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From: Sandra Smith <>  
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 6:50 PM  
To: ORVTaskForce <[orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca](mailto:orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca)>  
Subject: ORVs in CKL

I have already sent an email to Tracy regarding a) the makeup of the task force, which as far as I can see is completely made up of people who are already on record as in favour of ORVs (totally against your directive) and b) the fact that we live with intrusive ORVs and those people such as yourself, who make decisions about our life do not have to live with the consequences but selfishly want more and more. Your blurb mentions 250 km. of trails. If you have so much, why on earth is it necessary to travel on municipal roads? The village of Bethany no longer has gasoline sales so one wonders what the attraction is there. Lots of ATVs outside the General store though. If it were at all possible to sell our now white elephant of a home, we would. We may as well live in a city and have less noise, smooth roads and for sure less dust. If it's so desirable to live right on the trail, email me --I've got a nice little 4 bedroom 3 bathroom place for sale.  
Sandra Smith

ORV Task Force:  
2021

February 24,

Follow up of our phone conversation to Councillor Dunn, regarding recommendations to this committee and the ORV bylaws within the CKL.

As an ATV enthusiast, multi user of the VRT and resident of Kawartha Lakes, we would make the following proposals to help address the safety of everyone and to support tourism in CKL.

1. Victoria Rail Trail – from the North to the South end of the trail...Bethany to Minden as one continuous route with the present enforced speed limit of 20 kilometers per hour through all residential zones.
2. In our area of [REDACTED] to Garnet Park in Fenelon Falls, the posted speed limit is 20 km/hr with no access to side by sides or ATV larger than 64 inches wide. This should remain with these restrictions and include: ATV must have at least one handlebar mirror. (rational: for the ATV to better see any vehicle intending to pass- gives safer viewing)
3. Loud exhausts: prohibit its use, no aftermarket exhausts (rational: the tree canopy along the trail creates increased noise pollution echo with these exhausts.)
4. Signage improvements at North Line and Garnet Park similar in size to the snowmobile poster at Garnet Park: Sign to include MAX SPEED in residential area, NO SXS, NO LOUD EXHAUST, EMERGENCY PHONE NO, COMPLAINTS PHONE NO. , POST FINES under the Highway Traffic Act. Identify Time to Travel within the speed limit and stop signs from area to area.
5. Within the town of Fenelon Falls most street speed limits are 50 km/hr. Any routes established by this committee should be posted with ATV accepted route sign and ATV speed limit of 20 km/hr.(Rational: several ATVers attempt to bypass the VRT from Garnet Park to Ripple St. Via Louisa St., and would appear they do not know the maximum speed limit for ATV on this road is 20 km/hr, as they are frequently observed at speed greater than 20km/hr..)
6. KATV this past year has seen a huge increase in membership from all across Ontario. The Facebook group for KATV is very active and from reading within that group, it is clear that there is a lack of knowledge of basic ORV laws, ATV Code of Conduct and common sense. We give credit to the club to work at informing individuals and further suggest: A mandatory education course (online or in person) should be part of riding within CKL. A CAP to the size of this club and /or numbers of persons using the CKL trails should be established to prevent overwhelming our community and help develop a quality sport, not a mere quantity of members.
7. For the residential area of CKL there should be a limit to the number of ATVers travelling together. There is noise and dust and restricted access for others on the trail and roads when a group larger than 4-5 ATVs are travelling in tandem.
8. As ATVers living close to VRT in the residential corridor between Garnet Park and North Line Rd., we have witnessed several incidents where ORVs have shown disregard for the privilege of using this trail. This is causing local residents and non ORVers to take the position of disallowing all ORVs in the community period. This committee needs to listen, support all concerned citizens to be part of committees and address their

concerns and not just dismiss them as quoted by Councillor Dunn in the Lindsay Advocate on February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021. Quoted "Speaking for myself, I didn't see value in having a committee member who would say "no" to everything proposed. Let the "no" people come forward at Council when this is debated" "Those who oppose this are very "Lindsay-Centric, Not everyone is going to be happy when we are done"

There are solutions so that everyone can enjoy access to these trails and feel safe on the roads. They all come with responsibility, respect and enforcement. Unless these principals can be enacted there is no point in working to gain more road access.

Thanks you for accepting this submission.  
Shirley Hackett ()

**From:** Warren Dodd < >  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 4, 2021 2:39 PM  
**To:** ORVTaskForce <[orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca](mailto:orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca)>  
**Subject:** Support for ATVs

Hello,

I would like to voice my support for opening all rural roads in Kawartha Lakes as well as routes that allow connectivity through and/or around Lindsay.

I live on [REDACTED] in Pontypool, and myself, and almost all of my neighbours own ATV's and support any road opening initiatives.

I have to done canvassing for support on two separate occasions in the last 10 years, as well as organized a public meeting in Pontypool in past initiatives, and found overwhelming support for ATV road use both with residents and businesses in our area with very few detractors. This an initiative that is long overdue.

Thanks for anything you can do to move this forward, as many of us moved here (as I did over 20 years ago) to enjoy the rural outdoor lifestyle, whatever form it takes.

Warren Dodd

**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 6:41 PM

Hello our comment/suggestion is as follows:

Please approve to allow licensed and insured ATV's legal access on the road ways in Pontypool, and other areas within a City of a Kawartha Lakes in order that ATV's can to get to trails in different areas, we fully support the Kawartha ATV club in all of their efforts in this. The businesses in Pontypool would certainly benefit with more business especially during these Covid times.

Thank you

Ann and Glen Leeder

Home owners of 42 years in Pontypool.

**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 8:39 PM

Good day,

I'm writing this note in support of ATV accessibility to roadways in the Pontypool and Bethany communities. This would benefit the businesses as well as the mental health of our neighbours and families looking hobbies in trying times.

Thanks for the consideration

David Landry

From: Ryan Newman <  
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 6:19 AM  
To: ORVTaskForce <[orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca](mailto:orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca)>  
Subject: Trail System Through Lindsay

Good morning

I have grew up in the kawartha's my hole life and remember when you were allowed to go through the town of Lindsay, it made the trail system more enjoyable. I currently live in courtice which is relatively close to the Bethany trails. My parents live in fenelon falls and my aunt lives in burnt river. My wife and myself enjoy riding from Lindsay and up north to see family and enjoy the views along the way. We make frequent stops for food, gas, any events that are taking place Ex: Kinmount has an outdoor flee market they set up right on the trails which is pretty neat. It would be nice to be able to come from bethany and ride straight through to fenelon stopping in Lindsay for fuel and lunch which helps boast economy with in the town. Also promotes other riders to enjoy the same benifits from riding through the town helping expand the trial system. Within bethany there's a little restaurant and fuel stop which sells excellent pizza and an amazing breakfast, I imagine a lot of riders part of our club haven't enjoyed it cause the trails from Lindsay to bethany arnt that worth getting the trailer loaded up hope there's parking and have to go around Lindsay to see the rest of the trails that kawartha has to offer. Parking at the superior propane and deciding to head south allows riders to stop at fenelon Lindsay and bethany which is all potential income for small businesses within the community, to me that's a big deal. Will there be issues with ones that don't respect the rules possibly but as a community , laws , bi law, and task forces this can narrow down the ones that give riding a bad name and get the situation back in order. I hope this email helps in showing a brighter picture for the members and people that enjoy this sport and help smaller communities within these trail systems. I vote for the route through Lindsay I hope the council can look into this further.

Thanks for taking the time to read.



**Sent:** Tuesday, March 9, 2021 6:50 AM

Good morning.

Can we please look at making ATV's legal on the shoulders or side of the road simply so we can get from one trail to the other legally? Bethany/Pontypool area.

Andrea Mcdonald

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 9, 2021 10:08 AM

This email is to show support for the law to be Passed regarding ATVs using roadways to get to designated trail systems. I've lived in pontypool for 5 years and have followed the laws but I believe it's time for change.

Chris Gordon

**From:** findjanet < >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 9, 2021 11:34 AM  
**To:** ORVTaskForce <[orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca](mailto:orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca)>  
**Subject:** ORV changes in the City of Kawartha Lakes

Hello,

I am a resident of the City of Kawartha Lakes, I live east of Pontypool on [REDACTED]. ORV drivers regularly illegally ride down the side of our road and on the road. When they ride down the side of the road a large quantity of dust is usually produced in the spring, summer and fall. The dust covers our vehicles, our home, our outdoor furniture and the meals we are trying to enjoy on our covered porch which serves as an outdoor living area from May to October. I am deeply disappointed that ORVs are being prioritized over land owner's enjoyment of their property.

I have a number of questions and concerns.

What are the planned routes to be approved in the Pontypool/Bethany area?

Will speed limits on roads approved be reduced to the speed capacity of ORVs?

Will the sides of roads be paved to allow safe transport for ORVs if speed limits are not reduced?

Roads in our area are not well maintained by the City, our road, Pontypool Road has been crumbling for years. Fixing roads should be a priority if ORVs are going to be allowed. We are regularly used as an emergency vehicle route, commonly have cycling clubs using the road, too often riding side by side or having to ride further out onto the road because of potholes and crumbling roadway, we are a route for motorcycles touring through the area as well. If ORVs are added to Pontypool Road, a hilly, well travelled road, especially in the summer, please consider paving the roadside for them or reducing the road speed to the speed ORVs travel to prevent accidents. ORVs travelling down unpaved roadsides ruins a homeowners experience of their property. For years we have dealt with irresponsible ORV riders raising gravel dust on the roadside and trespassing on the Buddhist Temple property we manage.

We continue to have people illegally riding ORVs down the roadside and on the road. This winter there were also challenges with snowmobiling in fields planted with winter wheat on the Buddhist and neighbouring property. Since contacting the OPP those trespassing on fields near us has been curtailed. A good deal of public awareness and monitoring will be needed to introduce ORVs to roadways.

I encourage you to consider property owners and the negative impacts we will suffer if you do not properly address the impact of your proposed road use for ORVs.

I would like to see full consultation with the OPP, Emergency Services, the CKL Roads Department, the cycling clubs that have used area roads and other interest groups such as Mennonites using buggies on the road sides throughout the City, as well as homeowner groups who will be impacted by the plans the task force is making.

Best regards,  
Janet Vanderveen

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 1:28 AM

Hello Mayor & Council.

I have a couple of questions in regards to ATV's and riding them.

1. Are the recommended roads in Lindsay to allow riders to get from one trail point to the other while on there ATV, or is it more of a way for hauling your trailered ATV from one point to the other?
2. For the ATV riders that live along HWY 35 South near Pontypool, are they allowed to use the old 35 that is now a trail and Porter Road to connect to other trails?

There so many nice places for local riders to enjoy when they want to go out for a ride and to have the ability to stop at a local gas station to fuel up or to get something to drink, like a bottle of water, or a quick snack to grab to eat.

I also understand there's also gripe from people that don't like ATV's because of the disrespect they cause, however, it's a real shame to punish all riders because the bad apples that just ruin it all for the good ones.

You can reply back by my email address for the questions I asked.

Thank you in advance for your time to read this and to answer back.

Emily Kasperski

**From:** Ross Hewkin  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 7:57 AM  
**To:** ORVTaskForce <[orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca](mailto:orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca)>  
**Subject:** ORV approval

Greetings Mr. Dunn

I'm a resident in Pontypool and would like to cast my vote for a Yea to allow ORV use within city limits

Thank You  
Ross Hewkin

**From:** Don Chapman  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 12:43 PM  
**To:** ORVTaskForce <[orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca](mailto:orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca)>  
**Subject:** Opening Roads

Hello

I am in support of opening roads in the City of Kawartha Lakes. I am currently a member of the Trail Patrol Team that helps to monitor the Victoria Rail Trail and Summerville Forest. Most of the patrolling I do is on the south portion of the Victoria Rail Trail from Bethany to Logie St. Lindsay. Due to roads being closed I am unable to go any further. Most days I patrol I would be in Lindsay close to lunch time but I am unable to access either food or gas in the area I can ride. If I could get to food and gas I would be buying lunch a minimum of once a month during the riding season and gas also. I do buy some meals back in Bethany on my return there to load up at the end of my patrol but by then I am closer to home and usually just go there to eat. I also camp at Log Chateau Park 4 to 5 weekends per season and go to both Fenelon Falls and Kinmount for some meals and grocery shopping. This could add up to \$1,000-\$1,500 per season. If the roads were to open it would be easier for me to ride to some areas and this could lead to more investment in the community. I frequently see walkers, cyclists and horse back riders and in 19 years of riding ATV's I have had no issue with anyone, in fact I have had a lot of people thank me for my efforts to keep the trails safe and clear. I realize there will always be people that don't want ATV's on trails but in most cases this is just not wanting to share, their complaints usually don't have actual fact. I have used a decibal meter to test various motorized machines and with 3 different ORV's compared to a lawnmower, an almost new F150, a tractor and a newer car and there was not a large difference in decibal levels. Smell is not a concern anymore as the ORV's have to meet standards. Although some people do not follow the rules of the road properly, you see the same actions from people driving cars and trucks on the roads and that is where enforcement comes in. Overall OTV's could be a benefit to local businesses in areas were they are currently being used on roads there has not been any really big issues.

Thank you.

Don Chapman

**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 1:02 PM  
**To:** ORVTaskForce <[orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca](mailto:orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca)>  
**Subject:** Roads open to atv

Good morning,

Thank you for this opportunity to express our opinion on opening roads to ORV's in the Kawartha Lakes.

My husband and I live in Cavan Monaghan and have been members of KATVA for over ten years. We liked this club so much that we volunteer our time to this club. My husband and I are trail wardens and since we live at the south end of the township we warden the VRT south from Bethany to Logie Road. I have often thought that it would be so nice to be able to have lunch or a break in Lindsay before we began our trip back to Bethany. At Bethany we usually go to Coach's but have to leave our atvs at the staging area and walk. Leaving our atv there is not something we like to do but since roads are not open we don't have a choice.

Thru KATVA we were introduced to Log Chateau where we camp at least once a month from May to September and sometimes October. We usually book 3 nights but often longer. We pick up our groceries either in Fenelon Falls or Lindsay. If we are going to Fenelon Falls we can take the trail until we get to town. We have at least one dinner out and lunch at Kinmount most days. The fish and chip place is a must.

If roads were open I know that my husband and I would become tourist on a more frequent basis as we could ride the VRT from Bethany north.

As trail wardens we often see others, (walkers, bikers), on the trails and they tend to be smiling and friendly and appreciative of the the wardens on the trail and the work that they do.

Sincerely

Trish Chapman

**From:** Walt Verleysen <  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 4:33 PM  
**To:** ORVTaskForce <[orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca](mailto:orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re. Access thru.Lindsay on VRT. North to south.

I live in Fenelon Falls and a member of KATVA for several years. It would be nice to be able to ride to Lindsay, pick up my grandson and ride to Bethany for lunch. It would also provide out of town people with accommodation, restaurants, fuel, shopping, and miles and miles of trails in the city of Kawartha Lakes and beyond.

Walt Verleysen.



From: Jane Kuipers <  
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 6:52 AM  
To: ORVTaskForce <[orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca](mailto:orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca)>  
Subject: ATV TRAIL ACCESS

Hi,

My husband, daughter, her boyfriend and I have been using the ATV rail trail out of Lindsay for around 5 years now. We usually meet up with our friends from Fenelon Falls to head north as there is no access to head in or around Lindsay. When we go out on our ATVs we make a day of it. We stop for lunch and gas. Sometimes we stop in Fenelon to use the car wash when we get really muddy. My husband and I keep our trailer at Sandaraska Park which is just past PontyPool. We would love to be able to ATV to it but without access through Lindsay it is very difficult as we would have to trailer them somewhere and then leave our vehicle and trailer parked. We are just past middle aged. We respect the trails and landowners. We are responsible, insure our ATVs and obtain trail passes as required. We are just residents who enjoy nature and exploring the beautiful land where we reside. We would be most great full if we could be given the opportunity to prove that we would not become a nuisance to the residents of Lindsay.

Thankyou for your time,  
Jane Kuipers

On Mar 13, 2021, at 9:33 AM, wrote:

Good Moring,

I am writing to you all to express my excitement with the proposed plan of the ORV Task force to allow access of off terrain vehicles in more of the Kawartha's. My husband and myself moved to Pontypool two years and would love to be able have the option to have access to all of the Kawartha atv trails right from our driveway.

With the current situation and the need to stay home and not travel I truly feel that the Kawartha's with safe and proper access route could really benefit from creating access to trails and connecting more routes could generate huge revenues.

Atving is a great sport and it is so easy to maintain social distancing and with Gas station tap at the pump, drive thru/takeout only restaurants and store curb side pick up options we could very easily encourage visitors and not chance any type of exposure.

We snowmobiled all winter and so did a lot of other people we had access to all of the Kawartha's. I felt safe and I felt that riders were great at following social distancing regulations.

We really feel that we could be the best in Ontario off road trail systems. Our communities could benefit greatly from this with little exposure to the actual community members.

And when things are more back to normal our community could benefit from the tourism we would gain from the visitors that would access our trail systems.

Imagine being able to drop your all terrain vehicle at the at the 35/ 115 exit then driving to Race Track Gas station on 35 to fill up and maybe grab some delishes chips from our chip truck or stop in Pontypool for our amazing Chinese food, then off you go to Lindsay for the day to shop eat explore, and maybe stay the night then next day continue on to Felon Falls or Bobcaygeon. Wow what an amazing trip and think about all the revenue our communities could generated from the riders!

Thank for you for time,

Nicole Gilliland and James Brown

**From:** Caroline Lane <  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 13, 2021 12:16 PM  
**To:** ORVTaskForce <[orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca](mailto:orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca)>  
**Subject:** ATVs in Lindsay

Good afternoon!

I am writing to ask you to give favourable consideration to the proposal that ATVs should be allowed to go through Lindsay to access the trails on either side.

My husband and I (aged 64 and 57) are keen ATV riders and, as we live within easy reach of Bethany, we would love to be able to start our Victoria Rail Trail trips there rather than having to trailer the ATV to Ken Reid Park. I do understand the reservations that some local people may have about this - I actually held many of their preconceived views myself prior to joining the ATV community. However, since becoming a member of KATVA (this will be our 5th year) and riding the trails on a regular basis, I have been pleasantly surprised to find that the vast majority of riders are polite, respectful and very mindful of the rules, and definitely on the older end of the age spectrum and a long way from my expectation of teenagers and young adults riding like maniacs and tearing up the trails.

I hope you will give careful consideration to opening routes through Lindsay on a trial basis, and to the likely boon this will be to the area's economy when the Covid situation eases and allows us to shop out of our own area.

Thank you for your attention.

Regards,  
Caroline Lane  
Blackstock, On

**From:**

**Sent:** March 14, 2021 12:16 PM

**To:** [Tracy Richardson](#)

**Subject:** Concerning atv legislation for use on roads.

I'm not sure where to send this, but I know you are on the task force pushing for getting more access for atvs and ORVs on the roads.

My biggest concern is actually policing. How will there be enforcement and policing put into place to address the problems with atv and ORV 'bad apples' creating hazardous conditions for other users of the roadways?

I ask, for there are a set of rules and regulations governing snowmobiles, and the club comprising of volunteers can't even enforce the speed limits etc...but must instead are forced to try and contact the OPP to step in.

Yes, Responsible users adhere to speed limits, carry a trail permit and insurance, keep to the trails and not across farmland etc. But as I watch more than one irresponsible rider after another through this winter alone nearly lose it skipping up the embankments and falling to the bottom towards the highway....or having near misses with other riders...or speeding down the road with a buddy on the trail....

This summer, I've gone running to rescue a young lad who got run off the trail by two there and they left him there for dead. This isn't funny any more.

I've posted my concerns (I wanted to post something today, as a side by side and atv doing wheelies down the snowmobile trail are out 'enjoying' themselves...on a closed illegal space....) we have had in the past, irresponsible parents putting their young children on adult atvs...or holding a child in their laps no helmets etc....

But of course the bullies jump onto those posts, feel it's none of our business to comment on their drinking and driving, speeding, trespassing and carelessness. I've been called every name under the sun, told to move if we don't like it etc. Lots of fun.

Sorry you are being irresponsible and causing problems in front of our place. Sorry I have had to rescue someone's child when you have decided to catch air time in a 50km or less area and run him into the ditch....

So how are the atv clubs going to do the enforcement of our laws and policing?

There are so many undocumented incidents that we as communities get to witness, but are threatened and bullied when we report them or voice our concerns.

We have a machine too. We have a plate, insurance, and are responsible riders.

If we decided to use trails etc, we would expect to pay something to maintain the trails, and have a fund created to promote safety programs.

The racers that come down our trail have a place to do what they want to do. The mods have places to play. The mudders have places to play. There is a fee involved and a trailer ride to these places...but the mud tracks and derby tracks are where these machines are appropriate...not on our highways and byways, not on the closed snowmobile trail.

Why? The tracks have EMS on standby when these enthusiasts make a mistake. The tracks are closed to other traffic to create a safe space for them to practice cool moves and high rates

of speed.

Listen to the number of folks even in Pontypool who watch some riders fly through the intersection at John Street not even bothering to stop at the stop sign. This isn't just at night. Or the incident I watched yesterday on the way home from Bethany, where a side by side nearly became a semi's hood ornament because they thought they could make it from one side of grey road to the other across 35. I felt so bad for the trucker, he leaned on the horn, and it was a near miss!

I know you will take this in the spirit in which it was written. It is not meant to be a 'just another complaining letter' but rather a letter of concern.

I know you are probably finding it challenging balancing what people want, vs what they need. I don't envy your position at all. Hard to keep everyone happy.

Sincerely,

Laura Boyle.  
Pontypool .

**From:** James Yeaman <  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 14, 2021 11:32 PM  
**To:** ORVTaskForce <orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca>  
**Subject:** We support ATV & UTV on roads

Good Evening

As a homeowner in the town of Pontypool I would like to voice my support for the opening up of all rural and village roads throughout the City of Kawartha Lakes as well as a link connecting the south and north rail trail through Lindsay for ATV/UTV use.

My wife and I both enjoy ATVing and it was one of the reasons we decided to live in the area but the trail network is very fractured and requires trailering between trails. If we were able to ride on roads we could access the south rail trail near Bethany and ride all the way into the Northern Kawartha lakes from our doorstep. This would allow us to spend more of our money locally on things like gas, services and food, which in a post covid world is very important to us personally and our local economy in general.

I feel that opening of roads would also create an incredible tourism opportunity for the area. The CKL could become a go to destination for ATV enthusiasts.

Also as a person who has a physical disability and uses a wheelchair for mobility, an ATV allows me to explore areas and environments I could never dream of in my wheelchair. The hardest part of the sport for a person with mobility issues is loading and unloading a trailer. Riding from home would eliminate this barrier 100% and would open the sport to even more people.

I would like to thank you for this opportunity to show my support for opening up roads for ATV & UTV in use the City of Kawartha Lakes.

James & Sarah Yeaman

**From:** Marshall Rogers <  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021 10:11 AM  
**To:** ORVTaskForce <orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca>  
**Subject:** Opening up roads to orv's in kawartha lakes

Good morning, I am writhing this email as I may not be able to attend the upcoming meeting on the 19th. I wanted to voice my opinion on this topic, I am in favor of opening up more road access for orv's in kawartha lakes. I believe both the towns and people of the kawarthas would greatly benefit buy doing so.

The economic benefits from going this route have been seen all over the province, it's good for small business and small towns. It let's our families enjoy an activity outdoors in our wonderful communities and it can provide a much needed positive activity for youth. Understandably there is some opposition for various reasons, noise, traffic laws, trespassing to name a few. All these issues are already governed under various laws. There will always be people who break the rules but buy far the vast majority of the orv community are law abiding and curtiuous many of whom reside in the area they are using for these activities. It is my opinion that the benefits far outway any possible drawbacks.

These proposed changes would allow myself and many others in pontypool to access our wonderful trail network straight from our homes and without the sometimes impractical extra investment of a trailer.

I hope you consider my opinions and I am thankful for your time.

Kind regards  
Marshall Rogers

**From:** Brianne Harrison <  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021 2:23 PM  
**To:** ORVTaskForce <orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca>  
**Subject:** Phone call

Joanne Lavender lives on Hwy 35 in Pontypool and the ATVers tear up the end of her driveway and they spook her when she's riding her horse.



**From:** >

**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 7:46:34 PM

**Subject:** New Response Completed - Contact Mayor and Council

To whom it may concern,

I am writing you to show support for ATV's legalization on road ways. Why this is important to me, I am a retired and have lived in the Pontypool area for 27 years. My wife and I purchased an ATV for us to explore the country side and experience nature. The current ATV rules are not very supportive for our hobby and I strongly hope the necessary changes can come in effect. I would like to spend the summer exploring my community and trails further, living so close to the trail system but not legally being allowed to get to them from my home or even allowed to go down the road to get gas for my ATV making it very challenging.

Thank you  
Bill & Anita Durant

**From:**

**Sent:** March 19, 2021 2:38 PM

**To:** [Tracy Richardson](#)

**Subject:** ATV issue

Hi Tracy, my name is Mike Shields and I live in your ward in Pontypool. I am dropping you a short note asking for your support to give ATV's more access.

Thank you in advance,  
Mike Shields

From: Carla Gray < >  
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 11:28 AM  
To: ORVTaskForce <orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca>  
Subject: Better access

As new ATV owners, we were very disappointed that we could only go as far as Lindsay coming from Bethany!

We wanted to make it a day of traveling and being able to stop for lunch and possible dinner. Was a very short trip and to be honest not worth the day just to having to stop in Lindsay and having to turn back around. I truly support a way of being able to access routes through and north of Lindsay without having to trailer the bike.

For these reasons, we are force to look else where for more ATV friendly communities and spend our money there.

Thank you,  
Jamie and Carla Gray

From: Graham Hawkridge <  
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 1:01 PM  
To: ORVTaskForce <orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca>  
Subject: Kids on mini ATV,s

Saturday afternoon in Pontypool showed me that some parents are a little lax in responsibility towards their children.

Imagine my complete surprise when turning to drive east down Pontypool Road, I came across two young male children on mini ATV,s "on the side walk, but starting to turn onto the road, opposite the now retired post masters new home. I slowed right down to a crawl and went slowly by, all the while thinking to myself that they were my kids, they wouldn't be allowed to do this at so young an age. Any field would be great to teach them the ins and outs of this rather dangerous activity.

One looked to be no older than 9 or 10, while the other was no older than 6 or 7. Not considered old enough by any means, to be loose in any village around our City of Kawartha Lakes in my opinion, especially unaccompanied by an adult anywhere in sight.

Graham Hawkridge

Pontypool

Ps One hopes they were both okay and that both got home okay.

**From:** Rob P <  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 3:45 PM  
**To:** ORVTaskForce <orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca>  
**Cc:** Sean Robichaud <  
**Subject:** Fwd: Email query

Hello Task force team

Please see the email chain below.

Are you going to address this shortcoming when looking at opening the road allowances?

Please consider that if you give these folks with licensed, insured, and registered off-road or dual sport motorcycles some place to ride, you will alleviate many of the complaints associated with them. Side by sides and UTV's should also be considered.

Take a look at how it's successfully done in the US. No need to reinvent the wheel.

They have strict rules and associated stiff penalties - they educate through enforcement.

Many states had the common sense to turn these sports into a revenue stream that offsets all enforcement and trail upkeep costs. They also have youth training programs that serve to educate and promote safe off road vehicle use on these trails while under parental or guardian supervision.

More enforcement means less problems in the community - it is a simple formula that works.

Best regards

Rob Paschkowiak, Bethany

**From:**  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 19, 2021 11:03 AM  
**To:** ORVTaskForce <orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca>  
**Cc:** Tracy Richardson <trichardson@kawarthalakes.ca>  
**Subject:** ORVs in City of Kawartha Lakes

Dear Mr Dunn,

I was stunned to see the Task Force believes there “are no indications the City shoulders are in a state of disrepair”. I encourage you to visit Pontypool Road where in 40 years the only gravel added to the roadside has been near guardrails or when gravel washed out completely because of a storm. Pontypool Road is crumbling from lack of maintenance. The issues around our crumbling road from lack of maintenance, inadequate ditching and poor performance in snow and ice maintenance have been discussed with staff and Councillors for decades and noting substantial has been done in response. I understand COVID delayed planned resurfacing this year, it remains to be seen if resurfacing can now be done in a timely manner.

Please update your response to the road shoulder question as it is untrue.

Regards, Janet Vanderveen

From: Warren Dodd  
Sent: Saturday, October 23, 2021 1:08 PM  
To: ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>  
Subject: Thanks for making it happen!

Hello,

I live near Pontypool, and I am very pleased to hear about the decision to pilot an ATV route through Lindsay. This has been something too long coming. Very appreciative of the hard work done to make this happen.

My question now is, when can I take my ATV from my house to the trail? I haven't seen a roadmap when that will happen, and will I be able to go from my house to the town of Pontypool for gas and supplies and meals?

There have been times I have not had the ability to trailer in the past due to owning vehicles that did not have towing capacity, so could not trail ride. Also, when there is no vehicle available to use, being able to go to town (Pontypool) for supplies would be very useful.

Anyway, great work, and I'm glad that the right decision was finally made.

Thank you, thank you!

Warren Dodd  
Pontypool