin country as it once was many moons ago. I am petrified to walk the railway trails (especially with my dogs) as some of these dirt bike riders would rather run you and your dogs over then to slow down and preserve LIFE.
259	I view the T'Railway project in CBS to be a really great success story that has served the health of that community immensely and provided an accessible and peaceful place to exercise and connect with others. They got this so right - and now Paradise has the chance to do the same. This is the kind of community I want to live in! Please do follow that example and connect the T'Railway.
260	needs to have speed limit signs, and enforced. Any damage done or those who do not follow the rules, should be charge or their parents, as mostly that who bought them the quads.
261	You're not going to stop people from using any trail. Useless survey.
262	More signage to indicate multi-use, speed limits for atv and bicycle users, slow down or even stop when passing walkers, hikers, runners, etc. ENFORCEMENT of the rules and regulations(tickets, fines). Last but not least RESPECT for other users!!!
263	No
264	WALKING/HIKING/SNOWSHOES ONLY
265	Solar powered lights would be a huge benefit and allow users to avail of short winter daylight hours.

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Respondent s	Responses
266	A non-motorized trail would create a safer, more sustainable/environmentally friendly environment for individuals wishing to use the trail. This would be a progressive policy that would reflect positively on the Town of Paradise.
267	We use the trail to take our 9 year old son snowmobiling and on ATV and it is so wonderful to have the opportunity to do this in our own community. It gives us an outdoor activity to enjoy with our son. We always slow down (almost to a stop) when passing others enjoying the trail by foot. There is always an exchange of a smile and/or wave between those we pass. It has always been a friendly experience. It is the few “bad apples” that may not slow down enough that could ruin it for us that are respectful of the multi use trail. If municipal enforcement officers were to monitor the trail during the day, this may be helpful in ensuring a more enjoyable experience for all users and allow our beautiful community to continue to have the privilege of a multi use trail. As well, if it was affordable to widen the trail, it would give more space to allow the T’Railway to remain as multi use. Thank you for the opportunity to voice our opinion.
268	Making the trails atv friendly offers far more economic stimulus compared to a simple walking trail. Tens of thousands of dollars spent locally by every rider on the machine, gear, fuel etc
269	As far as I am aware the T’Railway is owned by the province and the use of them should be for everyone to enjoy. Including ATV riders who visit the province during the summer months from out of town and out of province
270	finally upgrade it for walkers
271	open the trails to atvs, my family goes out atving together all the time, its great to be outdoors and also fun
272	Ban ATV's completely
273	I use the T'railway in multiple ways including as an ATV rider however I strongly feel this portion of the trail would be better served as a non-motorized trail so that it can connect with the rest of the T'Railway use in the neighbouring communities. Groomed for cross country skiing and walking in the winter and maintained in the other seasons for cycling, running, walking, etc. Making this section non-motorized will eliminate my ability to use my atv however having the trail upgraded to the T'Railway standard of neighbouring communities of St. John's, Mt. Pearl & CBS will be worth the trade off.
274	This is a good start - analysis follow by decision making and policy creation based on this data.
275	If you are going to spend money to upgrade it the use of atv's will quickly destroy it.
276	Yes stop allowing organizations dictate who should use it, as their purpose is to gain memberships and money. True fact.

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Respondent s	Responses
277	As NI's we do not get enough exercise as it is. The trailway is a place that you can go to enjoy a walk either by yourself or with family and pets. We should not have to be afraid to use these trails because of motorized vehicles. some days it is the same as trying to walk on the main road.
278	Walking, bicycling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing.
279	use with caution while on atv or skidoo and consideration of all users
280	This is the only section St John's Mount Pearl and CBS that is not fixed up for walking and cycling. It would be nice to have complete trail.
281	this is a area for families not teen and men who feel they have the right of way going to Service Station on the weekend and see who is getting gas and beer leaving the garage in the woods. the Weekends are terrible for noise etc. Take a good look at what your standards will be in the future for this town
282	Allow ATVs to continue using the system
283	This would be a great initiative for the trailway
284	no
285	Designate this a non-motorized trail. ATV users have choices, walkers don't ! A little respect would be appreciated.
286	ATV , destroy trails .
287	police it and give tickets. Charge parents of under age drivers.
288	get in the loop and ban motorized vehicles Highly residential and cannot be treated like a rural community any longer . If the council had any conviction to make the right decision ,they would have the same policy as My Pearl and CBS . Times have changed and Paradise needs to get up to date and clue in
289	Look to Stephenville and Corner Brook for examples of cooperating with ATV users. Do not ban access to the trail way for ATV users. Think outside the box.
290	The disruption to both families and wildlife by Skidoos/ATV's in our community is alarming. Keep our walking/hiking/skiing trails for only that... and redirect motorized vehicles to outlying areas.
291	Signage
292	No
293	Deny access to ATVs, Dirt bikes and any other motorized vehicles. Ensure safety and comfort for walkers and bicycle riders. Eliminate loud and sustained racket from noisy engines(especially for those whose property is adjacent to the Trailway). On that note, more policing is required of ATV and dirt bike use on Town roads away from the center of town, e.g. Three Island Pond Road in particular.
294	none
295	No

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Respondent s	Responses
296	-
297	the same as the rest of the trail in paradise. walking, cycling or running.
298	have a separate section for ATV users; I realize it is important that all residents should be able to use the T'Railway; but all must be respectful of each other
299	no motorized vehicles including off road or recreational with the exception of town equipment when required.
300	Leave it alone! Let people get along with each other without complaining about little things!
301	If this is made non motorized there should be some other sort of outlet for people using atvs or an alternate trail made.
302	Run a small grade over it once a year.
303	Not only ban ATV on T'Railway but also inforce ATV usage on Paradise Roads. Someone Is going to be killed.
304	I am ok with ATV's, but there should be a complete ban on dirt bike use inside town limits.
305	There should be no motorized machines on the trails anytime throughout the year. Walkers and joggers only.
306	It's too bad there are a few who makes it bad for others. The law/town should come down hard on those people
307	N/A
308	It should really just be non motorized
309	ATV use on multi use trails does not work. There is a portion of ATV operators that do not adhere the multi use rules of the T'Railway, therefore all ATV use must be restricted since "policing" of the rules is impossible. Also ATVs damage the trail bed to the point where maintenance will be continual and costly. In my opinion skidoo use during the winter would be acceptable. These machines do not damage the trail bed and actually improve the snow covered trail for other users by helping compact the snow to help create a solid base layer. It is my experience that snowmobile operators seem to be more cognizant of multiuse trail regulations than ATV operators.
310	We should be encouraging people to exercise. Making the T'Railway exclusive to non-motorized vehicles is the way to do this. By doing this, we also cut down on greenhouse gas emissions, an extremely important benefit for our environment. Imagine that: more exercise, fewer emissions. It's win-win.
311	Trails should be wider for atv and lots of signage for people to see and have speed limits
312	please keep atv access
313	non motorized vehicles
314	Some benches along the route and a picnic table
315	Have a trail parallel and separate for safety for Atvs.

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Respondent s	Responses
316	the trails are one area, keeping them off the main roads one be great to. Elizabeth park area .
317	Motorized vehicles should not be allowed in the trails. Although I have not had a bad experience we encounter them all the time and it impedes your ability to be active safely. It also ruins the trails for other users and makes you feel unsafe. It's an accident waiting to happen.
318	There are other trails in the area which if properly modified could interconnect the area but they have been cut off by recent construction. I submitted a detailed map a while back, please feel free to make use of it.
319	The T'Railway was put there so atv/people can use it together, and you have no business blocking it off. I'd still use it to get past the section in progress so I could go further. Otherwise we will have no way other than using the road to get through this area. The railway was left as a trail for atv's snowmobiles. remember, Road's For Rails!! Piss off, people want to walk there sure go right ahead, but would you walk in the middle of a road, if you hear a vehicle coming, move!! But people shouldn't be going as fast as some doon times.
320	Atv's contribute to paradise's economy, taking away the trails would be a mistake, see Corner Brooks atv use and embrace the Sport.
321	Widen it out for everyone.
322	Make other trails though out the town so people don't have to drive their atvs on the road
323	Start enforcing laws regarding illegal use of off road vehicles in Paradise both on trails and on public roads because currently there is none, and residents are clearly exasperated with the comments from MEOs & LEOs about how their hands are tied. We don't care if your hands are tied - DO SOMETHING.
324	Do not designate this trail as non-motorized.
325	Of all money spent on recreation. This is top value as all age groups from very young children to seniors enjoy the trail system.NO ATV's they are not respectful to walkers/snowshoeing persons and cross country skiers.
326	Make it blend with CBS and Mount Pearl. They have it RIGHT!
327	Upgrade the section for non motorized use!
328	The 6 kms of linear trail that represent this portion of the T'Railway should be revitalized and upgraded for non-motorized use. The portions on either side are frequently used for recreational purposes, which is desperately needed to promote healthier outcomes in our population. It would also encourage more commuters if this section was fixed up, which means less cars on the road. Grooming in the winter would provide excellent snow biking, snowshoeing, and skiing. The benefits of designating this portion as non-motorized and upgrading the trail far outweigh allowing continued motorized use.

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Respondent s	Responses
329	PLEASE UPGRADE THE TRAIL WITH THE MONEY PROVIDED AND HAVE THE TRAIL NON ATV ONLY. VERY NICE TRAIL IF NO ATV ARE USING IT. ATV USE MAKES THE TRAIL VERY DANGEROUS. PUT UP BLOCKADES SO NO ATVS GO ON THE TRAIL
330	No motorized only. There is no way to monitor the use of motorized vehicles on the trail. No speed limits. Also ATVs cause damage to the trails.
331	Expand for all to use
332	ATV should be able to travel from St. John's to Port Aux Basques, with restriction of speed in municipalities and complete stop when walkers, joggers, runners or peddle bikers to have the right of way. The Snowmobile Federation should be disbanded and called Recreational Federation with a basic price and every other unit a person has be charged extra for use on the trail (\$10.00). All money should be put back into trails and repairs with the purchaser of the pass having the option of the region they would like to see the money spent. this would better help all govts with basic repairs across the island.
333	Non motorized
334	<p>I am not an ATV user. If you continue to allow ATV's on the trail, you should post a speed limit to prevent rocks from hitting anyone when an ATV passes.</p> <p>An alternative idea for ATV is to set up an area just for them. Behind Milton Road is a wooded area with some nice trails that many already use for ATV. Paradise could designate this for ATV usage and provide the users with some basic services; such as a place to park trucks to load and unload ATV's, signage to identify different trails and to warn any walkers/hikers that the trail is primarily for ATV use. I have hiked back there and there is a lot of room and it is wide open. Looking at Google Earth, I saw that an ATV could leave Paradise and work its way over to Thornburd road. It is also a good place to pick blueberries :)</p>
335	Please to not allow ATV use on this railway, you will draw many more residents and people from outside the town by going atv free. The money from ATV tourism is much too small to even consider. Please keep my child and myself safe
336	Pedestrians only
337	Make multi use
338	No Vehicle Usage, unless Provisions are made where all users can do so in a Safe Manner with Conditions.
339	If you ban ATV from the trails you will have atvs , dirt bikes using public roads to connect to trails. We already see this in places like CBS. Plus there are many places that people can walk, snow shoes besides the old rail bed
340	Rules with enforcement
341	Because of noise I believe trails really need to be separated. If not trail enforcement becomes the issue. All riders know there is nothing that can be done to stop them. Most of the problem riders are already under age and not “suppose” to be riding or riding alone. Nothing is done to stop that. Why would speed be also stopped.

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Respondent s	Responses
342	No motorized vehicled
343	If it becomes non motorized then a new trail for motorized atv use should be considered around that portion of trail
344	Ban atv use.
345	A few signs to remind riders about excessive speed. Trail passes, it helps with the cost of up keep, if you don't have a pass you can get a fine, this is used in central NL on groomed trails. IF allowed to use more trails here on the in the area, ATV uses would purchase a trail pass with out a hesitation. A few bad apples ruins the whole situation for a lot of people. Like the incidents that happened at Irving earlier the year.
346	T’railway is owned by the people of the province, not a particular town. Make it accessible to everyone and patrol.
347	Cut the tress back and there’s lots of room.
348	Share equally.
349	Sidewalks are for walkers. The island from east to west should be for regulated ATV use
350	N/A
351	Atv’s have used it forever just because some people dont have-enjoy atv’s dont mean others dont
352	Yes, put the onus on the ATV users, allow multi use for a year trial then do another survey. ATV users should be courteous to walkers or other pedestrians in general. NO Speeding if they treat the trail and public with respect there shouldn't be a problem. Also stay on main railway bed/trail not allowed on trail around Neil’s pond for example.
353	Walkers have many trails which are for walkers only. We need this T’Railway to be shared to aid Atv recreational activities.
354	Most of the island allows the use of ATV/UTV. Proper signage and speed limits will / can reduce unwanted encounters between both users.
355	Don’t ban ATVs
356	also lots of ski-doods use this trail. Do up a trail so all ski-doods and Atv’s are able to get out of town and do a loading and offloading ramp. Cbs got it done Paradise should have it as well.
357	The trailwAy should be inclusive for ALL users. Part of the issue is because ATV/snowmobile users drive fast is because they don’t want to deal with municipal enforcement or be caught or ticketed. I have met many users and runners or cyclists that are more dangerous than atv users. Everyone thinks they own the trail. I have also met many young and old atv or bicycle users who slow or stop when encountering walkers/runners. Sharing and education of all users is what’s needed. Usage by both will still happen to some extent. Sharing and education
358	Everyone should respect all types of out door activities. Riding a ATV or walking a dog .

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Respondent s	Responses
359	Safety is the main reason why ATV's are not allowed on the walkways outside Paradise. Most (not all) drivers of ATV's are reckless. Don't spoil our walking/hiking/skiing trails.
360	Multi-use....including atv's. send out the occasional patrol and ticket/fine anyone who is not driving responsibly/breaking the law.
361	Keep it multi-use!!
362	If ATV riders were to use the trail in a respectable manner, with reduced speeds, there maybe no problem. However, it still is dependant on how much room there is on the trail for walkers, etc. and ATV's.
363	Ban all ATV use in the town not only on the T'Railway as a resident of Spracklin Blvd we are constantly having to deal with ATV use high speed & noise on the street as well on the trails
364	Keep it non motorized
365	Signage and posted speeds
366	Both joining section, Mount Pearl and CBS, do not allow motorized vehicles. Why should Paradise? Also, section from Three Island Pond to Ortega needs to be upgraded similar to CBS sections.
367	POST SIGNS NOTING THAT AREA IS PATROLED BY POLICE ETC. TO DETER IMPROPER USE
368	I grew up on Three Island Pond and this section of trail is used by a lot of people from Three Island Pond, Topsail Pond, Buckingham area to access the highway and beyond. Closing this section of trail to motorized use would just increase ATV traffic on public roads in the area which is a larger safety concern than a multi use trail, in my opinion.
369	Keep it multi use for ATVs and snowmobiles
370	Allowing the trail to be non motorized would allow for a beautiful trail system from st. Johns harbour to seal cove. There are truly some breathtaking views along the way and I believe would bring people from all over to use. I know the cost of pavement is very high for a project of that size but, ultimately it would be incredible to eventually have a proper, paved, shared railway with a yellow line down the middle like in other provinces. The key to any trail though is signage, and communication on how to use the trail. Stay to the right at all times. Pass on the left. Yield to pedestrians. People in this province do not know how to safely use our current tail systems and I have had several close calls while riding my bike with walkers, runners and dog walkers. We all need to share the trail. You can't be running in groups and have 4 runners side by side. You can't walk a dog with a 15 foot leash. You can't speed down a trail on a bike when there are other users. Be smart and share the path. It's been a dream to have a connected trail connecting the four communities for some time. Wish you luck in getting the job done!
371	not at this time
372	No

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Respondent s	Responses
373	Do not allow ATVs. To do so would conflict with safety, health and environmental objectives. Also create further problems for the town wrt enforcement at ATVs will travel on town streets to get to trail. Also challenges for emergency response.
374	Non-motorised
375	No
376	Multi use is the way to go. Have signage and designated routes for "conflicting" uses.
377	If you are going to abandoned ATV on this portion of the track then you should groom the trail in winter for better cross country skiing. This winter the ATB'S Have kept the trail somewhat groomed by going over it and made it good for cross country skiing. Groom the trail and then I would support the band on ATV,'s.
378	The designation of the trail should be consistent across municipalities so this portion should be non-motorized as well. If designated as such the town must be prepared to enforce it.
379	Signage and some patrolling ticketing if needed ATVs users and educating them on safe useage
380	Put a damn arc trail in place for the atv and snowmobile community . Not every trail needs to be for walking... maybe time to move outside the city ...where paradise use to be unlike the city they are becoming more like it ... soon be time to move to holyrood
381	Non motorized only
382	Non motorized please, before someone gets hurt or killed
383	There’s already many walking trails, if you continue to take trails away for motorized vehicles, people will resort to using roadways, which puts them and other drivers at risk.
384	ATV’s do not belong on trails within the community period. Please do not spend our tax dollars widening, surveying, or otherwise in order to accommodate this. People who can afford an atv also have trailers and can take them elsewhere to enjoy them same as skidoo’s. Keep the community trails safe for all residents.
385	I think the trail should be multi use but ATV riders need to respect others and others need to respect ATV riders. I do believe everyone should be able to use the trail.
386	Would like to see completed but not for ATV’s
387	No ATVs or motorbikes on the Trail
388	Widen and signage Patrol
389	no
390	No

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Respondent s	Responses
391	The Tway should remain open for atvs there is so many trails around paradise that are made possible for people to ride on cause of the T way
392	Keep it open for the ATVs. Enough trails have been lost already.
393	With the T'rail on both sides non motorized it makes sense to have this section non-motorized.
394	Trail passes to help up keep the trail then you will no who is using the trail for atvs.
395	It is my opinion that the T'Railway should be shared use for walking/running and cycling. I also do not believe that the trail should be paved with asphalt. I prefer running and cycling on a gravel surface. I recognize I am probably in the minority with that opinion and I would still use the trails if they were asphalt. I have very rarely encountered motorized vehicles on the trails so I am not overly concerned about that issue. If there are alternate locations for motorized vehicles then I support prohibiting them from the T'Railway.
396	Make it off limits to motorized vehicles. Not safe. Not reflective of a modern, progressive family oriented community.
397	Have this area patrolled to insure that the motor vehicles that are using this area are being safe and not speeding or tearing up the trail.
398	Everywhere in the city limits wether it be St. John's, my pearl or paradise are making ATV and snowmobiling a nightmare. Winding the trails will greatly make it safer and at the end of the day it is about getting the family outdoors and enjoying this beautiful province. No one wants to have to load their bikes and sleds up to go to the west coast to use it. Put money into widening the trails and support NLATV and other responsible groups to hold information sessions and safe group rides to teach the younger generation the safe way to ride. We need to get away from screens and back to nature as a whole and closing this off to safe motorized vehicles is a step in the wrong direction.
399	Some lights would be really nice, if there's funds available
400	Widening, signage and make it multi use for both.
401	Increased patrols, signage, even some sort of map with highlighted areas where atv use is allowed to educate people of where they can and can't use them within town limits.
402	No more dirt bikes or ATVs join the rest of mt Pearl and at John's with a band on them.
403	The atv and snowmobile community help maintain these trails and have kept them open and clear for years. The town doesn't own or have the right to take over these community trail systems. If you can respect that, you have an opportunity to include and involve the community to help bring business, pleasure, and draw attention to the town. Corner Brook is a prime example of this. They have embraced atv usage on trails and streets for tourism and for community saftey.

Q 10: Are there any suggestions you would like to offer regarding use of this portion of the T’Railway?

Respondent s	Responses
404	<p>In implementing any physical barriers preventing motorized vehicles from using the T’Railway, please do not make the mistakes St. John’s and Mt. Pearl have...</p> <p>Those jurisdictions have barriers that are barely 50cm wide. Bicycle handlebars range between 40cm and 80cm wide, making such barriers very dangerous, especially at night.</p>
405	<p>Create a separate trail to allow ATV’s to get out of town. There own trail so there is no confusion as to where they should be</p>
406	<p>Widen the trails. Driving young men and women onto the roads puts their lives at risk. Do their lives not matter as much as those who WALK the trails? This is the message being sent by the town.</p>
407	<p>No</p>
408	<p>The atv’s are not the problem it’s the person driving them. Let respectful people use these trails</p>
409	<p>Continue to use it as a dual purpose trail, but ensure adequate signage is in place to ensure users are aware of the potential to meet motorized vehicles.</p>
410	<p>Ni</p>
411	<p>Widening and leveling of trails</p>
412	<p>I think we need both motorized and no -motorized portions for our trails here in paradise. We have a lot of walking trails and very little motorized vehicles trails. Both are essential and a wonderful aspect and reason why we chose fo live in paradise.</p>
413	<p>No motorized vehicles. Zero</p>
414	<p>Stop closing ATV trails and let us have a safe way out of town</p>
415	<p>All motorized vehicles have woods trails that they can use. There is no need to have them on the T’Railway tearing up the dirt-groomed trail in the summer and the snow-groomed trail in the winter.</p>
416	<p>Widen area to provide specific atv access. It is better than everyone being too tight on one trail or atv on paved road</p>
417	<p>A set speed limit for atv users</p>
418	<p>You can accomdate both non motorized and motorized by dividing the traiway into two lanes</p>
419	<p>Keep paradise same as CBS and mount pearl. That’s what makes the most sense</p>
420	<p>Non motorized, multi use</p>
421	<p>Proper signage on roadways where trails cross not only just the railway but any trails connecting. Also there should be something done by the kozy kitchen crossing not related but would definitely help if some sort of flashing light to use when crossing on atv similar to a cross walk.</p>

Q 10: Are there any suggestions you would like to offer regarding use of this portion of the T’Railway?

Respondent s	Responses
422	The Avalon needs a atv trail, to keep pedestrians safe, not all atv users are inconsiderate, but there are some who don’t slow down and race through the trails making it scary to walk
423	Motorised and non-motorised users simply do not mix.
424	Should be kept the way it is as a multi use trail and there should be more multi use trails in the town and surrounding areas to keep recreational vehicles from being on trails that they are not welcome on.
425	Non-motorized only.
426	Make it for non atv use make it nice like the other trails in paradise. Ban the atvs on these trails they are to nice to be used for atv trails.
427	Walking trails & bicycle paths
428	Non motorized only to connect the non moterized sections in CBS and Mount Pearl/st John's.
429	Leave it as-is with more signage for people who are unfamiliar with its current use.
430	Widening the trail and separating walking/ATV is a fantastic idea
431	T’railways should be kept as multi use trails as they were intended to be used for after the railways came up, making this non motorized eliminates one of the main groups of users
432	Widening of the trail slightly and grooming of the trail tomake flat
433	Leave it alone. Otherwise you will create a problem that doesn't currently exist. "If it's not broken, don't fix it". My son and partner go for family rides on this trail for the last few years and never an issue. In the summer they go a few times a week.
434	Should be to the same standard as the trail McNamara east
435	Enforcement for Multi use.
436	Designate this section of TRailway non-motorized.
437	Widen the trail and let both atv and walkers use the trail
438	Yes please consider the runners and walkers safety. I have small children who have nearly been run over by some ATV users around octagon and neils pond trail. Not acceptable in a very young community. Majority of these ATV drivers are teenagers and should not be operating these on towns trails. Exciting for the town to get those 6 km groomed and usable:)
439	Yes, follow the example set by Mount Pearl with respect to the quality improvements to the railbed that fall within their boundaries.
440	An upgraded trail would create a connection between metro St. John’s and Mount Pearl to the continuing highly developed trail starting in CBS to points west.
441	Multi use trails offer so many options for so many more people - makes the town open and friendly to all users

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Respondent s	Responses
442	Keep it open for ATV use, its a huge screw you to the people of the closest town next to St John's that are able to use ATVs.
443	I suggest you consider the thousands in taxes people pay in regards to atv use. People move to places outside st john's so they can have a place to ride.
444	Provide more access points
445	I think this portion of the trail way should stay as is. There are already enough non motorized trail ways in paradise for people who don't want to subject themselves to having to co-exist with motorized vehicles. Why should people who like to enjoy the great outdoors on a motorized vehicle always have to find other places to ride. Eventually there will be nowhere that people like myself can freely operate a motorized vehicle. I would also like to add that I take my dogs walking on this trail and I have yet to see a problem with pedestrians and motorized vehicles.
446	Non-motorized is only safe choice
447	I don't know how to solve the problem, I grew up on the west coast atvs and walkers shared numerous trails I was always taught to slow down when you saw a walker so you didn't bury them in dust and rocks. Maybe some public engagement/education in school at the end of the day it's a respect issue
448	Resurface with smaller stones rather than. The beach sized rocks
449	Dont let crotchety old ladies take away one of the few ways to get kids outside in our increasingly screen-laden world. Keep in mind the people against atvs will likely die in the next 5 to 10 years, leaving a lot of unhappy people if the ban goes through.
450	This section of trail requires considerable maintenance to smooth the ground surface (i.e. like Mt Pearl, CBS and around Octagon Pond).
451	Make it user friendly for everyone I personally enjoy the t rail for taken the family for rides and as well as walking
452	Extend the length of multi use so atvs and snowmobiles don't have to use the road
453	I stated it all on my previous answer. I think that section should be widened and monitored for people improperly using ATV's. We have a side-by-side and my husband and I and our young DOB always go for rides. We drive sensibly and are very conscious of pedestrians. This is the best way to get to other trails in the area and it would be very difficult to use our ATV if that area was restricted.
454	State a max speed and have one side for walkers and one for motorists
455	Yes. IT would great if it was more like CBS and if all the trails could be re-done and connected. It looks terrible the way it is now. I drive to CBS to use their trails now as CBs is nicer than paradise. And I think the town has serious issues with people using off road vehicles on the road and should also do something about it as it is a bigger problem.

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Respondent s	Responses
456	If making a trail for non-motorized rec use, perhaps an alternate trail can be designated for motorized rec use. But these must be totally separate for safety sake.
457	Don't do what cbs did and ruin the tracks
458	This trail is currently a dead end on both ends for ATV's & Dirt Bikes. Mount Pearl does not allow them nor does CBS. allowing them on Paradise's portion of the trail only encourages illegal ATV use in neighbouring communities and throughout other areas of Paradise (which is a major problem)
459	I think having a link from Paradise to Topsail that my family can enjoy without worries of ATV's speeding by is a good thing. I honestly don't see the need for having this portion of the T'railway allocated for ATV use. Our population is too large and our geographical area is too small to expect the best of both worlds.
460	I would really like a complete trail system the to be developed around the town, allowing access to business and services. I currently take the atv for a quick ride and can access the new robin's. A perfect evening ride includes a stop in for a coffee and a donut. I would like to expand that across the whole town. Maybe loop all around paradise and publish the trail map for everyone! I'd be perfectly ok with some speed enforcement ensuring happy enjoyment for all multi users.
461	I think there are many places for walker to go, while ATV users are limited to a very small section. We should not take away a place for teens and adults to practice an activity that they enjoy, and to do it safely. No question about it.
462	Add signage for trails that branch off the T Railway to identify access to other trails and or ammenities
463	More signage indicating proper use, trail etiquette and how all users behavior affects other users.
464	Make it non-motorized!!
465	Keep it open to everyone! Everyone enjoys using it. I walk my dogs on it and use my atv / skidoo on it with no issues. If you need to start implementing trail passes for bikes/ sleds do that. Do not paint all motorized users with the same brush.
466	Get the atvs and snowmobiles off our roads. Shut down any of this activity by enforcing your own laws.
467	Invest in ATV tourism. It would help our province thrive once again.
468	Convert it to non-motorized use and encourage more healthy, active living by residents
469	Mount Pearl section of trailway is a good example to emulate.
470	I think with proper signage both. Atv users and pedestrians can use trail way safely
471	If anything is to be done with this section of the T'Railway, it should be made for ATV's and snowmobile only!!! Walkers, runners, bikers, etc should be banned. Thank you

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Respondent s	Responses
472	The trail belongs to the people of NL and should not be taken by the town. We are loosing tons of money on tourism,people come from outside NLon ATV’s and they can’t get into town. The east coast is not ATV friendly. The track should not have been taken till another trail was made for motorized vehicles.
473	Multi use, signage, widen paths
474	I believe that it can be safe for pedestrians and ATVs to both use the trail, after all walkers, runners and cyclists have to share the road with cars/trucks however I believe that ATV use would damage the trail to the point of making it unusable for cyclists and runners. Even if it were widened to include an ATV lane, I suspect the few bad apples of the ATV user group would not respect it. While were at the upgrades, let’s add some lighting so that we can enjoy the trails even more.
475	Grade it to the level of that found in CBS.
476	Paradise is a large municipal area with a significant population, Atv s should not be allowed to operate in the middle of town. It is too dangerous
477	Non-motorized users only.
478	Don't follow the way of CBS. Shutting down the tracks for off-road vehicles is a sad attempt at gentrification. If people need more walking trails, widen it and put a walking path on the side, or build another one. Don't take one of the only options people have away just because some uptight spandex wearing runners are kicking up a stink.
479	Keep as muti use please. We are blessed to have some FANTASTIC trails in the town dedicated to walkers. Let’s leave some options for town residents who enjoy atvs and skidoo’s. great job in seeking public feedback on this.
480	This could be a jewel for the town of Paradise if done right. Paradise is not a rural community and should not allow ATV use within its borders. Separate walking and cycling trails are needed. Thanks!
481	People enjoy all sorts of outside activities, eliminating the use of atvs will just create tension between users of the trail, and will cause atv users to drive faster to get through the trail to avoid run ins
482	If there are concerns with this as a multi use trail, maybe engage other cities (Like Corner Brook) who have a plan and strategy in place to make both walkers and motorized vehicles work on the same trail system. The trail system should be used as an outdoor activity centre for whoever wants to use it. This would make for economic spinoffs for restaurants and other businesses in our community. Don’t let historical precedents overshadow a move forward in our thinking towards activities that are happening around us anyway. Embrace it and make it work!!!
483	A small rest/recreation area at the topsail pond area near the old rail crossing would be a wonderful touch.

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Respondent s	Responses
-484	My big concern is the bikes have to get to the trails somehow. By allowing them to drive in the community you have to allow them to use the roadways. The traffic speeds on the roadways of a growing town is not safe to be sharing with children on motorized vehicles. Uninsured and unregistered motorized vehicles. It needs to be policed more. It is just constant during the summer. If you don’t give these children or young adult the right of way, you are taking abuse from them.
485	I feel everyone should be aloud a right on the trail whether that be atving to cross country skiing
486	Don't change it... owning an ATV on the Avalon is getting harder to enjoy. Every year we lose a portion of the trail. We soon need to travel to Whitbourne to unload. In which all my money will he spent outside the metro area. Buying a new ATV, service, riding gear, fuel, food. When we have access to restaurants and fuel through the trails we spend money here. Ex. 6 atv does a wing run to Hebron way. Each bike uses \$15 fuel plus trail snacks. Each person spends \$25 at wing n it plus tip. If we lose our trail to walking trail. Everyone loses. We will then trailer west, with money being spent outside metro. It doesn't seem like much money but you multiply that by 1000 atvs it's a big deal. Walkers buy one pair of shoes every 2 years. Leaving the cost of up keep entirely on the municipality. It's a no brainers.
487	The town needs to accommodate atv use. We have many walking trails , multi use rink , gyms , soccer and soft ball field already. We need to accommodate atv use for sure. People did not walk the tvrail when trains were travelling there. Walkers did exceed use elsewhere. Accommodate atv please
488	If it remains open to ATV usage, there needs to be an ATV drop off area. I think it should be ban. On Clearview heights, bikes are used daily during the summer months to access this trail. You can see teenagers daily going up the street well in excess of the speedlimit, commonly on one wheel.
489	Usage consistent with St. John's, Mount Pearl and CBS sections.
490	Put a speed limit for atv’s
491	If you do allow ATV or other motorized vehicles there should be constant patrols and enforcement.
492	if you allow atv on trail ...override it will be destroyed. so mult use can work unless you budget for maintenance
493	There’s already enough walking trails in paradise, turning the T’railway into a non-motorized trail will only result in more people illegally driving on the trail or roadway
494	Keep it open to everyone

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Respondent s	Responses
495	There should be signs saying Please respect other people when using trailway with motorized vehicles!!!! Speed signs surely would help with conflicts between walkers and motorists and a little bit of enforcement to keep those motorists on atv and Snowmobiles under control. Town of paradise should start a Trailway committee . I would be more than glad to volunteer one or two days a month on weekends to help out with this .
496	Should be non motorized only, there should be a separate trail for them
497	Please upgrade so it matches cbs and mount pearl, right now it’s not good for running/cycling with a normal bike
498	None
499	Keep it for both atv’s and walkers and enforce safe sped limits to keep walkers safe
500	Keep ATVs off
501	Better visibility of the Trailway exit on Topsail Pond Road.
502	Groom like the trail in CBS, they are so good to walk on. Very user friendly
503	Reduce speeds when meeting other people
504	Make it safe and join our neighbours by getting ATVs and dirt bikes off the trail.
505	no
506	Leave it alone
507	Perhaps some monitoring might help. Growing up in Mt Pearl we had the Park Patrol (nicknamed Park Narcs) who patrolled the trail system to curb certain activities.
508	I believe the railway should be widened to accommodate all members of the community, so people can use it for non motorized and motorized activity
509	There should be signs indicating that atvs are permitted on the trail so that non motorists are aware of this so that they will not be surprised if they come across them
510	The rail way should be multi use for both atv,dirt bikes and snowmobiles as it keeps the users off the road and away from traffic and public roads
511	Keep it atv friendly. losing way to many atv friendly trails around.atving brings economic opportunities in the region.
512	Having motorized use of the railway is a hugh benefit to the local economy.
513	This portion of railway along with the rest of the railway in NL was always used by atv’s and should be considered a great source for tourism. NL boasts some of the best country/sight seeing the world has to offer and it has been totally destroyed by some of the towns within the province do to people who have no time for atv’s or people who have had some bad experiences..... The province has all kinds of assets in stock to properly patrol trailways!! The RNC has more atv’s than they know what to do with!!! With an influx of new meme era to the force where training takes place at my now finding cadets to work these types of situations should not be any issue!!
514	No ATVs ever, groom in winter
515	Please do - - Not Make paridise like cbs

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Respondent s	Responses
516	No
517	Ease of access
518	It should be the same as the sections in CBS and Mt. Pearl
519	Make a separate non groomed trail for the motorized it can be next to the nonmotorized trail way but very obvious for who can use the trail . The area there is very big so another trail running parallel would work
520	no
521	I think we should keep the trail for both walking and ATV use. Make it wider and post more signage indicating both ATV and Pedestrian use. I think what CBS did to the trailway was terrible. Ive spoken with multiple people who have crossed the island on atv from Argentia to PAB and vice versa and they all say they wish they could have come to town to spend a couple of nights. I think we are missing out on a great way to promote our beautiful town! Please keep the trail multi use! Maybe we can open up the eyes of CBS and get the trail way back to the way it was! Best Regards! C.
522	Put more signs up to tell people that it is a multi use trail. (Speed limit signs, slow signs, multi use signs)
523	I strongly suggest keeping this section of the T’railway to motorized and non motorized vehicles. I personally use this trail every week or two for snowmobile and atv use. As well as walking my dog or cycling. The trail that branches off from the railway to the highway is a key trail for many recreational vehicle users because it enables them to reach many other trails. It opens up many opportunity’s for people to get out and enjoy a ride on their machines. If motorists are respectful and slow down and be cautious when passing pedestrians it is safe and practical for dual usage. Also there is an abundance of walking trails in paradise while atv trails become more limited each year. Therefore I strongly believe that the railway should be left as it is. Open to recreational vehicles and pedestrians. Thank you for taking into consideration the opinions of us trail users before making the final decision
524	n/a
525	No - other than banning the use of ATV’s and other motorized machines.
526	This is the only stretch of railway we have left to access trails outside the city via the side of Peacekeepers way and the TCH. Cyclists and pedestrians have numerous trail systems around the metro area. Leave the railway as is.
527	Keep it wide or have a sectioned portion of the trail which is split in half for motorized use and non motorized use.
528	Should be for all recreational vehicles and whatever people of paradise want to use the trail for. Walking, jogging, biking etc
529	Trails need to be made available. The lack of atv trails on the Avalon peninsula in general to attract atv tourism. Let’s start by leading the way!
530	Make a walking/biking by-pass or choke point.

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Respondent s	Responses
531	Although I have primarily used it for non-motorized use myself, I can see and appreciate the appeal of being able to use motorized vehicles along the trail. Ideally I would like to see it remain multi-use, but with mechanisms (such as speed limits) to encourage safe use by both vehicles and pedestrians. Ideally the T'railway would be a way for vehicles to get to other trail networks that they can use that don't often have pedestrians.
532	Strictly non-motorized use.
533	Yes- ban ATVs dirt, bikes, etc. I think some of the issues businesses in Paradise have with them is because there is such easy access to them via the current use of the T'railway. I've also encountered them on the roads and sides of the roads in Paradise which I believe is because they are trying to access the Trailways. In my experience ATV and dirt bike users are disrespectful and operate their machines in a disrespectful and dangerous manner., it would be a credit to the Town of Paradise to ban their use on trails were there are pedestrians and cyclists. You may receive a lot of lobbying from ATV/dirt bike/snowmobile users but please, please take the lessons from CBS and ban their use.
534	I like the idea of signage on the trails notifying users that it is indeed a motorized/non-motorized trail. I also like the idea of possibly widening the trail to make it more dual purpose friendly.
535	Trailway should be physically blocked with a gate.
536	More garbage bins, other than that it's fantastic.
537	Widen it out and put a divider. A wide lane for motorized vehicles and a more narrow lane for foot/bicycle traffic. The town should really promote the safe use of ATVs as it could be a great benefit for local businesses (is restaurants, coffee shops, gas stations)
538	Na
539	We have walked the trailway from the old train station downtown to the CBS town hall. The worse section by far is from the double ice complex to the CBS boundary. I would like to see some improvements made to this section. I am neither for or against ATV usage, I believe there may be ways so that everyone can enjoy it, but I do realize that prohibiting or at least limiting ATV usage may be the best way to go. If there is a section that allows ATV users to gain access to other trails/pole lines then I would be ok with permitting limited usage to facilitate that.
540	Keep the T'Railway for walkers, cyclists, and runners only! I've seen far too many dirt bikes and ATVs speeding by, showing no regard for others on the trail.
541	Motorized vehicles should not be allowed in there, as the users of ATV's, etc. within Paradise have proven over and o we trthat they do not care about safety, or the laws.
542	Read above
543	No

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Respondent s	Responses
544	Why the fuck would the town waste money some consultation knob to make this no-brainer decision. Each side of the trail in neighboring communities banned motorized vehicles already. My only suggestion that means anything will be for the town to invest in the trail to make it usable for people.
545	Rules
546	This is something that's gotta be considered very carefully. Is it fair to keep motorized vehicles off the trail way? Is there a way it can be used by both motorized vehicles and walkers, runners, pedal bikes etc???
547	Add up the economic benefits of atv riding. Sales, maintenance, insurance, gas, food, tourism, etc. People can walk anywhere and everywhere, but atv riders are forced to find unsafe ways around designated areas.
548	I think the railway can be used for atv but at a speed limit and a noise level . No aftermarket exhaust. Personal I think with the trail upgraded and if used correctly atv riders could be able to leave the Town of Paradise and ride across the island .
549	Create more Atv friendly areas throughout town, most sub divisions should be allowed to use to access nearby trails much like Corner brook has implemented.
550	Posted speed limit
551	None
552	There should be more access for ATV not only in paradise but on all of the Avalon
553	No
554	Do not isolate the ATV community. A large portion of the community use ATV's for recreation and removal will only push these ATV's on the streets to access trails
555	Pedestrian traffic and Vehicle traffic must respect each other at all times. I believe proper signage and explanation to ALL parties using the trail system would be very beneficial.
556	Look at the benefits other communities are now finding from welcoming arcs into the community. Walkers pack a sandwich. Atv and snowmobilers spend money
557	Make it usable for atvs and pedestrians
558	Work with the users on a bypass and staging area.
559	All the trailway should be ATV friendly. From port au basques to mount pearl. this is why there are so many atvs on the road. There are plenty non motorized trails for walkers to use, stop taking away atv trails
560	Atv use should be allowed
561	Atv's aren't going away, so like corner brook, paradise should find a way to capitalize on atv's. now dirt bikes, that's another story. They should be banned all together because the only ones on them are teenagers and they got no common sense. I was one once.

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Respondent s	Responses
562	As an outdoor enthusiast and a tax payer that has used this and other trails in and around the Paradise area for over 20 years weather it was was walking or riding my atv due to my knees being bad due to years of work think that the trails should be there for all to use and not taken away from those of us that can’t walk that far anymore because of a few dollars or a few people who are not respectful of other people that use these trails maybe we should promote these trails for atv use instead of slowing taking them away
563	This can be used to promote atv and side by side on and off the island. Thus creating employment.
564	Yes. Make it for non-motorized use only.
565	All T’Railways should be Motorized
566	please develop it only for people who walk or ride bicycles or cross country ski with their kids and for people who walk their pets
567	Segregated area for walking and atv use
568	Yes make it a walking trail only, many more people want to use this trail but do not because of ATV and dirt bikes speeding throughout! It’s terrible and it does not have to be that way
569	Eliminate ATV's from Trailway
570	Fencing so atvs and skidoo may pass but force a reduce speed
571	Very strongly disagree with restricting ATV use on this part of the trail without first putting an alternative in place
572	By eliminating ATV use on the trail you will be forcing users to use alternate routes to use their ATVs, thus introducing other conflicts. The T’railway is the only route that is designated for motorized users, by eliminating this route ATV users are being alienated from participating in their preferred mode of recreation in the Town. CBS eliminated motorized use of the T’railway several years ago and committed to create an alternate route for ATVs, they did not deliver on their promise and now passage through their Town and on to the rest of the province from Paradise has been cut off, and should be a major issue for the Town and other municipalities in the region. I would like to see our Town advocate on our behalf with CBS for passage through their Town and on to the rest of the Province with ATVs. ATVs get a lot of undeserved criticism because of a small group of individuals do not use them on the trails responsibly, however the same distinction isn't made for walkers if young people walking on those trails steal or vandalize property in the Town. There have been many other trails upgraded/created in the town for non motorized users and there is no lack of options for people choosing to use trails in that way, however this is the only trail in the Town designated for multi-use, if this is taken away, ATV users have nothing. My suggestion would be to either have the trails patrolled to eliminate improper use on multi-use trails, or restrict/eliminate non-motorized use of the T’railway to eliminate any perceived safety issue, the walkers have several other tax payer funded options to utilize in the Town.
573	Keep it they way it is, CBS took away ATV on railway and quads are on the roads.

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Respondent s	Responses
574	If you are going to make this a non motorized trail there should be an alternate route designated for atv/snowmobile use also
575	keep it as ATV friendly
576	If other towns have been successful in eliminating ATV use within their town boundaries, Paradise should follow the same rules and regulations. ATV use contribute to trail damage and erosion which negates the positive effects of trail upgrading as well as very unsafe for pedestrian usage. Walking on the CBS trail which has been groomed is a pleasure in winter and is widely used by pedestrians. I strongly think it is the only way to go if funds are spent to upgrade and maintain. ATV use belongs outside town boundaries.
577	making it wider for a dedicated ATV/dirtbike section is a decent idea. would keep everyone happy. I was an ATVer in the past and know the trouble with finding trails.
578	A question was do we need to find a way for atvs to commute ? U got one a railway. Maybe u should work on cuttin walking trails instead. Havent gotta be as wide as the railway. . It's hard to believe this has to be said
579	Promoting will enhance awareness
580	Leave it for motorized use like the rest of the island!
581	People walk on sidewalk alongside thousands of vehicles and we have biking lanes literally painted on the sides of roads. There is no reason to remove motorized vehicles from trails. On the west coast snowmobilers, snowshoers, and skiers all share trails with no issue. The trail runs from Port aux Basque to the Avalon, it doesn't make sense to limit access and the potential for tourism. Atv/snowmobilers will not stop using the trails, you will just cause frustration in a large portion of our residents which will lead to vandalism to access the trails. Why not invest in training programs for atv users or even a trail pass system like they have for snowmobiles on the west coast
582	Keep open for ATV use. Shutting down ATV use in the area is a horrible idea. It will drive people away from the area and impact moral of the residents
583	Should be multi for walkers and atv
584	If trails become multi use, motorized vehicles tend to damage to path, making it difficult to run or walk on them.
585	Maintain multi purpose. It’s a community trail so keep it for everybody, a community consists of people/groups will numerous interests.
586	There are plenty of walking trails already. Paradise should make itself a leader in creating an atv friendly environment in the metro region...
587	Please keep it multiuser

Q 10: Are there any suggestions you would like to offer regarding use of this portion of the T’Railway?

Respondent s	Responses
588	<p>Yes I totally agree in making a separate trail for walkers and atv ers. I am an atver as well as a walker. And I totally respect people walking on trail ways. But I understand there’s always some one that makes it bad for everyone. But please don’t shut out atv s keep them in mind for your decision. Corner Brook has many ideas for both users. Maybe reach out to them and way out some pros and cons to both walkers and atvers. I strongly recommend separating the trails for both users.</p> <p>Thanks Darren.</p>
589	No
590	<p>Paradise needs to get in line, We have atvs we are not allowed to use at this time. There needs to be a trail system. I would be willing to pay a trail pass yearly for both atv and snowmobile.</p>
591	Make the trail wider and impose a speed limit
592	Have both ATV and walkers use this portion of T’Railway
593	<p>I think education on respecting each person in how they want to use the t’railway is key. I know I am very respectful to others while using the ATV and I would expect the same when I am walking. There is no reason it can and should not coincide and seems like a few bad apples may have made it bad for many. It is bad when Newfoundland is known for it outdoor activities but yet other provinces and municipalities seem to have figured out how to accommodate and let the investments mad into ATV’s get used and enjoy time outdoors with family. My kids love the time we spend going on the ATV and really hope that does not get taken away.</p>
594	<p>By banning ATVs from this area you are pushing ATV traffic onto the roadways which is an ongoing issue with other municipalities. ATVs are a huge part of the community and ATV sales are booming in the province with families getting more involved with the sport. This is an important access way for many people who use ATVs</p>
595	<p>Atv and snowmobile tourism is huge opportunity for the Town. While we don't offer have snow conditions on the avalon for snowmobiles we need to focus on the Atv potential. The economic upside is huge. Proper trails and signage with access to refuel and food stops. Obviously with this there will be a need for some form of enforcement of rules. Other provinces have embrassed this industry and are reaping the benefits of trail passes, jobs created and the money spent by users while on the trail. Also this can not be successful without the support of the surrounding communities that also share the trail system.</p>
596	Keep it for ATV/Snowmobiles
597	Open it up to both. Or even sell trail passes.
598	Just make it safe for both motors and non moterest
599	Post signage clearly stating the different types of trail use and rules

Q 10: Are there any suggestions you would like to offer regarding use of this portion of the T’Railway?	
Respondent s	Responses
600	It should be kept as is! We need many more trails for atvs, walkers have so many trails already. Every pond around has a walking trail. The entire railway bed should be for atvs as was its meaning when the railways were closed
601	Don't take away atv access on the railway. More access to trails with signage and speed limits will keep atv off the roads.
602	0
603	Widening the trail is best option for use for both atv and walking
604	Na
605	Speed limit signage and max 15 Kim speed on all ATV's
606	Lots of signage
607	Outside of Saint Johns everybody allows ATVs on these trails why not do the same in the capital city! seems to be a problem with aTVs on the roadways here so why not create a trail system that they can use!
608	If banning motorized vehicles have a permit system that allows adjacent property owners to access their piece of property for maintenance purposes.
609	Signage to indicate that it is multi-use and to slow down when passing cyclists or hikers. Enforcement must be carried out and young riders as, as well as older, should be encouraged to respect other users. If the town restricts motorized users, then this will make matters worse. Making changes because the money is free is not the way forward. Do the right thing and include all users. Perhaps other municipalities will follow our lead and make the T-Railway a benefit for all. Lead the change, don't just follow because there is easy money. CBS promised to ATV users that they would make a trail after legislating them out of the Manuals River Trail. Years later, the promise to these citizens has been forgotten by the CBS Municipality. Please, do not do follow their poor example. This is Paradise, we can do better.
610	Paradise has side walks for a reason walk on that leave the trails for the riders
611	Prepare for a shit show if you disallow atv's/skidoo's from using the trails. Walkers can walk EVERYWHERE. Sidewalks, around all the ponds, up the road, in the parks, indoor walking tracks, the gym, treadmill, EVERYWHERE. But there is ONE SINGLE PLACE atv's can be used and that's the trails. Stop trying to take this away. CBS took it away and people are PISSED. There's no need. Walkers need to haul their heads out of their asses and realize there's a MILLION AND ONE places for them to get their their daily little scoot around. Sick of the discrimination against atv users. The world is a bunch of snowflakes, can't have any fun anymore without the boomers crying
612	freedom of choice as to its use....its taxpayer funded and as a taxpayer in paradise I'd like the choice to use the trails for atv and walking/jogging.
613	Skidoo skidoo trikes and bikes this is how we do it up in paradise!
614	Education ,enforcement and the desire to work together will go along way

Q 10: Are there any suggestions you would like to offer regarding use of this portion of the T'Railway?	
Respondent s	Responses
615	The T'railway, including all of CBS, should always have been designated multi use, including motorized vehicles. Without it, the offroad atv, and motorcycle community is greatly hurting because of it.
616	A map of atv trails should be published and routes to gas and snacks established
617	Is was donated as a trailway, and that included atvs so keep it that way otherwise atv users will use streets
618	Was meant for everyone to use not just hikers and not just atvs but people walking should be aware of the rules of the trails your walking on/riding
619	Possibly have signs indicating "stay to the right side and drive slow" when approaching pedestrians. Also "use your bell" to let others know you are approaching. Thanks!
620	There are enough trails for walkers that are designated as such. But not so for atvs A designated trail could be a revenue attraction
621	The rules put in place now could have unintended impacts on the future of the trails. Often, in winter many trails are not useable till the snow machines have made passes. With climate change, electric bikes and eventually electric atvs could be impacted. Multi use can be mutually beneficial if managed properly. The people reporting problems caused by the few abusers are right, but rules dont impact the abusers as they dont care about rules. A few cameras at the start and end of the trails would fix the abusers. If people knew they could be found and held to account if there were complaints, they wouldn't break rules in the first place.
622	Use it for motorized atvs you already took away most spots for everyone to ride this is gettting out of hand leave it as it
623	Widening and dedicating a side for walking would help keep both riders and walkers safe.
624	It will keep quads/dirt bikes off our main roads
625	Not allowing people to use motorized vehicles on this section of the trail way will result in more people being irresponsible & using off-road vehicles on roadways. I believe it would be beneficial to keep this as a shared use trail, and invest in educating people on safer use of ATV's, and more information on trail etiquette.
626	Rather than banning atv's from this section of the Trailway and creating/exacerbating problems of "illegal" atv use, how about having a strategy that provides for access to trails and the backcountry, education and sineage?
627	Make somewhere for ATV use!! You wonder why the generation coming up is the way they are. Everything is being taken away from them. Not only the young crowd. Us older people want to ride our ATV's too. Give us some trails. Set some speed limits
628	No
629	Tourism \$ from atv use is growing. Get on board
630	Keep the trail both ATV and walker friendly, perhaps by widening the trail or splitting to accomodate both activities and allowing everyone to be safe and enjoy the trail.

Q 10: Are there any suggestions you would like to offer regarding use of this portion of the T’Railway?

Respondent s	Responses
631	Post speed limits and enforce the current age regulations. As a lot of speeders seem to be underage non supervised kids who are not allowed on the trails anyway.
632	Multi use
633	<p>If walking trail only is desired widen the trail in this section. This trail way is used right across the island for off road usage vehicles by all ages. Recently central has done major upgrading and it has brought more safe use of atvs and money for the economy. Designating this as a non motorized trail will just continue to alienate the off road community and will increase instances of vehicles using road ways to access trails they once could access for years and years but no more because people want another trail to walk on.</p>
634	<p>This trail should be open to both parties. It is not fair to discriminate against ATV and snowmobile users. There is no reason why everyone can’t just get along on the trails. Have a posted speed limit on the trails for people to follow. I believe you try to keep atvs and snowmobiles off the trails they will still use them when they need to because of not they become confined to such a small area for riding.</p>
635	The town need to maintain this access for atvs, it is a key route to get to other atv areas.
636	Make it a ATV trail as it was donated for.
637	If paradise takes away the old railway, they should build a trail for sleds and atv's first.
638	Keep it atv friendly
639	Signage to notify people that it is used by motorized vehicles
640	<p>In my opinion. Recreational vehicles and walkers should be able to share the trails. I have lived in other communities in the past (gander) where this was a public ally accepted idea, and it not only did it help the tourism, but it also allowed people to get out and enjoy the outdoors regardless of whether or not they wanted to walk, run, snowmobile, or use atv.</p> <p>If there are no designated ATV trials, it would be safe to assume that the younger(more rebellious) generation will take to the streets on there bikes. Give people a place to use there recreational vehicles rather than taking them away.</p> <p>This is asking for trouble.</p>
641	People can walk anywhere. ATVs are limited to where they can be used. You can walk up the sidewalks anywhere but you can't ride your atv up the sidewalks or roads.

Q 10: Are there any suggestions you would like to offer regarding use of this portion of the T’Railway?

Respondent s	Responses
642	<p>either multi use trail, or put an ATV trail in place first. the rest of the province is trying to accommodate atv as they bring in tourism from out of province, and ATV users spend more money in the community, (ie: bikes, trailers, trucks, gas, food, accessories, parts, hotel/motel rooms, camping supplies etc) we pay more taxes then someone getting a couple water bottles, gronola bars and a pair of \$150 sneakers.... atv/sxs are from 5 grand up to 50 grand or more... then the trailer/truck to haul it and everyrhing that follows it</p>
643	<p>Follow corner brook and incorporate atv use in the town to allow for better access and tourism</p>
644	<p>Definitely should be left as multi-use trails. I feel if it isn’t there will only be more trouble with ATVs on roadways. People invest a lot of money into these machines and will use them. There are huge economic benefits to ATV use on these trails....fuel, maintenance, restaurants etc. Just look at the benefits aim the rest of the island. We have a local ATV group called NLATV and we have 1600 members alone on the Avalon about 1100 of which are in the St.Johns and CBS area.</p>
645	<p>All trailway should be mult-iuse. Ots provincial park. Towns should have never been able to force to take over control of it.</p>
646	<p>The trailway originally was intended for all users as an avid Atv user we often leave the Avalon to use our vehicles because they accommodate us. As a group of 6 or more we use the gas stations, hotels, restaurants and local stores. It is an up and coming pass time for 45 + age groups who have the money to pay for comfort. Please consider going the way of corner brook, deer lake, gander, greand falls and Clarenville it will be worth it</p>
647	<p>It needs to be upgraded so it is safe to use. ATV's need to have an alternate trail constructed for their use.</p>
648	<p>Similar to CBC trail way ,excellent</p>
649	<p>A drop off point for your atvs and open up the rest of the railway for multi use</p>
650	<p>no but all the t railway should be multi use as other towns atv and skidoing is big business today and lot of money in tourism and money in the comunity</p>

APPENDIX 3 – Comments from Public Forum, March 11, 2020

Public Consultation – March 10, 2020
Record of Comments from the public after the presentation

Note: For purposes of privacy, the names of the individuals are not provided, but wherever possible, they participants are identified as a resident (or non-resident) of the Town of Paradise. The comments appear in the order that the participants spoke in the Public Forum. Note also that any responses by the presenter have not been included .

Resident about 1100 respondents - about 5 percent of whole community; What does that show? Doesn't represent whole population but could represent one interest group that might be overrepresented. IF someone more tied to issue would come forward, but others may not have voted and therefore not represented in the survey; another 95% of the population hasn't been heard because they are not part of an interest group

Resident – any work being done on a bypass? Beyond the 6 km;

– asked if there was still an interest in CBS for bypass and whether Paradise would be interested....

Resident – what other stakeholders did the consultants speak to about the project; Neil – pedal bikers and Town; What other stakeholder voices were listened to? Is there going to be any economic assessment of one recreation use compared to another?

Non-resident – based on the numbers and the \$160000.... Would the Town consider re-applying for both motorized and non-motorized and would the town consider contributing more \$\$\$ as the \$160,000 is only 1/3 of cost to bring it up to Grand concourse standard.....so the question being asked, does the Town have the funds to complete the funding require....Elizabeth.....confirmed that the \$160000 is about 1/3 of the cost and that there are funds budgeted for the project

Resident – representing Board of bicycle of NL – rode bike across NL; curious about the funding that was approved and how we are incorporating this part of the trail into the Great Canadian trail.... Is this just a break in the Great Canadian trail....vision for x-Canada non-motorized trail.... There's an entire network of trails off-island that are non-motorized

Nationally Trans Canada Trail are recently changed to incorporate motorized; but in defense... some misunderstanding... agenda was completely non-motorized.... Now Trans Canada Trail are saying that they will re-evaluate it.... It is changing...dogs' breakfast, but it is changing.

Resident – cyclist.... extensively ... the railbed.... Narrow tires would have a problem with the trail... therefore need to improve the standard; Question – once trail was improved, was there an increase in walking and cycling use? ND – personal observation – yes – walkers and a lot of the community are on the railbed,...Kelligrews ...should reach out to CBS to see what their experience was with regard to change in use once trail improved note that people will walk around Octagon pond, but not on the railbed because not improved....People want more walking experiences...Octagon pond getting a bit stale

Resident – voice for elderly neighbour who passed away who lived near the track... he was in a room at the back of his house...they tried to stay out and the noise and dirt from the ATVers drove the elderly couple into the house to get away from the nuisance; Would give \$\$\$ to the organization to give the ATVers to have a place to go..... himself and neighbours who live near railbed experience the nuisance...if you did this on a street you would get a ticket.... Not against ATV use.... But need to address the conflict and nuisance factors....need staging areas.... But people living near the railbed need this to be fixed.... Glad to see the length of trail to be fixed.... Guessing at length of trail ...this is only 6 km... ATVers need much longer trails.... Keeping the 6 km is ludicrous.... But everyone needs to have a good day....

Resident – walker and runner – have done part of this trail and had to get off at Topsail pond... the footing was so treacherous and couldn't finish the objective of getting to Seal Cove... with a bike, fishtailed too much and not comfortable... need some was for CBS and Paradise to get together to fix this section And because of the moguls in there, can't get a good run or walk.... Just up and down ...

Not sure if resident - Vision impaired organization – mention issues: most of the athletes have visual impairments and can't see uneven surface and rock...other issue – some athletes have enjoyed tandem cycling and have participated in tandem cycling on T'Railway... wanted to say that we have to use tandem bikes which is very long....with blind person in back.... And people who also use hand cycles who pedal bike with hands....longer than normal bike and having ruts and rocks make it hard to use this type of equipment.... Want development so that we can all share and enjoy

Resident....trails in bad shape – who is putting \$\$\$ to repair and keep up trails.... Heels before wheels policy in other areas of the province.... Trails need to be maintained otherwise they will be humpy

Resident – rides T'rialway 2-3 times a week ... 50plus group – 30-40 regular riders Many of the group have to turn around at octagon pond because the condition of the trails is too bad and they can't navigate the trail under current conditions; can't get past Octagon point

Resident- 27 years – trails need to be maintained for everybody – walkers and ATVers

Resident – can't cycle as get older...but in order to get from topsail pond to T'Railway – have to go on roads.... Not to say that ATVers have to be respectful If have to be able to get from Point A to Point B

Resident - for 26 plus years.... Access to Neil's pond and access to ATV – involved in walking and ATV...reason for living in paradise...most ATV riders respectful....large ATV community...multiple groups...use those trails for assisting people further up-country...as for upkeep...they are on the trail pass permit would gladly pay if it would go to upkeep;

Resident – 23 year resident...skidoo and ATV on this section of trail...cut wood as well nice to see trail so that everyone could use it.... If lose trail – bad; even if made non-motorized still will get the 'trouble' people

Resident -over 25 year resident ... 2 atvs – get gas here and go right across island... missing out on money involved in ATV Tourism ... people arrive at Argentia and turn left... even Corner Brook has organized how ATVs can use roads to get gas, food

Might be looking in near term right now...need to look further down the road... looking at the 6 km section.... The new residential area, how many of the newcomers would use trail if non-motorized?

Need to look at future residential development area and impact of development of railbed adjacent to that area

Repeat individual commenting - Octagon trail and Neil's pond – T'Railway is a connector and people might do both trails.... A lot of people use it as a connector for walking potential conflict.... Bookends are non-motorized...would more people come the Paradise as a drop off point.... Personally, walk dogs on trails, and witnessed a few incidents on motorbikes...not 26% conflict ...that's a high percentage....if going to have multi-use...so who regulates it? Especially mis-use of trail? 62% were non-motorized activity....is it possible to all these to co-exist? What about the future when more on the trail? In the new area to be developed, will that create more conflict on the trail in the future? If residential....more walking and more access to the trail...need to take into account future development.... ATV people really do need a trail....somewhere down the road, need a separate trail for them.... A lot of people want to walk quietly and enjoy nature.... That's why people move to paradise.... Need something for ATVers

Repeat individual commenting - Resident: Avalon ATV and NL ATV – ATVs are more affordable – people are buying them and upgrading ...more and more ... used bikes are going places... need a strategy... don't want to be around walkers as there will be growing conflict

Resident – all for multi-use – healthy – used by everybody ... why not set it up so that there is separation for each users....likes snowmobilers for x-country skiers ATVers do tear up the terrain..but need to address this....multi-use but have separate sides to trail for each use

Director of women's cycling- trying to get more women and girls on bikes – as we look at how the trail is used.... Only 6 km...it's a big deal because the 6 km is an interruption on a longer route which they are using to develop sport to encourage women and girls to cycle long distances

Resident – house backs onto track – what sees youth on track are most users to use track to access other trails outback...doesn't see conflict – need to get youth out there... need links to get out to the wilderness.....need to get the youth an opportunity to have links to the outside and get into wilderness.... Don't need segregation. were all part of this earth

Resident – Avalon ATV – leave his house- go down to cozy and drop off our bike... and show courtesy for multi – use – most people on atvs and bicycles are courteous... helpful to others whether in Paradise or o/s Avalon.... Always 'one person' Would support a licence

Resident – different view from younger generation – motorcycle rider; manual shifting Low-powered dirt bike.....can't go on road...then planned a route on railbed.... Then got motorcycle licence.... On less experience.....if go to walking only, during the winter then need upkeep to keep it accessible...if don't have snowmobiles....\$\$\$ for clearing in winter....then why not use snowmobiles

TransCan Trail – does support snowmobile use on trails in winter

CBS – bypass route – underway for 12 years and still hasn't happened....don't want to see the town of paradise in the same situation

Repeat individual commenting -Non-resident – CBS-trail closed to ATVs 10 years ago—many lessons learned; back on track about 1 /2 years ago with new Committee....alive issue and made deal with Nalcor for sections ... Avalon Trailway...anything in bypass role, trail should not become non-motorized

until ATV and motorized users have something to address their needs; Trans Canada Trail are changing their mandate to accommodate motorized use

Past resident of CBS and Paradise: in regards to noise complaints)drove from town by noisy neighbour) T'Railway was originally built as motorized T'Railway (rails) - how much people are invested in this trail shows in amount of interest and level of use....no one has enough money to do it all perfectly....people need to recognize that through the mutual use is the vision for the future ...not just the single use... as happened in CBS...people forced off trail, then cause problems elsewhere and have unintended consequences elsewhere.... Older population, therefore need to look at possible motorized access for older population; motorized bicycles.... Don't leave out large segments...that would be a mistake...

Bicycle NL – assist-bicycle...pedal-assist – so need to look at definition; industry is certainly growing in that there are more pedal assist bicycles... more and more when price goes down; statement of behalf of association; T'Railway – valuable rec use to community and beyond..... MP, CBS – increase usage and more users and supports non-motorizedrepresents important link between two important sections of the T'railway....important link to downtown ...important to health and quality of life of community....green non-,motorized multi-use trail is supported....needs smooth surface for bicycles, pushing carriages, etc.... need to find a reasonable way for motorized users and town needs to look at a way to accommodate those groups

Now tracks being used for everyone.... Polarized positions.... In future.... Taxpayers \$\$\$ to improve.... Just leave it be.... Maybe later 20 years down the road look at it... very few people unhappy now

Lots of people use it for exercise ... why not promote multiple use motorized and non-motorized...get another place for you to do it...

Not everyone is able to use section of trail....so as it stands today it is no suitable for everyone to use the trail; so, it's not suitable for many walkers

EMAILS SENT AFTER MEETING

Email #1

Wed 2020-03-11 3:21 PM

Ms Myers,

As a cyclist who often uses the trailway between St. John's and Holyrood, I was appreciative for the opportunity to attend last evening's public meeting as part of the consultative process. It was interesting and informative to hear the perspectives of those who use motorized vehicles. I understand their concerns since I also have snowmobiles and an ATV. However, I do support the idea of designating the six kms of the trailway in question for non-motorized use only.

From a cyclist's perspective, this six km section should be upgraded as soon as possible. Cycling this section can be difficult to near impossible depending on the type of bicycle one is using. Allowing motorized vehicles on this upgraded section is not in the best interests of all other user groups. Once the section is upgraded, some users of motorized vehicles will drive faster because the smoother surface will make that possible. In a such a highly populated area, safety cannot be assured if non-motorized

users and motorized users are permitted on the same trail. Permitting this joint usage will result in accidents and possibly even death of users. I can only assume that this is one of the reasons why St. John's, Mount Pearl and CBS have banned the use of motorized vehicles on the sections of the trailway within their communities.

At the session, a couple of people referred to the Town of Gander and the City of Corner Brook allowing the use of ATVs in certain areas. One must be careful of drawing a comparison between overall usage in those communities and overall usage on the section of the trailway within Paradise. The number of potential users of this section may be very high considering the catchment area includes St. John's, Mount Pearl, Paradise and CBS. Others said that when driving their ATVs, they slow down for walkers, etc. I am sure that those who spoke last evening follow this practice but it takes only a few people to ignore the rules and create a danger for others.

If the trailway is upgraded and the use of motorized vehicles is banned, I expect that the number of users of the trailway will increase significantly. Parents will feel that it safe for them to bring their children to such an area. Considering Newfoundland's overall unhealthy population and the low uptake in physical activity, any initiative or change that can increase participation in healthy activities should be welcomed and encouraged.

As communities grow and change, it is also necessary to change policies and regulations to both protect and enhance the overall quality of life of its citizens. Banning the use of motorized vehicles on this section of the trailway may not be any easy decision for the Mayor and Councillors of Paradise but it is the right one.

Email #2

T'Railway Public Consultation

I attended the public consultation in Paradise on March 10th and made two comments. My comments were intended not to cause confrontation and to ensure the dialogue remained respectful. My purpose with this written submission is to offer my opinion on a number of issues that may have been contentious to raise at the meeting and to also refute a comment made by an ATV user.

General statement

Currently there are few issues of conflict between users of the section of railbed under consideration. That is because it is not extensively used by foot traffic and bicycles. If the Town proceeds with upgrading there will be increased use by walker, snowshoe, skier and bicycle traffic. At that point I believe foot traffic and motorized traffic becomes incompatible and unsafe.

Survey Results

· The responses to the survey showed an almost equal response to opposing and approving of motorized vehicles on the trail. Some responses to the Paradise Community Facebook Group that you may not be aware of believe ATVs should be permitted on the trail were from individuals who stated they did not own an ATV. This raises one concern with respect to the survey; the survey did not ask if those in favour of ATV access in fact owned an ATV. It opened up the possibility of inflating the numbers by having family members of ATV owners vote positively.

The 26% of respondents who noted an unfavourable current interaction with ATVs is very disconcerting given the limited current use due to the state of the trail. One can only expect that percentage to increase once the trail is developed.

Current user issues with the trail

- I have a fatbike and I have no problem using the trail as it exists as the wider, lower pressure tires allow me to ride comfortably over the existing piles of railway ballast. However, the amount of ballast and water on the trail is a deterrent to mountain and other narrow tire bicycles.

- A fatbike can be ridden in snow but within limits. Without snowmobile traffic currently on the trail it would not be rideable.

- When I bike the trail in winter, I usually meet walkers on the trail. The reason for this I have concluded is because snowmobile traffic has packed down the snow making it easier to walk. In summer, I rarely meet people on the trail on foot. This is due to the difficulty of existing railway ballast under foot. Upgrading the trail, I anticipate, would increase foot traffic all year round but will necessitate grooming to replace the informal grooming performed now by snowmobiles.

- If the Town is not prepared to groom then I see no benefit to the proposed upgrading, at least in winter.

Motorized vehicles

- I bike the section of T' Railway that is currently under discussion all seasons of the year. In winter it is easy to identify access points used by motorized vehicles. There are a number of access points for persons living next to or in proximity to the trail. The vast majority of the population in Paradise do not have direct access and must transport their equipment to the trail. I have never noted anyone off-loading an ATV or a snowmobile onto the railbed. Therefore, restricting motorized use affects a very small number of Paradise residents with ATVs and snowmobiles.

Several ATV users at the public meeting indicated they stop or slow down when encountering other users on the trail; absolutely false! I have never experienced that on my many bike rides. Whenever I encounter motorized traffic on the railbed on my bike I always feel that I must give way. I have not once met an ATV or snowmobile who has stopped or even slowed down to let me pass. The impression I am left with is that the motorized community believe they own the trail.

Health benefits

- 2/3 of Newfoundlanders are either overweight or obese. We should be encouraging individuals to exercise. Walking, biking, X-C skiing and snowshoeing are some of the best low impact exercises. Upgrading the trail would increase the use of the trail for these noted activities.

Economics

- Some arguments I read on the Paradise Community Group Facebook page from the motorized community center on the economic benefits of allowing motorized vehicles to use the T' Railway. The sole business in Paradise, on the correct side of Topsail Road that I can identify that could possibly benefit from that traffic source is a single coffee shop at the corner of Karwood Drive and Topsail Road. I have never noted a single customer there from the motorized community (even though they use the restricted part of the trail that runs by) whereas they regularly host bike riders riding up from St. John's. Upgrading the trail could also add bicycle traffic from CBS and benefit that entity.

Future development

- The map of the Town presented at the public forum showed a large future area for development adjacent to the trail. It can therefore be anticipated that there will be increased foot traffic when that happens. One only needs to look at the increased use from adjacent homes the Adams Pond trail experienced after it was developed. The Town can attest to that. Similarly, the Town of CBS can attest to a large increase in users after development of their sections and exclusion of motorized traffic. I bike the T'Railway frequently from Manuals River to Lance Cove in CBS. I meet many people walking and riding bikes, in fact, often times dozens of people.

Enforcement

- The trail into Paradise from the direction of Mount Pearl up to McNamara Drive is currently developed. Signs exist to prohibit motorized traffic on that portion yet they use it and the town performs no enforcement. If the proposed upgrading proceeds the town will have to take measures to keep motorized traffic off of the trail. That includes policing and barricades.
- Currently motorized vehicles are not restricted on the undeveloped section. ATVs I have noted, cause ruts and, when used in mild conditions, tear up the track making it unusable when temperatures drop icing in the damage. One individual at the meeting noted that some ATV and snowmobile users will keep using the trail anyway. Therefore, be warned!

What's happening elsewhere - one example

In British Columbia:

"If more and more motorized vehicles are permitted on trails, the safety and comfort of pedestrians, cyclists, hikers and people with limited mobility will be put in jeopardy. If the new provincial strategy places a focus on greenways, the positive experiences of these non-motorized users could be greatly improved."