

Correspondence sent to the ATV Taskforce regarding: Janetville

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From: Kelly Martindale <
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 10:09 AM
To: ORVTaskForce <orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca>
Subject: Connecting South & North Trails & The Benefits To The Community As A Whole!

To whom this may concern

I am sending this email to council and anyone that may have concerns about allowing us to have access to trails connecting the north and south rail trail through the town of Lindsay and to keep all trails as multi use trails.

I am a realtor who conducts business not only in The Kawarthas but also in The Durham, Northumberland, Quinte Area. I have a lot of buyers that are purchasing in Lindsay and 90% of my buyers ask the question; where are the nearest ATV, Snowmobile trails, the reason for this is to spend quality time with family and friends go riding, explore, connect with nature, go to restaurants, stay overnight at different hotels, motels, B&B.

As for us riders being irresponsible there may be a handful of riders who do not follow the rules but the majority of us are older, responsible, and we do follow the rules. As for my own interest on this subject I ride the south trail to Lindsay than I have to stop and turn around go back to my home load my ATV or Snowmobile on my trailer drive up to the north trail to unload so that I may continue up to Fenelon Falls and beyond I find this absolutely ridiculous as do other riders.

I believe working together to achieve a mutual agreement on connecting the trails would be extremely beneficial to the communities as a whole.

Thank You

Kelly Martindale

Resident of Janetville and a member of KATV AND OFSC

From: Tara Kramp <
Date: October 16, 2021 at 9:06:29 AM EDT
To: Council <Council@kawarthalakes.ca>
Subject: Proposed ATV route in Lindsay

Hello. I am emailing you today to provide support for the proposed trial ATV route through Lindsay and provide details as to why.

Since 2015 I have owned property in Lindsay and in May of this year I moved here from Durham Region. The pandemic obviously has changed many things for many people. For me, it has put into perspective taking down time, enjoying the outdoors, and spending quality time with the people around us. I moved here to get closer to all of these things.

For most of my life I have been active in the outdoors and for the past 2-3 years, I have trailered my ATV to Kawartha Lakes to enjoy the trails and the outdoors. I have met many people in the past couple of years on the trails, mainly families who have taken up outdoor motor sports as a way of dealing mentally with this pandemic. I have definitely relied upon the trails as a way to remain mentally healthy in unprecedented times.

Many times over the years I have thought how wonderful it would be to have an ATV route through Lindsay. Not just for the convenience and enjoyment, but also to support the community. Now that I am permanently residing here, it is more important than ever. Every weekend I, along with a large group of friends and family, use the trail system and stop for lunch or dinner in Fenelon Falls or Kinmount. These towns have very successfully adapted to ATVs and it has added to their towns, both financially and socially. With the proposed trial route, Lindsay could also benefit, as well and the connecting areas, such as Omemee, Janetville and Bobcaygeon, who will also be looking at a proposed route.

When I think of Kawartha Lakes, I think of the beauty and mental peace that I acquire from being on the trail system. I think of spending quality time with friends and family, and now, more than ever, I think of supporting the smaller communities such as Lindsay. I do believe that by approving this trial route, it will bring more people to the area, support local businesses in Lindsay, and help to improve people's mental and physical health during these difficult times.

I am fully in support of this and hope that you will give it a try on a trial basis. What do we have to lose? We won't know until we try.

Respectfully

Tara Kramp

From: Kelly Martindale <
Date: October 16, 2021 at 8:59:42 AM EDT
To: Council <Council@kawarthalakes.ca>
Subject: Attention Emmett Yeo and Andrew Veale - connecting the south and north trails through Lindsay

Hello

I have been informed that there has been a proposal made to council for a pilot connection route through Lindsay. I live in Janetville and one of the reasons I purchased my house in this location is that the Victoria rail trail is just east of me, as a realtor I have buyer clients ask all the time about where the trails are located as they love to spend quality family time biking, walking, skiing, and riding their ATV's. It is my belief that connecting the south and north trails would be very beneficial to not only the town of Lindsay but also the surrounding communities. I am 56 yrs old, I love to go riding and spend time with my family and friends, it is a great way to relieve everyday stress and to see all that nature has to offer. The proposed pilot connection route is the perfect solution to this ongoing dispute.

Thank You
Kelly Martindale

From: Jason Chesebrough
Date: October 18, 2021 at 11:27:03 AM EDT
To: Council <Council@kawarthalakes.ca>
Subject: ATV connection: Final Vote

Good morning,

I'm writing to voice my support for ATV's on the roads through Lindsay, as I've been watching for years now as this conversation is had.

As a small business owner, CKL resident, licensed and insured ATV rider, husband and father, I'm an average owner of an ATV around here. We travel through the VRTC trails, and while money is spent in many towns along the way, it's not in Lindsay. Having to trailer our quads from Ken Reid down to access the section through to Bethany is not only a hassle, but such a missed opportunity.

I went on a ride up to Fenelon last spring with my youngest, and we enjoyed lunch at a spot so much that I made reservations for the following weekend, and packed the entire family up in the truck to travel back. We ended up hitting the shops in town and my wife actually found a new spot for herself too. All because we went on a Daddy/Daughter quad ride. Never-mind the fact that we live in the country and taking my quad from our forest and field onto a trail is just part of life. Country living at its finest if we could expand the adventure! Going through Lindsay makes sense. Connecting Janetville and Omemee, Bobcaygeon and Pontypool is a wonderful idea!

Our quad is a machine for work in the bush when needed, plowing in the winter (and some of our neighbours too) and an extension of adventure whenever we can use it. Hitting the VRTC throughout the pandemic has been some of the best times for positive thoughts and uplifting moments, given how awful the situation has been... why limit that? Anything that promotes outdoor activities and mental health should be green-lit as far as I'm concerned.

I'm not sure what the issue is with the amount of favour or at the very least, attention being given to the small anti-atv group, never in my years have I see democracy treated this way, but considering the tourism money and basics (gas, water, snacks, lodging, etc.) that could come into the community - I would hope the council consider the constituents past this small group of people who do not represent the majority of CKL's citizens - and as a homeowner, taxpayer and small business owner here in CKL, would certainly hope my voice is heard as loudly as others.

This trial project is just that - a trial - what's to lose? From what I understand, the majority of those canvassed are in agreement. Fenelon Fall's is a great example of how this can work, so why not *try* it out here for a beat?

This isn't about safety as the opposition would tell you. We all know the examples they use are skewed and mis-leading. If we were talking about safety, we'd be cracking down on e-bikes jumping from sidewalk to road and back with un-licensed and un-insured riders (often riding without safety gear). We are all licensed and insured, pay our yearly dues and ride within the rules of the trail.

This is about quality time with friends and family. It's about country living and the great outdoors. I'm not looking to ride 80km/h down Kent, I'm looking to get through Lindsay and pickup snacks, gas, stop for lunch and maybe do some shopping. I'm looking to expand our riding region and have further family adventures. Our extended family all from around Northern Ontario rides, and have trailered their machines down here many times and picked up a day pass to ride.. this is tourism money with a license to print.

This is about listening to all of your taxpaying constituents and residents and business owners who want this too. The majority of CKL has said yes - why are you continuing to have a circular conversation purporting to represent a base that has already spoken in favour of the thing you're discussing? I honestly can't wrap my head around it.

I certainly hope you represent the majority in the next stage of this, and launch this trial project.

Regards,

The Chesebrough's