

# Safety First - Say No to More Road Access for ATVs and Off Road Vehicles (submitted by: --- **Jamie Morris & Peter Petrosoniak)**

**SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

17 June 2019 - 25 April 2021

**PROJECT NAME:**

Online Petitions

**Petition Request:** We the undersigned, petition the Council of the City of Kawartha Lakes to maintain the status quo, and make no changes to By-law 2019-077, a By-law to Regulate the Operation of ATVs and ORVs on Municipal Highways in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

**Petition Background:** The Off Road Vehicle Task Force is recommending ATVs and Off Road Vehicles be allowed on almost all City of Kawartha Lakes Roads. There are serious safety concerns and Council should vote against this and make no changes to the current bylaw. Safety is a major consideration on both gravel and paved roads. Off-Road-Vehicles (ORVs), including ATVs, and side by sides, would be traveling on many roads with commuter traffic, gravel trucks, school buses and farm equipment. Children as young as 8 are allowed as passengers.

- All ORV/ATV Manufacturers warn that ORVs are for “OFF ROAD USE ONLY”.
- ORVs/ATVs are NOT crash tested for roads like a car or truck.
- Injury rates are 2 - 3 times higher on roads than off-road.
- Injury and death rates in Kawartha Lakes are amongst the highest in Ontario
- Most common cause of death is head and neck injuries.
- Children and males are most likely to be injured or die.
- Every municipal road must be reviewed for safety risks.
- ATV/ORV Insurance is limited.
- Municipality liable for shortfall in insurance claims.
- Note: Farmers are allowed to use ORVs for agricultural purposes and are not affected by the bylaw in any way.

Update as of April 15, 2021: It has come to our attention that "HKPR Health Unit", was inadvertently omitted from the text of the petition at the time of posting. The correct and complete wording is as follows: "Injury rates in Kawartha Lakes' Health Unit, HKPR, are amongst the highest in Ontario.". This information can be found at: [Public Health Ontario\(External link\)](#). Page 28, Table 15

**Petition Organizer:** Jamie Morris & Peter Petrosoniak of Lindsay

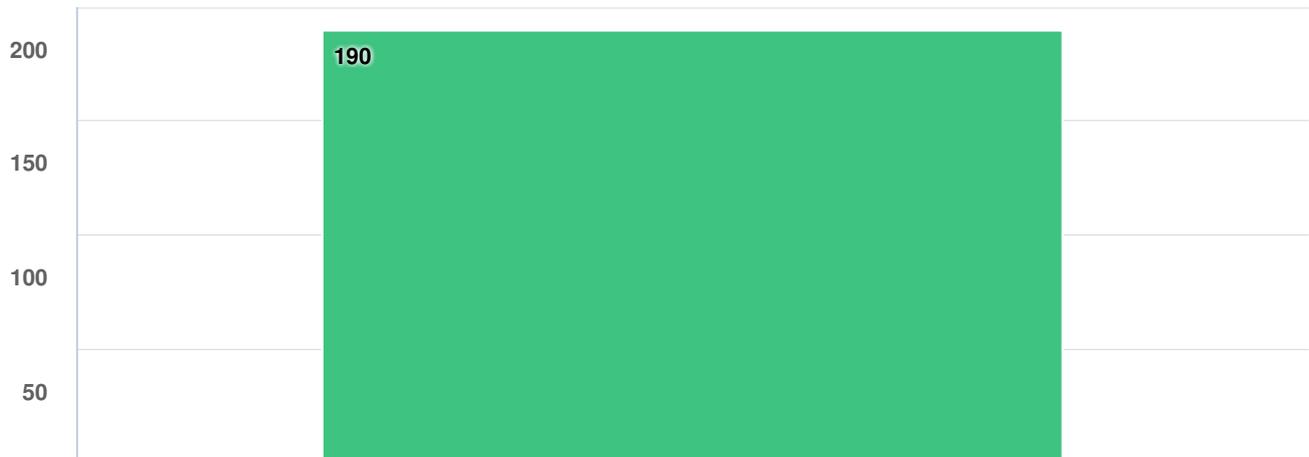
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# SURVEY QUESTIONS

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**Question options**

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*Question type: Checkbox Question*