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Dear Ms. Harrison,

Further to the survey I filled out, I think you and the task force need to understand what implications allowing these vehicles on our streets and citizens. Many have questioned what will happen if these vehicles do not adhere to the rules set out for their use within Lindsay. The pat answer I have read says that the OPP and the Kawartha Lakes Police Service will attend to those not obeying the laws.

In the recent past, I have had occasion to call the Kawartha Lakes Police regarding infractions by operators of ATV's or ORV's and snowmobiles. My last contact was about a snowmobile going over my lawn at 2:40 A.M. I was asked if I had the plate number or a description of the machine. I assured them I did not as my eyes had only been open long enough to dial the phone.

Since I had been fully asleep(REM) I had not idea which way the machine had gone. I have also called about cars, trucks and motor cycles with loud or no exhaust. In some cases, I even had a license number of the motor cycle and a description. Was later informed that not much could be done as a Police Officer had not witnessed the event.

I also had a conversation with a Kawartha Lakes Police Officer, regarding excessive noise. He informed me that the Highway Traffic Act did not spell out what excessive noise was. I informed him that Federal Regulations regarding noise levels of motorized vehicles was a limit of 09 decibels.

The Officer said they had no way of measuring that noise. I offered to loan the Police Service my decibel meter. I included a photo of this meter which is measuring the noise level of a motor cycle on [REDACTED] This is the street I live on. As you can see in the photo, the noise level reading taken in my recreation room with all doors and windows closed. This is very loud for a reading within the house.

My neighbors and I are subject to a tone of this noise level year round. We have snowmobiles in the winter and cars, trucks, ATV's, ORV's during the summer. To-date, the Police Service has been unable to do much if anything about the noise level as they are seriously under staffed and probably under funded.

As we speak, our Police department does not have teresources to handle the addition of more vehicles to our streets. All the training in the world will not make these ORV operators safer on our roads. Take a look around an watch car drivers who do not stop for red lights or stop signs when making right hand turns. The number of people who do this would keep a Cop writing tickets all day long.

The new speed signs, 40 kph on Colborne St. and Kent St., have done little to slow many people down. Since these ORV's and ATV's are restricted to 20 kph when in a 50 kph zone will become a problem. The noise level will also be a problem when dealing with some operators who remove that factory exhaust system regardless of the law. Many motor cycles have the factory exhaust removed at the dealer and install illegal exhaust systems.

When the people receive a ticket, they will produce paperwork from the deal who says the system came with the bike and the ticket is tossed. This ha been going on for a long time. I called Harley Davidson at their headquarters and was informed they cannot sell a motor cycle without reducing the exhaust level below 89 decibels here in North America. To-date, the local constabulary has been unable to get these noisy vehicles off our roads.

The name of these vehicles is "Off Road Vehicle" and that is where they belong and not on the streets of Lindsay. I can tell you without reservation, that these ORV's will be going on streets not designated. This I know because they are doing is on St. Paul Street now.

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We on [REDACTED] are against these vehicles on our street as we deal with enough noise without adding any more. When industry gets out of work around 4:00 to 4:30 P.M. We have speeders, people who will drive behind you while I am backing my truck into my driveway. Tow women have been hit while they were trying to back out of their driveway due to excessive speed of vehicles.

During the summer we have endless traffic going to the boat launch. These people speed to get to the park so that they can get free parking then park anywhere they like. See my photo's and see the damage to the grass in the park. Visitors to Lindsay do not spend much money here so I don't see them coming here on ATV's or ORV's and leave much money in town.

I could go on but I think I have said enough and promised I would try to keep this correspondence less than 4000 words.

Regards,

John T. MacKay

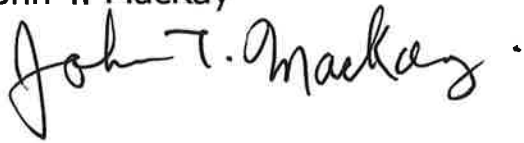
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John T. MacKay". The signature is written in black ink and includes a period at the end.

Photo #1



This is at Rivera Park off St. Paul St
We give free boat launch and parking and
this is how visitors to Lindsay behave!

Photo #2



These two trucks created the damage
seen in photo #1

Photo 3



snowmobile tracks over my new,
\$ 30,000.00 driveway

Photo 4



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Snowmobile tracks over my lawn
which was also new in 2020!
Can't wait for ATVs and ORVs

This is a described meter which is reading
the noise level of a motor cycle on
I am making this measurement in my
Resection room with all doors and windows
closed.



Photos