



# CITY OF CONCORD

## REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** David Gill, Parks and Recreation Director  
**Re:** Purchase tracked groomer to improve cross country skiing  
**DATE:** March 25, 2022

### **Recommendation**

Set the report and budget resolution for a public hearing at the May City Council meeting.

### **Information**

In the fall of 2020 the Recreation and Parks Advisory and the Golf Course Advisory Committees along with city staff recommended the city work with the cross-country ski community to help fundraise money to purchase a Snow Rabbit for use at the Beaver Meadow Golf Course.

At the November 2020 City Council meeting a report was accepted to work with the Ski the Beav Group to raise 50% of the cost to buy a tracked groomer. The new groomer will greatly improve the cross-country ski trails at the Beaver Meadow Golf Course. At that time the estimated cost to buy a machine was between \$120,000 and \$160,000. In the FY20 CIP#515 there was \$50,000 approved but not funded as we needed to have private match dollars.

Word quickly spread in the cross-country community, the City of Concord would fund 50% of the cost of a tracked groomer if the other 50% was raised privately.

Working with the Ski the Beav group and the Holderness School we have identified a gently used (2017) groomer we would like to purchase for \$91,200. The school is looking at selling the unit as they are buying a larger groomer to support their expanding cross-country ski operation. Along with buying a larger groomer the school is in the process of adding snowmaking for their trails. City staff from the Parks and Recreation Department and Beaver Meadow Golf Course (including our mechanics) have inspected the machine and reviewed the maintenance and operation. Although the equipment is used it has been extremely well cared for and is almost in new condition. Similarly used units from dealers cost just over \$130,000 while new ones are now near \$160,000.

In addition to paying half of the cost to buy the machine the Ski the Beav group has agreed we will set aside \$5,000 of their donations in a non-lapsing maintenance reserve account that can be used for repairs of the machine, plus up to \$3,000 to share in the cost to buy a container to store the machine.

If approved the cost sharing would be:

Purchase 2017 Snow Rabbit: \$91,200

50% Private donations:	\$45,600 (funds received and accepted)
50% City of Concord:	\$45,600
	<b>\$91,200</b>

Equipment Maintenance Reserve: \$5,000 (funds received and accepted)

Purchase of a container to store machine: \$6,000 +/-

50% Donations:	up to \$3,000 (funds received and accepted)
50% City of Concord:	up to \$3,000 (Parks and Recreation FY22 Budget)

**Overall City of Concord Investment: \$48,600**

(\$45,600 to buy the equipment and up to \$3,000 for container to store the machine).

**Overall investment from the cross-country ski community: \$53,600**

(\$45,600 to buy the equipment, \$5,000 for future repairs and up to \$3,000 for container to store the machine). 100% of the money has been received and accepted by City Council

Pictures from our inspection of the 2017 Snow Rabbit at Holderness School







