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TO: City of Stoughton

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The Stoughton Viking Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club, Est. 1969, is one of the oldest local clubs in the State of Wisconsin. The Club is made up of 40 local members. The Club is proposing a solution to an issue that has arisen regarding snowmobiles accessing services (fuel and food) adjacent to Highway 51 on the North West Side of City of Stoughton. We are proposing a new designated trail, signed and maintained by the Club.

Currently, there is no designated trail directing snowmobiler's to these services. Snowmobiler's are finding their way to these businesses. This has not been an issue until recently, after the development of a gas stations and a popular restaurant. Under State law snowmobiles are able to operate adjacent to State Highways; many snowmobiler's using State Snowmobile Corridor #38 (north of Stoughton) are aware of this law. The Club would like to help addressed this situation.

The Club is proposing a new designated snowmobile trail to be marked to these businesses. This would be a designated trail that can be properly signed and maintained. The Sheriff's Recreation Patrol can enforce the rules. The new trail will be developed away from residential areas and provide a direct access to services the snowmobiler's are currently seeking. The trail will help elevate issues of snowmobile operation in front of residential properties adjacent to Highway 51. The trail will be developed as spur off the existing Snowmobile Corridor #38 runs through the town of Rutland and north and west of the City of Stoughton. The new spur trail will run southeast toward Highway 51 and adjacent northeast corner of the Stoughton Lumber property. The trail would cross Highway 51 directly and Peter Sveum's empty lot staying on the Highway51 right-of-way.

To accomplish this proposal the Club is seeking permission from the City of Stoughton to develop a designated trail to access these services before the snowmobile season begins in December. The Stoughton Viking Snowdrifter's will mark and maintain this trail with safety guidelines in accordance to the State of Wisconsin and Dane County Snowmobile policies. The Stoughton Viking Snowdrifters have been working with local business's and property owners in this area and have their support for the proposed designated trail.

The Stoughton Viking Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club, a non profit, volunteer, community supporter, would like to thank you for you time and consideration for our proposed new snowmobile trail.