

Correspondence sent to the ATV Taskforce regarding: Cameron

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From: Markles < >
Date: February 17, 2021 at 12:10:19 AM EST
To: delmslie@kawarthalakes.ca
Subject: ATVs on roads

Hi Doug. Long time no say. I hope you are well.

I hate to go off half cocked but the KFN sent a notice about a movement to allow ATV use on local streets. Residing above the rail trail that runs along Cameron Lake, I can not imagine ATVs and snowmobiles using our streets in great numbers. (I have seen them on our streets which suggests it is legal.) They are very noisy and even when they travel across the lake at a considerable distance they disrupt a quiet environment. Secondly, their fumes are atrocious when close at hand. If they are to be accepted, then they should be forced to meet low noise and low fume standards as cars must.

Best wishes,
Brian Markle,
Fenelon Falls

From: Grant and Marg <
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 8:47 PM
To: ORVTaskForce <orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca>
Subject: Open the roads for better access.

I have a cottage/home on cameron lake. And support opening the roads for better access to trails. Specially through Lindsay.

From: donlucas <
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 10:23 AM
To: ORVTaskForce <orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca>
Subject: Opening trail access

Hello, I have a cottage on Cameron lake and would like to support the motion to open more trail access. I am currently a member of Katva and allowing SxS South down thru Lindsay to the Ganaraska would be amazing. In this time with lock downs and businesses hurting financially I beleive that the patronage from this group would really help. Not to mention the family time that would be enjoyed out in in nature after this past year. The city of Kawartha lakes could be the leader to show other municipalities what could be achieved when we all work together to reach a common goal.

Thank you, Don Lucas

From: Scott Carleton <
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 12:25 PM
To: ORVTaskForce <orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca>
Subject: Kawartha ORV Task Force Support

Hello,

We are writing in support of the ORV Task Force recommendations listed on the https://jumpinkawarthalakes.ca/orv/news_feed/task-force-recommendations web site.

My wife and I have been property owners on Cameron Lake since 2014 and have operated ATVs with annual KATVA passes since then. Our daughter has been a property owner since 2019 and she also enjoys using the ATVs and trails.

I work in the advertising industry and spend about half of my time in Fenelon Falls. I am a few years from retiring and plan to live permanently to Kawartha Lakes once I can walk away from my business.

In the 7 years we have been living in the area and utilizing the trails, we have found the other riders to be courteous and respectful of the trails and other users.

One of our favorite times of the year is to head out in the fall and take in all the changing colors. I have business partners in Los Angeles, NY, London and Tokyo, all of whom have either visited the area (or will once the pandemic is over). They too have found the trails to be one of the highlight of their trips. They get to see parts of the countryside that they have never been exposed to.

We feel the recommendations listed by the ORV Task Force are reasonable and will help open up the trails to even more users.

We hope the Council sees the merits in adopting the ORV Task Force recommendations, with the understanding that all riders will be expected to abide by the rules and regulations.

Sincerely,
Scott & Pamela Carleton

From: Shannon Smith <
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 2:50 PM
To: ORVTaskForce <orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca>
Subject:

I want to first thank you for serving our community in this way. My name is Jim Smith I own my home just outside of Cameron in the city of Kawartha Lakes. I would like to support the city of Kawartha Lakes opening up more roads for trail access and connection. I currently have four ATVs licenced insured and with KATVA permits. My wife, kids and I enjoy utilizing our trails and current road connections. I have purchased each ATV locally supporting jobs, I purchase gas food in towns along the trail and love supporting our amazing community. My 74 year old father and I also spend a lot of quality time together ATVing. This helps him get out use muscles and enjoying the fresh air. I have been ATVing with the Kawartha ATV club for over 10 years and I think I have as well as the rest of our club have demonstrated responsible and safe ATVing is possible to continue and expand in my community.

Thank you for your time.

Jim Smith
Cameron Ontario

From: Grant and Marg
Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2021 9:03 AM
To: Council <Council@kawarthalakes.ca>
Subject: Atv route through Lindsay

To all Council members of Kawartha lakes. My Wife and I, along with are family members and friends enjoy Atving ,from our cottage (future home) on Cameron Lake in Fenelon Falls. We love the idea of having a route through Lindsay to explore new trails, visit friends and stop on the way through Lindsay to fuel up our machine and fuel up our bodies at a local Lindsay eatery. We as kids and adolescents were always told by our parents to try it, you might like it. So lets try this trial period. We won't know if we don't.
Thanks Grant Reid.

On Oct 18, 2021, at 9:30 PM, Greg Lawrence < wrote:

Good evening respected Councillors of the Kawartha Lakes;

For anyone who has not experienced the exhilaration and thrill of riding through the trails of the Kawartha's and enjoyed the nature and scenery, they would certainly not understand the social and mental benefits that these outings bring to individuals and their well-being.

My name is Greg Lawrence and I purchased a property in Cameron in November 2017 to use as a cottage for now, with the intention of eventually retiring there. I can honestly say that getting out on the trails and getting away from the hustle and bustle of Toronto is a welcome change and provides much needed stress relief while enjoying the sites and sounds of the outdoors.

More importantly, my 23 year old daughter lives at our cottage and is currently working 2 different jobs in Lindsay since graduating from the University of Guelph last year. She suffers from Anxiety, Depression and Social Anxiety disorder. She has been attending therapy since she was 12, and continues to see her regular therapist now, some 11 years later and although she has made significant progress, still experiences her depression.

One of the greatest therapeutic experiences she has, is going for a ride on our ATV, and a taking in the beauty and nature that the trails in the Kawartha's have to offer. To put aside the trials and tribulations of day to day challenges and clear her mind. We have hiked the trails, walked through Ken Reid Conservation Area and enjoyed all that nature can provide. In speaking with her therapist, I've been informed that this sole, and lone activity helps my daughter the most in overcoming and managing her illnesses. This is something that a trained professional cannot provide to a patient, and can also reap the greatest of rewards for those who need it the most.

While on a ride to the south towards Lindsay one day last year, she came across many butterflies and stopped to admire their beauty and activity. From there, she researched and learned of the declining population of the Monarch butterfly and the dangers that they face. She then contacted the Ministry of Natural Resources to see about obtaining a permit/license to 'breed' and re-populate the Monarch population and after several interviews and an

application process, she was awarded with a permit to do just that. This year alone, she was able to produce over 30 Butterflies from an egg, to a caterpillar, to chrysalids, to healthy Monarchs. I invite all of you to visit Rachel Lawrence on Facebook and witness these amazing pictures and videos that she has posted. Nature and the outdoors can significantly benefit an individuals mental health.

I am respectfully asking all councillors to consider the expansion of ATV trails through the Lindsay area for the enjoyment of the great outdoors for ATV and nature enthusiasts, and to also consider the positive affects this can have on those who suffer from mental illnesses. Our family time together on the trails is an important outing for all of us, and I have also invited many others from outside the Kawartha's to attend and support the local economy.

My daughter and I appreciate you taking the time to read this email and consider our position on this matter.

Respectfully, Greg Lawrence