

Mayor Letham, Council, ORV Task Force members and Staff:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today about the ORV trail link. The past number of months has brought out a lot of negativity in people and media in regards to this trial. This is a huge financial tourism boost to Kawartha Lakes. I want to provide you with a very simple example of how much a family of four would bring to Kawartha Lakes. Two nights' accommodation, \$300, food approx \$500, fuel \$300, and maybe take in a movie another \$100, which gives you a grand total of approx \$1300 give or take, that is only one family for one weekend. So as a council you may want to rethink the tourism dollars coming to Kawartha Lakes. The Fenelon Falls link have again not presented any challenges or incidents, but I do ask council why staff never brought a report forward about how well this link has actually worked as part of the ORV Task force. I hope council sees through the negative speakers, they continue to say the same thing over at each meeting and to the media. Their stats have not been accurate and they will not admit that that 47% of accidents happen on public roads with another 53% of accidents taking place on private property with alcohol, no helmets and under age contributing to these incidents. These stats come directly from our public health unit. No incidents have taken place on the Fenelon Falls link , we are here to talk about the links not off road incidents! Everyone has lost sight that, this is only a trial, give it the opportunity it deserves. The financial impact that KATVA members pay through memberships and volunteer hours is second to none and without them the trail system would not be maintained for everyone's safety and enjoyment. Kawartha Lakes needs to embrace tourism and move forward, we need to move past being individual communities and unite as the City of Kawartha Lakes

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