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Subject: ORV use in Lindsay

Dear members of the ORV taskforce.

I am writing to strongly oppose the purposed use of ORV's in Lindsay on any route. As a Lindsay resident living on a proposed route I have seen a tremendous increase in vehicular traffic even though we are in a lock down situation due to the pandemic. There are major new house builds that are being built right now off Angeline St North. All those new houses will have people who will have cars that will drive to wherever using Angeline St. The proposed route also includes King and Colborne streets which are very busy with traffic and cars parked on the streets. The Wellington St bridge is an absolute nightmare on a good day. Has a traffic flow analysis been completed and if so when? Since we have been in a lock down situation for the majority of the last fourteen months the traffic flow might have been underestimated due to a stay at home order. Kawartha 411 wrote an article March 18, 2021 on the most unsafe stops for children ridding the school bus. Angeline St North was one of the worst. I have witnessed cars blowing past stopped school busses with flashing lights. The last thing any of these busy streets need is ATVs weaving in and out of traffic around parked vehicles trying to avoid cyclists, school busses and pedestrians. I cant understand why safety does not hold a bigger weight with this task force. My other concern is that who will be enforcing any person who doesn't follow the rules on an ATV? The city's legal council did not think that a membership to the Kawartha ATV would be a requirement according the last virtual meeting. I really don't understand the urgency to address this matter while we remain in a pandemic and will be for the foreseeable future. Any injuries sustained from any motorized vehicle could put additional stress on our currently overwhelmed healthcare system. I do not want to have any off road vehicles on any street in Lindsay. Off Road Vehicles are just that, they are for off road uses and do not belong on city roads.

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