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City of Kawartha Lakes
ORV Task Force

Re: ORV Task Force Recommendations

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the ORV Task Force recommendations. Please accept these comments on behalf of the **Community Services Department**.

Comments on recommendations;

- There is no definition between rural and urban so how are rural and urban roads defined?
- The recommendation is as a 2-year Pilot Project. Both the Active Transportation Plan and the Trails Master Plan are about to be implemented. What if the time of use for the VRTC changes within it and creates a contradiction in this Pilot?
- A recommendation is for a user to be a member of the KATVA or affiliate. Who are affiliates? Will enforcement agencies know?
- While the KATVA gives annual support to the City, these recommendations seem as though they will boost KATVA revenues. Perhaps the City should have an agreement with the KATVA which stipulates a formal annual provision of funding support of a set amount.
- While it is understood that certain routes in urban centres are recommended as permitted or not, it further recommends that any road being used for travel to a trail is permitted. Therefore, this is effectively opening up all roads because enforcement agencies will not be able to prove that this is not the purpose of the travel.
- In Lindsay specific it references using the road route until the trail head for the VRTC on the northern end of Lindsay. There is no formal/official VRTC trail head in the North of Lindsay.
- The recommendation is to allow access to the VRTC via road routes for all ORVs. However, side-by-sides are currently only permitted on the VRTC north of Somerville Concession #3. Therefore, why would road routes south of Somerville Concession #3 be permitted to allow side-by-sides access to a trail they are not permitted access too.

Thanks you for the opportunity to provide comment on behalf of the Community Services Department. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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