

Tip of the Mitt Snowmobile Council
3676 S. Straits Hwy, Indian River Mi 49749

Feb. 15, 2010

Dear Mr. Langhost:

The Tip of the Mitt Snowmobile Council is an organization made up of several snowmobile and snowmobile grooming clubs in Emmet, Cheboygan and Presque Isle Counties. The Council is aware of the request for funds for a streetscape improvement for the Village of Topinabee which is located in Mullett Township, Cheboygan County. Topinabee is on the shores of Mullett Lake and has a long history in providing leisure time activities for permanent residents and seasonal guests in the area. The DNR Gaylord to Mackinac trail which was once the Michigan Central Railway line is now a year round source of recreation for snowmobilers in the winter and hikers and bikers in the summer. The trail receives heavy use in all seasons of the year.

The Streetscape enhancements being pursued by the community will serve as a springboard for the further development of trailhead improvements such as much needed snowmobile trailer parking in the area. This is a central spot for snowmobilers to start trips to explore the counties in the Tip of the Mitt. The implementation of the plan will stimulate the growth of commerce and encourage other businesses to provide the types of services that directly support the snowmobile community during the slow winter months. In concert with the other enhancement work that will be accomplished directly by the local Township, the improvements envisioned will also better position the community as an attractive destination for snowmobilers. Additionally snowmobilers bring much needed money to the area and making Topinabee more attractive to visitors will have a positive economic impact on the area.

We are aware of the fact that the cost for the streetscape improvements would be \$1,480,000 if completed in the next two years. For various reasons, if the project can not be completed in that time frame, the cost will dramatically increase. We hope you can assist the community in securing the necessary funds to complete this project which will be of great value to the community and all the snowmobilers from around the State who visit it.

Your support for this request would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Brett Lindgren
President, Tip of the Mitt Snowmobile Council

Cc: Senator Levin, Senator Allen, Senator Stabenow, Representative Stupak,
Representative Elsenheimer, Governor Granholm