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Re: Use of City Roads Task Force

Dear Mr. Chair and Committee members,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit my input and comments concerning the committee recommendations and proposed trail connections.

Currently, we have by-laws that permit an access route through Fenelon Falls connecting two sections of the VRTC trail and permits limited road use in the northern portion of the municipality. These long-standing bylaws have resulted in very few MLEL complaints regarding VRTC trail use, road use and noise. Most riders/users, who use the trails and roads, do so in a respectable manner.

I am submitting this letter to speak in support of the proposed general recommendations, Bobcaygeon routes, and the Lindsay route 1). I prefer the second option that directs the traffic off the trailhead at Logie St. and straight out to Lindsay St. I support the rest of the recommendations as written. These routes will allow riders to access a route that provides access to amenities in the communities such as fuel and food services, while using the roadways of sufficient width and visibility to be safe. I would also suggest that each community designate specific parking areas, to allow for walking use of the downtown core areas.

I do not recommend that we permit riders to drive in Lindsay on Kent St. W. or park downtown in the on street parking stalls.

Keeping in mind that these recommendations are a starting point for the trial period. I will suggest that complaints received by the various enforcement bodies and BIA's are monitored, summarized and supplied in a future report to Council at the conclusion of the trial period.

Currently, my concerns with permitting the activity also consider that the Municipal Law Enforcement and Licensing Division could see an increase in complaints regarding road

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use (areas where not permitted) and noise. I will suggest to the committee that the MLEL authority is very limited and does not extend to stopping vehicles on public roadways for passes, insurance checks, speeding and/or noise. The future version of the by-law should detail this authority limitation.

Additional detail regarding the MLEL services can be provided if needed.

Yours truly

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