



## Committee of the Whole Report

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**Report Number:** PW2021-007  
**Meeting Date:** November 16, 2021  
**Title:** Off Road Vehicle Task Force Recommendations  
**Description:** Recommendations from the Off Road Vehicle Task Force based on direction from Council.  
**Author and Title:** Bryan Robinson, Director of Public Works

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### Recommendation(s):

**That** Report PW2021-007, **Off Road Vehicle Task Force Recommendations**, be received; and

**That** this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the December 14, 2021 Council meeting.

**Department Head:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial/Legal/HR/Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Administrative Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Background:**

Outstanding tasks assigned to the Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Task Force were reviewed in Report PW2021-006. Those resolutions that require additional consideration and recommendation are as follows:

Resolution	Item	Status
CW2021-125	Use on Rural Roads referred to Task Force review in September	Ongoing Task Force assignment
CW2021-126	Bethany – Ganaraska connection deferred to Task Force review in September	Ongoing Task Force assignment
CW2021-176	Advertise Lindsay Route, conduct survey and return information in Sept	Complete
CW2021-179	Route in Bobcaygeon deferred to September review	Ongoing Task Force assignment
CW2021-216	Review alternate Lindsay bypass route(s)	Ongoing Task Force assignment

At the ORV Task Force meeting held on October 15, 2021, the above noted items were discussed.

This report addresses that direction.

**Rationale:**

The ORV Task Force continued their discussion of the use of ORVs on municipal roads as directed by Council. At the October 15, 2021 ORV Task Force meeting, they produced recommendations that All terrain Vehicles (ATV) be permitted for a two-year pilot on the following municipal road allowances within the dates and restricted to the time periods previously approved by Council at the October 15, 2021 meetings:

Pontypool area:

- Telecom Road from John St. to Porter Rd.
- Porter Road from Telecom Road to VRTC.

Omemee area:

- Sturgeon Road S to Hwy 7.
- Sturgeon Road N from Hwy 7 to Beaver Road.
- Beaver Road from Sturgeon Road N to Heights Road.
- Heights Road from Beaver Road to Mount Horeb Road.
- Mount Horeb Road from 100m east of Hwy 35 to 100m west of Hwy 7
- Crosswind Road
- Hogsback Road from Mount Horeb Road to Ski Hill Road

Cameron area:

- Ranchers Road from CR 121 to Long Beach Road.
- Long Beach Road from Hwy 35 to City Road 121.
- Cameron Road from Hwy 35 to City Road 8.

Janetville area:

- Golf Course Road from View Lake to St Mary's Road.
- St. Mary's Road from Golf Course Road to Mount Horeb Road.
- Mount Horeb Road from 100 m east of Hwy 35 to 100 m west of Hwy 7
- Janetville Road from Janetville to Golf Course Road.

Bobcaygeon area:

- Main St. from City Rd 36 to Front St. E.

Lindsay area:

- Thunder Bridge Road
- Kenrei Road

Correspondence received by Council pertaining to these locations is attached to this report as follows:

- Appendix A – Pontypool/Bethany
- Appendix B – Omemee
- Appendix C – Cameron
- Appendix D – Janetville
- Appendix E – Bobcaygeon
- Appendix F – Council Correspondence
- Appendix G – Deputations to Council

**Other Alternatives Considered:**

This report is being presented to be received by Council. Council could opt to resolve the ORV Task Force recommendations be approved, in whole or in part. For this, the Following resolution be added:

**That** Council approves the use of All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) on the roads recommended in report PW2021-007 within the community of \_\_\_\_\_ for a two-year pilot.

## **Alignment to Strategic Priorities**

The topic for consideration in this report touches all four strategic priorities within the 2020-2023 Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan as follows:

1. A Healthy Environment
  - a. The City has an obligation to implement change in an environmentally responsible way. Concerns over impacts have been raised (noise, emissions, chasing away animals) have been raised.
2. An Exceptional Quality of Life
  - a. Careful and strategic permission of use of roads can have positive impact on the quality of life. It can expand tourism and promote enhanced quality of life for those that take part in the activity. However, concern has been raised that this initiative could also negatively impact the quality of life due to noise.
3. A Vibrant and Growing Economy
  - a. There is potential for increased tourism from expanding the capability for the public to access local restaurants and accommodation.
4. Good Government
  - a. It is the responsibility of municipal government to ensure all criteria and input when making policy decision. This report provides clarity on the process to date for Council consideration on the matter.

## **Financial/Operation Impacts:**

There are no fiscal implications from the recommendations identified in the report.

However, should Council opt to add roads to the pilot, there will be operational costs related to the program. These costs will include installation of signage, enforcement, collection of data to assess the merits of the pilot, and potentially maintenance costs.

Each sign installed costs in the range of \$250 and is installed using resources that would otherwise be allocated to other activities.

## **Consultations:**

Manager, MLEO

Director, Engineering and Corporate Assets

Manager, Parks and Recreation

## **Attachments:**

### Appendix A – Pontypool / Bethany Correspondence



Correspondence re  
Pontypool & Bethany

### Appendix B – Omemee Correspondence



Correspondence re  
Omemee submitted to

### Appendix C – Cameron Correspondence



Correspondence re  
Cameron submitted to

### Appendix D – Janetville Correspondence



Correspondence re  
Janetville submitted to

### Appendix E – Bobcaygeon Correspondence



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## Appendix F – Council Correspondence



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## Appendix G – Deputations to Council



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