

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes
Minutes
City of Kawartha Lakes Off Road Vehicle Use of City
Roads Task Force

ORVTF2021-04
Friday, March 19, 2021
10:00 A.M. – Electronic Participation
Public Works and Engineering Boardroom
322 Kent Street West
Lindsay, ON K9V 4T7

Members:
Councillor Pat Dunn
Councillor Kathleen Seymour-Fagan
Councillor Tracy Richardson
Steve Lane
Don Mitchell
Jason Ramsay
Carolyn Richards

Please note that this was an electronic participation meeting and public access to the meeting space was not available. Please visit the City of Kawartha Lakes YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofKawarthaLakes> to view the proceedings.

Accessible formats and communication supports are available upon request. The City of Kawartha Lakes is committed to accessibility for persons with disabilities. Please contact AgendaItems@kawarthalakes.ca if you have an accessible accommodation request.

1. Call to Order

Councillor Dunn called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with the following members present electronically Councillor Richardson, Councillor Seymour-Fagan, S. Lane, D. Mitchell, J. Ramsay and C. Richards.

Director of Public Works B. Robinson and Administrative Assistant B. Harrison were also in attendance electronically.

2. Adoption of Agenda

ORVTF2021-012

Moved By Councillor Richardson

Seconded By S. Lane

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest disclosed.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Off Road Vehicle Use of City Roads Task Force Meeting Minutes - March 4, 2021

ORVTF2021-013

Moved By C. Richards

Seconded By D. Mitchell

That the minutes of the Off Road Vehicle Use of City Roads Task Force meeting held on March 4, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. Deputations Regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads

Councillor Dunn advised that 26 residents had registered to speak about the use of Off Road Vehicles on City roads. The speakers were called in order of registration:

Shirley Hackett

Ms. Hackett spoke in favour of multi-use trails.

ORVTF2021-014

Moved By Councillor Richardson

Seconded By C. Richards

That the deputation by Shirley Hackett, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

Jamie Morris

Mr. Morris identified concern regarding the tasks that have been set by the Off Road Vehicle Task Force. Mr. Morris spoke in favour of use of the trails to remain as the status quo and that the use not be expanded to accommodate Off Road Vehicles.

ORVTF2021-015

Moved By S. Lane

Seconded By C. Richards

That the deputation by Jamie Morris, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

Glenda Morris

Ms. Morris spoke in opposition to the use of Off Road Vehicles on City roads and highlighted concern relating to the environmental impact resulting from the use of Off Road Vehicles.

ORVTF2021-016

Moved By Councillor Richardson

Seconded By S. Lane

That the deputation by Glenda Morris, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

Jim Armstrong

Mr. Armstrong highlighted the need for a safe and responsible decision making process as the use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads is examined.

ORVTF2021-017

Moved By Councillor Seymour-Fagan

Seconded By C. Richards

That the deputation by Jim Armstrong, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

Bill Steffler

Mr. Steffler spoke in opposition to the use of Off Road Vehicles on City roads and highlighted concerns relating to increased maintenance costs for roads and trails resulting from increased usage and also identified safety concerns.

ORVTF2021-018

Moved By Councillor Richardson

Seconded By C. Richards

That the deputation by Bill Steffler, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

Kathleen Cooper

Ms. Cooper highlighted the need to consider the use of the equestrian use of the trails and noted that it would be beneficial to establish an education program to promote awareness surrounding the use of trails by equestrians.

ORVTF2021-019

Moved By Councillor Richardson

Seconded By Councillor Seymour-Fagan

That the deputation by Kathleen Cooper, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

Dr. Peter Petrosoniak

Dr. Petrosoniak spoke in opposition to the use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads and outlined concerns relating to public health and safety that would result from the multi-use.

ORVTF2021-020

Moved By Councillor Seymour-Fagan

Seconded By Councillor Richardson

That the deputation by Peter Petroseniak, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

Mark Stewart

Mr. Stewart spoke in favour of multi-use trails and provided an overview of the benefits that could result from that multi-use.

ORVTF2021-021

Moved By S. Lane

Seconded By D. Mitchell

That the deputation by Mark Stewart, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

Heather Stauble

Ms. Stauble spoke in opposition to the use of Off Road Vehicles on City roads and outlined concerns associated with safety. Ms. Stauble also highlighted a need to establish enforcement and increase education regarding the use of Off Road Vehicles.

ORVTF2021-022

Moved By D. Mitchell

That the deputation by Heather Stauble, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

Ross Pettty

Mr. Petty spoke in favour of the use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads and outlined the economic benefits that could result from increased use of Off Road Vehicles in the area.

ORVTF2021-023

Moved By S. Lane

Seconded By D. Mitchell

That the deputation by Ross Petty, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

Shane Kelly

Mr. Kelly spoke in favour of the use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads and provided an overview of how the use of Off Road Vehicles on City roads would benefit the Villages surrounding the Town of Lindsay and provide a way for individuals with mobility issues to explore the local area.

ORVTF2021-024

Moved By Councillor Richardson

Seconded By J. Ramsay

That the deputation by Shane Kelly, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

Ray DeNure

Mr. DeNure spoke in opposition to the use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads and highlighted concerns relating to the compatibility of Off Road Vehicles with pedestrians and cyclists. Mr. DeNure also noted that it would be beneficial for the use of Off Road Vehicles on City roads to be considered in conjunction with the Trails Master Plan.

ORVTF2021-025

Moved By S. Lane

Seconded By C. Richards

That the deputation by Ray DeNure, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

Rob Jardine

Mr. Jardine spoke in favour of the use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads and provided an overview of the positive impact that could result from the increased use of Off Road Vehicles in the local area.

ORVTF2021-026

Moved By Councillor Richardson

Seconded By S. Lane

That the deputation by Rob Jardine, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

Michael Ormiston

Mr. Ormiston spoke in favour of the use of Off Road Vehicles on City roads and outlined how the use of Off Road Vehicles can have a positive impact on the local area. Mr. Ormiston noted the importance of education on the safe use of Off Road Vehicles.

ORVTF2021-027

Moved By D. Mitchell

Seconded By Councillor Seymour-Fagan

That the deputation by Michael Ormiston, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

Bruce Fraser

Mr. Fraser spoke in favour of the use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads. Mr. Fraser noted the importance of safe use of Off Road Vehicles and also noted that the use of Off Road Vehicles on City roads will increase the use of the trails by individuals by removing the need move an Off Road Vehicle by trailer.

ORVTF2021-028

Moved By Councillor Richardson

Seconded By J. Ramsay

That the deputation by Bruce Fraser, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

Jeri Campbell

Ms. Campbell spoke in favour of the use of Off Road Vehicles and noted that the gates along the rail trail corridor are limiting the use of those trails for Side-by-Side Vehicles. Councillor Dunn confirmed that the issue surrounding the gates would be something to be reviewed in conjunction with the Trails Master Plan.

ORVTF2021-029

Moved By D. Mitchell

Seconded By S. Lane

That the deputation by Jeri Campbell, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

Greg Fitch

Mr. Fitch spoke in favour of the use of Off Road Vehicles on City roads and asked if Off Road Vehicles will be required to have mirrors or signal lights. Mr. Fitch also questioned who would be policing the use of Off Road Vehicles on City roads.

ORVTF2021-030

Moved By S. Lane

Seconded By D. Mitchell

That the deputation by Greg Fitch, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

John Speirs

Mr. Speirs spoke in opposition to the use of Off Road Vehicles on City roads and highlighted concerns relating to a possible increase in volume of traffic along residential corridors. Mr. Speirs suggested that by-pass options be considered to direct traffic around high volume residential corridors.

ORVTF2021-031

Moved By Councillor Richardson

Seconded By D. Mitchell

That the deputation by John Speirs, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

Arthur Hornibrook

Mr. Hornibrook spoke in opposition to the use of Off Road Vehicles on City roads and noted that it would be beneficial for the use of Off Road Vehicles on City roads to be reviewed in conjunction with the City's Active Transportation Plan.

ORVTF2021-032

Moved By S. Lane

Seconded By Councillor Seymour-Fagan

That the deputation by Arthur Hornibrook, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

Sandy Hickson

Ms. Hickson spoke in favour of the use of Off Road Vehicles on City roads. Ms. Hickson noted that Off Road Vehicles provide an opportunity for residents to enjoy the local area.

ORVTF2021-033

Moved By Councillor Richardson

Seconded By S. Lane

That the deputation by Sandy Hickson, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

John Bush

Mr. Bush advised that he is the co-president of Environmental Action Bobcaygeon and he spoke in opposition to the use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads. Mr. Bush noted that the Active Transportation Plan should be implemented before the use of Off Road Vehicles on City roads should be considered.

ORVTF2021-034

Moved By Councillor Seymour-Fagan

Seconded By C. Richards

That the deputation by John Bush, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

Phil Hodgson

Mr. Hodgson, of HB Cycle, spoke in favour of the use of Off Road Vehicles on City roads.

ORVTF2021-035

Moved By Councillor Richardson

Seconded By Councillor Seymour-Fagan

That the deputation by Phil Hodgson, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

Kerrie Bartlett

Ms. Bartlett spoke in favour of the use of Off Road Vehicles on City roads. Ms. Bartlett noted that the use of Off Road Vehicles provide individuals with mobility issues with an opportunity to explore the local area.

ORVTF2021-036

Moved By S. Lane

Seconded By J. Ramsay

That the deputation by Kerrie Bartlett, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

Chuck Moore

Mr. Moore spoke in favour of multi-use trails. Mr. Moore noted that the increased use of Off Road Vehicles in the area would have a positive economic impact.

ORVTF2021-037

Moved By Councillor Richardson

Seconded By Councillor Seymour-Fagan

That the deputation by Chuck Moore, **regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads**, be received.

Carried

6. Correspondence Regarding the Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads

ORVTF 2021-038

Moved By Councillor Seymour-Fagan

Seconded By Councillor Richardson

That the correspondence submitted to the Off Road Vehicle Use of City Roads Task Force be received.

Carried

7. Review Recommendations

Councillor Dunn asked the Task Force if there were any amendments to be incorporated into the recommendations relating to the use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads that were being considered by the Task Force.

ORVTF2021-039

Moved By Councillor Richardson

Seconded By C. Richards

That the proposed recommendations from the Off Road Vehicle Use of City Roads Task Force be amended to include a recommendation that the City of Kawartha Lakes, in consultation with Kawartha ATV Association ("KATVA"), provide further education for individuals wanting to use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads.

Carried

The Task Force discussed when the proposed recommendations from the Off Road Vehicle Use of City Roads Task Force would be presented to Committee of the Whole and Council for consideration. It was noted that the survey that has been initiated relating to Off Road Vehicle Use closes on April 19, 2021.

ORVTF2021-041

Moved By S. Lane

That the draft recommendations from the Off Road Vehicle Use of City Roads Task Force regarding the use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads, as amended, be forwarded to the May 4, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting for consideration.

Carried

8. Next Meeting Date

The next Use of Off Road Vehicles on City Roads Task Force Meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.

9. Adjournment

ORVTF2021-042

Moved By S. Lane

Seconded By D. Mitchell

That the Off Road Vehicle Use of City Roads Task Force Meeting adjourn at 12:31 p.m.

Carried