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I have been reading comments in the local media and watched the previous online meeting of the ORV task force. I understand the subject of ORVs travelling through a community is a contentious issue.

I am an ORV user. I am also a resident of Lindsay living on the proposed route. Naturally I am in favour of allowing a route through our communities.

There has been a lot of info presented on the dangers of ORVs on roads. I believe the council to be wise enough to be able to discern what is applicable and what is not. It is common sense that an ORV travelling too fast on a road is dangerous. The same is true for farm equipment and tractors as well. But in a slow environment where people who are licensed are driving at a reduced speed to me is relatively safe. Take for example Fenelon- here we have true local data on the number of accidents caused by ORVs on a community street. I have also talked to members of northern communities where they are allowed and there has been no comments made re the number of accidents.

We also have to remember that statistics are based on numbers. And in communities where there are a higher number of ORVs one would expect a higher number of accidents.

So my opinion is that travel through communities at a slow rate of speed is as safe as other means of transport. I know that everyone I ride with respects that we are travelling near people's homes and try to be as careful as possible

As a person with a disability who has difficulty trailering an ORV to a local trail I hope that council will at least approve this on a trial basis. Equipment has improved and I believe that this could in fact be a positive program for our communities.

Thank you.

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Sent from my iPhone