# OFF ROAD VEHICILE TASK FORCE RESIDENT CORRESPONDENCE Submitted between noon on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and midnight on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

From: DEREK Anderson

Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 8:17 AM

To:

Subject: Re: ORV in Lindsay

Good morning everyone.

Thanks to Mayor Letham, Dep Mayor O'Rielly, Councillors Veale, Yeo and Elmisle for recognizing that the residents of Lindsay do not want ATVs on the streets of Lindsay.

Councillor Ashmore, I have an email from you where you indicated you liked the idea of a referendum, the recently completed survey is currently the closest thing we have to a referendum and with 66.4% of the residence of Lindsay being against ATV through Lindsay, I'm surprised you would not support the results.

Councillors Seymour Fagan and Richardson, I can understand your frustration about the results but am truly surprised you would not respect the will of the people.

Councillor Dunn, I have reviewed your "performance" at the committee of the whole a number of times and here are my reactions to that "performance"

- A) the residence of the Town of Lindsay have clearly sent a message, one that you appear to feel you should ignore. Next Nov, if you continue down this path you are on, I'm sure you will find you will be replaced by someone who will work for the constituents and not special interest groups such as KATVA.
- B) your comments to your fellow councillors about the results and what could happen in the future was nothing more than fearmongering. I honestly hope the rest of the councillors saw it for just that.

The committee of the whole has made the right decision, I look forward to councillor confirming this on the 21st.

Derek Anderson CD

From: DEREK Anderson

Sent: September 22, 2021 2:26 PM

**To:** aletham@kawarthalakes.ca; pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca; poreilly@kawarthalakes.ca; kseymourfagan@kawarthalakes.ca; rashmore@kawarthalakes.ca; aveale@kawarthalakes.ca; delmslie@kawarthalakes.ca; eyeo@kawarthalakes.ca; trichardson@kawarthalakes.ca; ORVTaskForce <orvtaskforce@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: RE: ORV in Lindsay

Good afternoon Mayor and Council.

It was very disappointing to see Pat Dunn eviscerate item 9.3.29 at Councill yesterday.

Item 9.3.29

## CW2021-216

That Report PW2021-004, Off Road Vehicle Task Force Recommendations, be received;

**That** the linkage route for ATV's through the urban area of Lindsay proposed by the Off Road Vehicle Use of City Roads Task Force not be approved;

**That** the Off Road Vehicle Use of City Roads Task Force review and report back on bypass options for an ATV route around Lindsay to link the north and south trails; and **That** the by-pass option(s) include a bridge crossing at Thunderbridge Road.

The component of this item was: "**That** the linkage route for ATV's through the urban area of Lindsay proposed by the Off Road Vehicle Use of City Roads Task Force not be approved"

Council voted to eliminate that part of the recommendation from the modified motion set forth by Pat Dunn, when that part of the motion was in fact the key issue discussed at the Committee of the Whole. Kudos to Pat Dunn for this sly maneuvering, but Mr Mayor and Council, please don't lose sight of the fact that 66.4% of those responding to the survey said NO TO ATVS ON LINDSAY STREETS"

I Would hope that one of you councillors would re-introduce a motion at the next Committee of the Whole to cover the removed clause: That the linkage route for ATV's through the urban area of Lindsay proposed by the Off Road Vehicle Use of City Roads Task Force not be approve.

I have no idea why Pat Dunn is so bound and determined to get a road access through Lindsay when he hasn't taken the time to go door to door and ask his constituents what they feel about his recommendation, after all, these are the people who will either vote for him in November or

vote for anyone else to runs against him. When Pat Dunn was asked what his constituent wanted, his reply was "I have no idea". Instead, he continues to cozy up to KATVA, I wonder what the driving force there could really be.

Not sure how many of you got a chance to look at the ORV Task Force meeting video, but it's obvious that the Task Force has one objective in mind. That is to open all roads in the CKL to the ATV crowd.

At one point in that meeting Councillor Richardson admitted that residence in her ward and also Councillor Ashmore's ward are already flaunty the current by-laws and riding their units on area roads.

I actually saw this 1<sup>st</sup> hand in Omemee on Saturday Sept 11, 2021, with someone who admitted to me he didn't have a drivers license and when I looked at his unit it didn't have a license plate so obviously he would have insurance. This gentlemen got on his unit rode to Mary Street West and than turned right onto Hwy 7 and headed east on Hwy 7.

Is the council going to reward these ATV users for bad behaviour.

Councillor Dunn stresses that it's only a 2 year trial period, but lets all be honest with each other. The trail period will never be reviewed and we will just open up the CKL south of HWY 8 to all ATV users. How about we try this: have a 2 year trail period as it is and provided there are no reported infractions of the current by-law or accidents in the area, then we reconsider whether to open roads for ATV riders.

In my opinion Mr Stuart Bothwell had it right, it's time to cancel the ATV Task Force and stop wasting CKL resources.

One last point, did you notice that the 2 new members of the Task Force are also ATV users, I am sure that goes against the instructions issue by council on June 14,2021, but is another example of Pat Dunn's push to have ATVs on city streets. Again I have to ask. Pat Dunn, what's in it for you? What's motivating you to go against the will of your constituents?

I look forward to hearing from all of you.

Derek Anderson CD

From: Julie Henry

Date: September 27, 2021 at 4:01:36 AM EDT

To: Pat Dunn <pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca>, Andy Letham <aletham@kawarthalakes.ca>

**Subject: ATV Route through Lindsay** 

Dear Councillor Dunn -

I watched Tuesday's meeting and I'm sorry but you are not listening to your constituents. The people of Lindsay do NOT want an ATV route through town. The reason only 700 people are against it is because not enough people knew about the survey - it wasn't advertised well. In addition, many people don't know how to go online and fill out the survey - myself included (a flimsy two question survey is also not sufficient.) I have lived in Lindsay for 40 years and not one person I know wants a route through Lindsay and your continued passion and desire for this is difficult to understand. The idea is ridiculous and the argument for a bolstered economy is preposterous. People who are riding an ATV are not going to take off sweaty helmets and dusty outfits to go shopping or out to eat. Really? And put the stuff they've purchased where? It is absolutely ridiculous and your continued voraciousness for this cause is insulting to the people who vote for you. I know many, many people who are considering not voting for you again since you seem so reluctant to listen to the wishes of people who vote.

Do better. Let go of this unwanted and unliked proposition. You know people don't want this - so many individuals have come to council against this so listen to them - and frankly, watching council spend so much time and money on this is beyond frustrating.

I am using my daughter's device to send this but she will forward any replies.

Thank you. Douglas Franklin On Oct 13, 2021, at 10:01 PM, Mark Robbins < > wrote:

Dear Councillor Dunn,

I am writing to commend you and your colleagues for council's decision to step down from the proposed ATV trial route through Lindsay.

Over the past four decades, as a provincial conservation officer (retired), I have operated all-terrain vehicles of all varieties and in almost every operating environment imaginable, ranging from rugged terrain to skidder trails, and from frozen lakes to forest access roads. I have likely logged more on-machine hours than most recreational riders will ever accumulate. In addition to being an operator in a professional capacity I have also been a Canada Safety Council All-Terrain Vehicle Operator Instructor and have provided ATV training to many of the conservation officers currently in the field.

Based on my experience, my observations of other operators, and my professional training I can unequivocally say that operating an ATV on any hard surface, especially on a paved roadway, is inherently unsafe for the operator. The short wheel-base, the narrow wheel-stance, the low pressure tires and the high center of gravity that makes these machines effective in off-road environments also makes them unstable, and prone to crabbing and roll over, when operated on hard packed surfaces.

By keeping these machines off Lindsay streets you are undoubtedly saving ATV operators and pedestrians from serious injury or even death.

Respectfully,

Mark Robbins

On Thu, Oct 14, 2021 at 7:40 AM Darryl James < > wrote: Mayor Letham and Council,

## See attached document if there are any issues within the email.

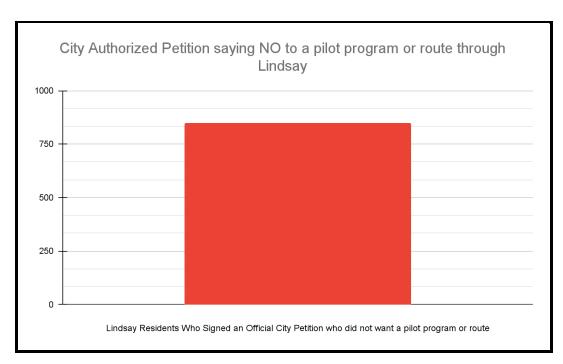
I wanted to address the comments Mr. Dunn made at the recent Council meeting pertaining to "citizens in Lindsay tolerating a pilot program", and his claims regarding the recent Council survey and city authorized resident's petition.

The official City authorized petition that my wife and I worked extremely hard on and submitted in good faith to Council stated:

 We, the undersigned, petition the Council of the City of Kawartha Lakes to maintain the status quo, and to make no changes to Bylaw 2019-077 which would allow ATVs on the proposed route or any municipal roads in Lindsay for a pilot program or permanently.

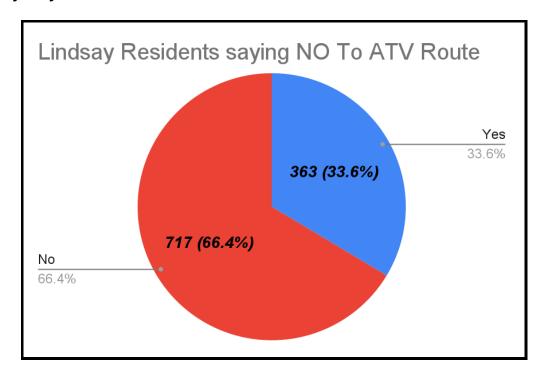
There are 847 signatures on a City authorized petition that do not support a "pilot program" or a route through Lindsay. The petition was signed by residents all over Lindsay.

#### **Lindsay Residents Petition**



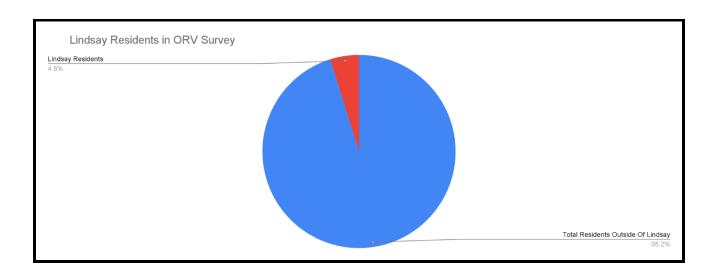
Council's own survey, which was directed at residents of Lindsay, asked two simple questions: "Do you live in Lindsay?" and "Are you in Favour of having a route in Lindsay to connect the trail heads?" Overwhelming 66.4% of Lindsay residents, 717/1080, said NO to an ATV route through Lindsay.

## **Council Survey July 2021**



In contrast, 105 Lindsay residents responded to the ORV Survey conducted by the ORV Task Force, in March 2021. The survey was very heavily promoted to ATV owners and KATVA members through their membership, Facebook and affiliate groups. Not surprisingly, most respondents were NOT from Lindsay, most were ATV owners, and some were from outside Kawartha Lakes.

## **ORV Task Force Survey March 2021**



There have been countless deputations to Council and the ORV Task Force opposing an ATV route through Lindsay.

The ORV Task Force could have ensured that those in Lindsay, particularly those within 120m of any ATV route, were sent notice like the City does with planning notices - a level of consultation and due diligence that residents would have appreciated.

KATVA members, 2500 out of a population of 75,000, are a small percentage of the entire Kawartha Lakes population and most live outside of Lindsay.

Combining two entirely different surveys, which ask different guestions – one targeted at Lindsay residents, and another which was heavily promoted by KATVA is not a number which has any meaning.

If KATVA wanted to show that Lindsay residents wanted an ATV route, they too could have done a City sanctioned petition, and they did not.

The City's survey response and the residents' City authorized petition results were extremely high.

Ignoring the Lindsay residents' input and the professional advice the ORV Task Force and Council have been given, undermines the public's trust in decision making.

An overwhelming majority of Lindsay residents, 66.4%, 717/1080, in a survey conducted by Council, do not support an ATV route in Lindsay.

In addition, 847 Lindsay residents who signed the City authorized resident's petition do NOT support a **permanent**, **or pilot** ATV route through Lindsay.

Sincerely,

**Darryl James** 

#### References:

- July 2021 City's Lindsay ATV Survey Results https://pubkawarthalakes.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=45934
- August 2021 Lindsay Residents Petition https://pubkawarthalakes.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?ld=3589e5de-7477-45da-b416c78889114b1e&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Item=38&Tab=attachments
- 6.1 COW2021-08.6.1
  - 1.Online Petition Darryl and Robyn James.pdf
  - 2. Hard Copy Petition Darryl and Robyn James.pdf
- March 2021 Off Road Vehicle Task Force public survey results

Darryl

From: Chris Peterson <

**Date:** October 15, 2021 at 10:04:07 PM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

Subject: Proposed atv route

Evening,

I have been a resident and tax payer in the city of kawartha lakes for almost 35 years.

I am 100% in favor of the proposed route through Lindsay for atvs. It is time for council to realize the amount of money and jobs this would bring to our city.

Also in these pressing times, it would be a huge mental and physical benefit for me to travel from my place in Bethany and head to haliburton for lunch.

Please approve and move this motion forward.

Thanks.

On Oct 15, 2021, at 1:46 PM, Kerrie Bartlett < > wrote:

Hi Pat and Tracy,

Thank-you both for supporting this proposal and for the endless hours you have put into this.

I wanted to reach out personally and let you know that my family and I are in full support of opening this link through Lindsay. We live on near Fenelon Falls.

Tom Bartlett - Father
Amanda Bartlett - Sister
Alisha Turpin - Sister
Mike Turpin - Brother in Law
Alyson Turpin - Niece
Leon Wright - Husband
Jesse Wright - Son

We have lived in this area all our lives, Our family has ridden atv's since 1996 and continue to enjoy this sport.

I am strongly encouraging you both to continue to support this road route link on Oct 19/21. If approved it will only be on a trial basis, we are only asking for a chance.

Pat I would encourage you to bring up the fact again that I collected over 4500 signatures of support to open this road link. These came from people all over Ontario that enjoy atving and want more trails open and destinations to travel too. The City of Kawartha Lakes could become a prime ATV tourist destination if we set it up right and this route is a big step in the right direction.

If you have any questions or want to talk to me directly I can be reached at 705-928-7558. Thank-you for your time.

Kerrie Bartlett

From: Lorraine Gregson Gregson <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 8:36:51 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca>

**Subject: Two Year Trial Project** 

Please give us this way to connect trails and be able to be out in nature. We are three women in our seventies who started this year and love it. We can't walk as far as we use to but now we can ride so give us the freedom to see more trails in the future and have access to less extreme terrain. This project is important to us and many retirement people. Please support it and see if the benefits out way the negatives. We will be very appreciative.

Thanks , Lorraine ,Carol, Sandi From: Andrew Eadie

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 11:18:35 AM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

**Subject: Two Year Trial Project** 

Hello Council,

As a tax payer in the city of Kawartha Lakes, I am in favor of the two year trial project to allow ATV's to legally pass through Lindsay. I believe this will bring more tourism money into Lindsay, which is a great thing for the community of small businesses.

Please see this through and allow the project to have a chance. This will be good for our community.

Thank you, Andrew Eadie From: Kozak Sold <

Date: October 16, 2021 at 9:58:27 AM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca > Subject: ATV Route Through Lindsay

This past weekend my wife and I rode with our neighbours to Haliburton for lunch and back, tomorrow we plan to ride to Gooderham for lunch and back. We ride to Fenelon for breakfast often. I have never met anyone that rides to Lindsay because of course we cannot get gas or food or even get around Lindsay. Essentially it is cut off from the system even though it lays between some of the best atv trails in Ontario. Please allow us the privilege of getting through Lindsay so that we can continue to enjoy all that our amazing communities have to offer. We average about 2000 km per year on our local trails and interact often with dog walkers, bicycles, even traffic and have always had pleasant experiences. A route through Lindsay would allow us to explore, spend money in and enjoy more of our local communities instead of others.

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John and Kathy Kozak

From:

Date: October 16, 2021 at 12:26:18 PM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca > Subject: ATV Route Through Lindsay

My name is Dean Jewell, I'm in favor of the two year trial ATV route through Lindsay. I'm asking for your vote on this. Lets do something father than do nothing. I think a two year trial would be a fair to assess how the route will work. Thank you.

From: Mario Goffredo <

Date: October 16, 2021 at 4:52:04 PM EDT

To: Council < Council @ kawarthalakes.ca>, Andrew Veale < aveale @ kawarthalakes.ca>

**Subject: ATV Route through Lindsay** 

Hi All

I'm send you this email to ask for each of you to please support a two year pilot project to approve a route through Lindsay.

As an avid ATVER, a constituent and a tax payer of ward 4 for the past 13 years Mr Veale, as one of your constituents I ask you for your support on passing this two year ATV pilot project.

As mentioned above, this is a pilot project where the city has the right to cancel, amend, or shorten the pilot project at any time, this in itself should be enough for the city to allow the project to move forward, but if it's not I'll give you some more examples.

The ATV community brings tourism money to the community. Allow me to give you some examples. I support communities that are ATV friendly, when I go ATVing (typically it's 3 to 4 of us) I'll drive to Fenelon fall, to start my day and while I'm there I'll fill up my truck with gas, I also fill up my machine, and an extra gas container, I will also purchase breakfast. Typically kinmount is an afternoon stop during our riding day, where I purchase lunch, at the end of the day I power wash my machine in Fenelon Falls, And I also purchase dinner there. Before heading bsck to my full time residence in Little Britain. If I need to purchase any type of ATV equipment for my machine I shop at stores that are located in an ATV friendly community. That unfortunately does not include Lindsay at this time

I could and would do all these activities in Lindsay. But they aren't ATV friendly. I'm only one person, imagine if Lindsay was ATV friendly, the much needed tourist dollars that the merchants would benefit from especially due this pandemic.

Please note that Fenelon Falls started with a pilot program and has been extremely successful

ATVing is part of a rural lifestyle and the city of Kawartha Lakes is still very much a rural community which includes Lindsay

As an ATVER I look forward to the weekends to go out with friends and family members it's a great stress relief to be out there ,and it's the way I bind and spend quality time with my family members and friends.

Also please note that the MAJORITY of ATVERS are friendly, considerate people we are extremely respectful to the community and community members that live in these communities.

I want to thank you for your time in reading my email.

Mr. Veale , I again ask you to please support the ATV pilot project through Lindsay. I also respectfully ask all Councilors to do the same and support the Two year pilot project to allow a route for ATV's through Lindsay. Really what do we have to lose here !!! Nothing !!! but If you don't we lose a lot !!!

Again Thank you for your time

Best Regards, Mario Goffredo From: Jennifer Skilton

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 9:18:16 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

**Subject: ATV Trail** 

Good morning,

I hope you and your family are well. I am reaching out to speak to you about the ATV trail vote that is happening soon. We are residents of Fenelon Falls and enjoy using the ATV trails, they provide our family with valuable outdoor time together that increased our mental health and well being. The ATVs allow us to access natural areas that would not be accessible to us otherwise. When on the trails we spend tourist dollars in other areas of Kawartha Lakes ie Lindsay. As a taxpayer I hope that you will represent my interests in this vote. Keep in mind that it is only a trial project and that much research and observation will be done during this time to evaluate the benefits or challenges with this project. Please vote in favour of the trails!

All the best, Jennifer Skilton From: Sabrina Yetman

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 8:39:16 AM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

Subject: Atv project

I support the lindsay project.

From: Rebecca Spencer <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 8:15:42 AM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

Subject: Atv link thru Lindsay

Hello Council members,

10 years of Trying to get this road link for ATV's thru Lindsay.

Please approve it As being an ATV owner for the past 10 years I would like to be able to Do to Bethany without trailer.

All the smaller out lying communities also , oak wood, omemee, bobcayeon, Janesville.

Don't forget about them!

This will bring more people to town and help local businesses!!

Please again approve the road link.

From: Randy Dowse

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 8:17:34 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

Subject: Trial Project

Please Support this Trial Project This is for a Good Cause Thank You Randy &Donna Dowse From: Rob Parker <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 8:20:40 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca>

**Subject: Atv route** 

Please reconsider the atv route through Lindsay. It would just be a connecting route from town to town, take a drive through Fenelon falls on the weekend you maybe will see 10-12 atvs the whole day that go through town an never have they had any problem with them. I would also like to see Bobcaygeon have a connecting route in the future.

Thank you.

From: Mathew Black <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 8:22:56 AM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

**Subject: ATV 2 Year Trial** 

Good morning, I'm writing you as a resident of Kirkfield as myself and my family use the KATV and Haliburton trails throughout Kawartha lakes.

This gives our family a chance to visit different different Towns using our ATV and side-by-side. Thankfully this gets them out of the house and introduces them to nature in a way that no other mode of transportation can. We are parents of a young special needs child and being out on the trails is one of the only times our family can bond in a unique way well seeing nature and stopping in for lunch off the trails. Without activities such as these I'm not sure how successful our weekends would be.

We ask that you consider this when approving future trail access roads and points

Thank you

Mat & Sarah Black

From: Karen Webster <

Date: October 16, 2021 at 8:26:15 AM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca > Subject: Lindsay ARV 2 year trial period

Dear Councillor - I would like you to consider voting in favour of allowing this 2 year trial period through Lindsay to go through. As an ATV rider my husband and I love to ride our beautiful trail system and enjoy our beautiful City of Kawartha Lakes. This is difficult to do when we are not able to get through Lindsay in order to explore the remaining communities to our south. While out riding we would stop and have a bite to eat and full our tanks. We are respectful riders and would absolutely obey the rules of the road and as well the City and trail system rules. Thank you very much for your time and please vote in favour of allowing this trial to go through.

Karen Webster

From: Karen Webster <

Date: October 16, 2021 at 8:30:18 AM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca > Subject: Lindsay 2 year Trial period

Dear Councillor - I would like you to consider voting in favour of allowing this 2 year trial period through Lindsay to go through. As an ATV rider my wife and I love to ride our beautiful trail system and enjoy our beautiful City of Kawartha Lakes. This is difficult to do when we are not able to get through Lindsay in order to explore the remaining communities to our south. While out riding we would stop and have a bite to eat and fill our tanks. We are respectful riders and would absolutely obey the rules of the road and as well the City and trail system rules. Thank you very much for your time and please vote in favour of allowing this trial to go through.

Robert Webster

From: Grant Gibson

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 8:32:25 AM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

**Subject: Trail Trial Period** 

Please consider these points when voting for the trial period

- It's only a trial project so council really has nothing to lose
- We bring tourism money to the community which is needed even more after the pandemic
- This is a part of the rural lifestyle and City of Kawartha Lakes is still a rural community, including the town of Lindsay
- Fenelon Falls is a successful model that was built on a trial project
- We are residents and taxpayers so we should be heard too
- For some riding and ATV or SxS is good for their mental health
- This is how some of us have quality time with our families

Grant Gibson

From: Lennie Walker <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 8:34:05 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Atv & SxS off road vehicles in Lindsay

I'm a resident of the City of Kawartha Lakes, and I have owned a recreational vehicle for the pass 10 years.

It has become a very enjoyable experience, adventure riding the trails in this wonderful community. Please vote to allow atv's and SxS recreational vehicles to pass through Lindsay on a designated route to link up with trails in other area's to attract more people into the industry. This definitely would bring business into the city, not to mention revenue & growth to Lindsay and communities. My experience with the KATVA has been amazing adventure, along with healthy outdoor activities. Please allow the expansion of such a wonderful sport for the future. City of Kawartha Lakes will become a huge attraction in business & revenue. I live here in Lindsay.

Thank you Leonard walker From: Ian Peters <

Date: October 16, 2021 at 8:18:06 AM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca > Subject: Yes to ATV route through Lindsay

Dear Kawartha Lakes Council.

My family is thrilled to have discovered ATVing. We would very much like to have your support for a route through Lindsay.

Thank you for supporting this.

Ian Peters, and family. And friends.

From: Jason Richard

Date: October 16, 2021 at 8:42:52 AM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca > Subject: Atv route through Lindsay

I am sending this email to show my support in allowing an ATV route through Lindsay to connect to existing trails. I purchased a building lot on in 2017 and built my home. The reason I moved to this area is because my family are atv and snowmobile riders and we now live right beside the trail. After moving here and putting hundreds of thousands of dollars into the local economy not to mention the money paid to the City of Kawartha Lakes for building permits. We find out that the trail is pretty much useless because we cannot go north through town to connect to the other trails. To say we were extremely disappointed is an under statement. We hope you will vote in favour of allowing this 2 year project to happen.

Thank you Jason Richard From: ANDREW Caldwell

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 8:44:31 AM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

Subject: Lindsay pilot project

#### Hello,

I'm hoping good consideration is taken upon the upcoming vote on the pilot project through Lindsay. I live in Bethany and currently have limited access to trails due to the blockade through Lindsay. The Bethany area has issues with riders on private property and I believe by giving the riders access to the whole Northern trail system will help with this problem. A trail program will at least test the waters and see if this will work or not. There is always that 1% that will not follow rules and make issues for others, but 99% of us are good people who will follow the rules and make this project a success. I hope my email helps with your decision.

Thank you, Andrew Caldwell From: Julie Barkey

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 8:45:11 AM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

**Subject: ATV 2 Year Trial Project** 

I am in support of the trial project. Four years ago our family moved to Lindsay from Cannington. Since we live close to the trail we purchased an ATV. It's a way for us to get out and enjoy ourselves. My husband has had both knees replaced and can't walk or cycle a long distance. We have enjoyed visiting communities north of us and each time we go we get something to eat/drink while we are there. If the trail went through Lindsay it would help to support our town as well. ATVs are a popular form of recreation. By joining more towns together we could draw tourists to our beautiful town to spend money and see what we have to offer. Don't make them bypass our town and go elsewhere!

From: blaine simpson

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 8:47:07 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

**Subject: Route** 

I totally support this route going through the town of Lindsay as it will bring in money to the small businesses restaurants let's support our hometown businesses.

Blaine Simpson

From: Krystal Smith

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 8:47:29 AM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

Subject: Route through lindsay

## Good morning!

I am voting yes for a route through lindsay or around it for that matter! Even if we had to ride 36 to 7 and up to angeline or even all the way around to kent back to 35 to thunderbridge road so the residents didnt have to complain, that would be fine too. We spend every weekend riding as a family of 5, our friends and other family members ride as well. All of our money is usually spent in fenelon or kinmount because we are allowed there with no issues. I would love to leave from hom rather then trailering to unload and leave our vehicles unattended for the day.. as a family we really hope this can go through that way we can access more trail routes and have many more adventures with our family.

Thank you

Krystal and Cody Smith and family

From: colin murray <

Date: October 16, 2021 at 9:04:58 AM EDT
To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >
Subject: Two Year Trial Project Re ATV use

I live in Bethany and I am in favour of this. Lets give it a try.

Thank you Colin Murray From: Bill Vieveen <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 9:24:14 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

Subject: trails

I am in favour of opening up lindsay which will give us better access to the rail trail we travel it a lot from superior rd to Halliburton eating in Kinmount.

From: Kevin Vink

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 9:43:37 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

Subject: Lindsay trail

To Whom it may concern:

I would like to send my support for the trial project of the trail through Lindsay. As a member of the KATVA club I look forward to the opportunity to travel down that trail.

Kind Regards

Kevin Vink

From: Kevan Robillard

Date: October 16, 2021 at 9:57:01 AM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca > Subject: Atv trail through Lindsay

I would like to take this opportunity to ask council to please consider the trial period to allow atv's to travel through Lindsay. I know ther is some negative input because of some riders but I truly believe the positive benifits outway the negative. As riders of the trail systems we will bring a lot of revenue to local businesses. Thank you for your time and effort regarding this issue.

From: brent smith <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 9:58:51 AM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

Subject: Trails through lindsay

I would just like to say that in today's world we live in i believe its important to find the things that keep us together not separate. If you have ever done any atving or even motorcycling you would know it brings so many people together.

I think its important to everyone and business around to have more things bringing money in such as atv.

From: Konrad Seemann

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 10:23:25 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca>

To Whom It May Concern,

The opportunity to use the trail system on off road vehicles provides an experience to appreciate the beautiful landscapes the Kawarthas offer, not to mention economically benefits the small Canadian towns with which they intersect. Especially given the impacts of the pandemic, now seems an even more important opportunity to keep access available versus restrictive, in terms of promoting community and inclusion.

Best Regards,

Konrad Seemann

From: Terry Nickelchok <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 5:02:48 PM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

Hi my Name is Terry Nickelchok I believe that lindsay would benefit to give a chance to the 2 year trial for Atvs. I Myself at 54 have a Atv and see alot of my friends buying them to enjoy the trails alot of families. Its a growing market in Atving .and will bring much needed money to the little peoples business I believe .If its well planned out Lindsay can be a leader to other towns and stand out as a town of the future. Thanks for hearing my email have a great day

From: Jonny Bly

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 10:31:11 AM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

**Subject: Lindsay ATV Route** 

I am in favour of this route opening up to ATV's . As a member of the community, I believe this will benefit all retailers from Bethany to Kinmount. As a disabled person my ATV gives me access to places I would not be able to enjoy otherwise. I have read about other Municipalities that have opened up to ATV's with great success as the majority of riders are law abiding citizens who contribute heavily towards the retailers in their area. Thank you in advance to even considering this proposal.

From: Chris Burke

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 10:12:23 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

**Subject: ATV Trail Access** 

Good Morning,

I'm writing to show my support of the proposed routes in the Town of Lindsay, and hopefully other routes for ATV trail access in the Peterborough/ kawartha Lakes.

My wife, daughter and I are avid ATV'ers who want to be able to enjoy our sport legally and see the various parts of this beautiful region.

We have a regular group of like minded riders who get together regularly to ride in the area. Riding during the pandemic when all other activists were essentially shut, enjoying the outside was especially helpful for some in our group who had been experiencing various mental health issues.

Most riders, except a few idiots, are responsible, respectful community members who just want to ride without the worry of getting a ticket.

As this is a pilot project, it could be an opportunity to set the rules from the get go, enforce them and develop a relationship with the ATV community. Providing an allowance for riding on specific routes will also be an investment in the various communities with connections to the trails. Businesses in Bethany, Fenlon Falls, Lindsay, etc could all use some help in these difficult times.

Riders are not bad people, let's give them a chance to enjoy, invest, and explore this beautiful country. This is a missed opportunity to attract business and money to the area.

I am confident that Council will see past all the NIMBY-ism that plagues our community, and the alarmists who are afraid of what they do not understand.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

Chris Burke

From: carley hughes

Date: October 16, 2021 at 10:56:57 AM EDT
To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

Subject: KATVA

I vote for pro ATV! Allow the trail!

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: Michelle <

Date: October 16, 2021 at 10:57:54 AM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

Subject: Two year trial project atv

Hello,

I would like to show my support for the two year trial project for atvs to be allowed in Lindsay.

Thank you

Michelle Scarpelli

From: Ed Westerdyk

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 11:07:10 AM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

**Subject: Trial project** 

# Gentleman

Please reflect on the past 18 months of this pandemic and now is your chance to show leadership in passing the motion to allow ATV and SxS to pass freely in the towns metioned and move forward. Which will help all sectors of business in our areas which has already suffered financial burden and to reducer incoming business would be a tragedy.

Regards Ed Westerdyk

#### From:

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 11:56:44 AM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

Subject: Lindsay trial

Hi my name is Michael Bronstine. I am new to atving as I just moved to fenelon falls last November. I suffer from severe depression and let me tell you just sitting on my atv makes me feel better. Every weekend which I look forward to is always a feel great day. My group is very respectful to all other people using the vrt. We always get a smile and a wave and kids get very excited watching us crawl by. My goal on the weekend is to trail ride and eventually make our way for lunch to kinmount. I would love to travel lindsay way and add to the economy. One loud car or motorcycle is a lot louder than a dozen atvs riding down a side street. Please give the trial a chance and open up your economy to some of the most respectful atv riders a chance to experience a new area to ride in. Thank you Michael Bronstine

From: peter walendzewicz <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 12:09:29 PM EDT **To:** Council < Council @ kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Quad trails

AS A BUSINESS OWNER WE NEED MORE TOURISTS. GIVE THEM A REASON TO COME AND SPEND MONEY. PEOPLE CAN GO ELSEWHERE.

From: Cindy Sweeting <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 12:24:11 PM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

Subject: ATV through Lindsay

It is a no brainer to let this project go through. And in two years people will see if it is a good ideal or not. You have spent lots of money on your parks and trails, and done some bridges twice in the process. I have done many major constructions in the town of Lindsay over the past 40 years working for Mark Wilson Construction. Just to add, the ATV will only be allowed to travel at a speed of "20 kms". I would be able to pass the ATV on a bike. Think about that for a moment, or better yet. Go out in your automobile and try to travel "20kms" down your street. It's almost to a crawl. You have people who have spook out against this and sited there will be people hurt from the ATV ripping down the road. They clearly don't care how slow the ATV will be going. The are full of miss information and lies, just to stop this pilot project. Please for love of Christ, lets try this pilot project out.

On Oct 16, 2021, at 3:44 PM, Brian Greenslade < > wrote:

I agree that atvs have a right to be on the roads aswell

From: Pat <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 4:08:06 PM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca>

**Subject: Proposed ATV Route** 

To whom it may concern,

As a resident of ward 6, I would like to voice my support for a connecting trail route through Lindsay. Increased access to recreation for our residents should be a top priority for council, for both the mental and physical benefits it provides. Restricting access to such a great resource for so many people, to pander to a small but vocal minority of "safety sallies" and "climate alarmists" is doing an injustice to both the businesses and residents of Lindsay, as well as the residents of Ontario as a whole.

Regards,

Patrick Ireton

From: Dave Dee <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 5:09:59 PM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

Subject: 2 year trial project

As a citizen and enthusiast a business owner, this initiative should be given a chance.. with proper guidelines in place riders should be given the opportunity to enjoy a pastime they enjoy, while also be given the chance to show that they are and can respectfully abide by local laws in place enjoy there sport going forward.. it's a great boost to local business in many areas especially coming out of this pandemic

From:

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 6:20:18 PM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Link joining from Logie St Rail Trail through Lindsay to the North Rail Trail

Hello Mayor and Councilors. I have been an avid Atver for well over 10 years now and enjoy the opportunity to travel into Towns to shop for necessities and meeting folks whether they are other people shopping, walking, ,riding horses or Atving. We share the trails with all types of people and animals too. The logic in having trails that come to Lindsay and not be allowed to come into Town is ludicrous, are we expected to have someone bring us things of need like maybe the local Police have time to pickup some Timmies for us. These machines will travel great distances on a small amount of fuel unlike the people operating them, which gives reason to be able to get to food and beverages and maybe also purchase a rain jacket, these are all things that are good for the local economy so please stop looking at this access through Lindsay with a one sided view and find a way to make it happen.

Thanks Howard Reeds

From: Adrian Celio <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 6:32:08 PM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

Subject: Trail system

Hi I believe it's in Your best interest to try this 2 year trial if it doesn't work out you can then cancel it Thanks From: Laurie Mackie <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 6:48:37 PM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

Subject: Route through Lindsay

It is important to most riders to be able to ride through Lindsay to get to connected trails. This would also be for some businesses in Lindsay bring more consumers to the town.

From: Rhonda White

Date: October 16, 2021 at 7:01:39 PM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca > Subject: Test Pilot for ATVs in Lindsay

Dear Councillors and Mayor,

I wish to convey my hope to see the 2 year test pilot receive a positive vote on Tuesday's meeting. As a taxpayer, I hope that my desire is heard and considered.

I am a long time resident in Lindsay living on one of Lindsay's busiest streets. ATVs on the street would not have the dramatic, negative change that the nay-sayers want everyone to believe!

I am also an avid ATV rider with my husband and grown children. When we go riding, we buy gas from another town, as well as lunch or dinner. Sometimes in the other towns we do other shopping while we are there, whether by ATV or as we trailer through. We meet with other families who also spend money in other towns. Wouldn't it be nice to be the town on the receiving end of that income. Lindsay would benefit so much as it's a central location between south and north ends of Kawartha Lakes and has much to offer and much to gain.

One of my loves of Lindsay is the rural feel of it, and ATVing would not look out of place in this town. In fact, it is my belief that the lack of an ATV presence is baffling. Fenelon Falls seems to have done well with it, why can't Lindsay?

Please, as a trial period, there isn't anything to lose. Test it out! See how it goes. This decision on Tuesday is not final, but I do think it is one that could open eyes, doors and wallets.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

From: MICHAEL KEARNS

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 7:26:28 PM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

Subject: Atv route please

Good day,

Positively an Atv route would great for Lindsay. It is an economic benefit to local business.

I have yet to see where the orv operators have not been responsibly using the roads, where allowed. Fenelon Falls is an excellent example.

Please Consider a trial with the proposed routes. The alternative of using hwy 36 and installing the bridge over the river is a fantastic plan and would satisfy all parties.

I would like to thank you in advance for the consideration, tough decisions ahead.

Warmest regards Michael From: null BEATTIE

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 1:34:24 PM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

Subject: Two year trial project ATV use through Lindsay

Hello, i wish to start out by saying, I am and have been a truck driver for 25 plus years and my number one goal while driving anything is "safety". I can understand why people would argue against atv's riding through town but i also believe that doing so has no more risk to the public than any other activity, on or off the roads. Riding through the town of Lindsay to get from one trail to the next should not be an issue providing the off road vehicle riders follow the rules set forth. For anyone braking the rules they should be banned from getting to use the trail system all together as well as riding through the lovely town of Lindsay.

I Live in Bowmanville and would like nothing more than to be able to stage my ride closer to home and take the rail trail up to and through Lindsay and beyond. Not to mention, stop in Lindsay and enjoy everything Lindsay has to offer. I did live there for 10 years, love the town. Please say YES to the pilot project. You (most of the towns people) will not be disappointed..... Regards, Mike Beattie.. Formerly of Sweetnam drive!!!

Have a great day!

From: Ken Townsend

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 8:18:05 PM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

**Subject: Atv route trial** 

## Hello

I am asking if you could move forward with the trial route we are asking for. I am a 68 year old guy and I love just getting out on the trails for a day ride I think this route will bring many benefits to the local retail stores.

If you require any other feedback I would need some questions answered please send an email back to me thanks and have a great day

From: Luke Hoekstra <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 1:53:32 PM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Off road vehicle route

To whom it may concern.

I am writing this email in regards to the proposed pilot project to allow off road vehicle access on roads to trails in the Lindsay area. Please allow me to first acknowledge that I can understand both sides of this issue and know it's not an easy decision. I have over 25 years experience in the off road vehicle industry and have served as a police officer for almost 20 years and know how important it is to have clear rules and that not everyone will be happy.

My fondest memories as a child are those of off road adventures with my father and the feeling of freedom it brought. It evolved into racing motocross and eventually owning property to ride atvs and side by side vehicle in a neighboring community to Kawartha. As a law enforcement officer I know that if there is a route allowed it can be policed and monitored yet if no route is attempted there will still be people who break this rule and will do it with a sense of urgency and recklessness as they don't want to face consequences of harsh penalties. Yet it there is a route people can use, it will allow the people to do it in a manner that is safer. I also feel that anyone who can vote on this matter should have an experience with doing the loop on an ATV and do a trail ride where these roads would allow them access. This may lead to eyes being open to how amazing this great recreation and family sport is..

Thank you for your time. Luke.

From: Jeff Lang <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 7:20:05 AM EDT **To:** Pat Dunn < <u>pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

Subject: ATV route

Please support the trial ATV route. ATV'ers support the community.

Jeff Lang

From: Bruce Hunt <

Date: October 16, 2021 at 5:02:16 PM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca > Subject: Through lindsay trial for ATV

I would like to see a trial 2 year period please. Thanks.

Bruce Hunt FF On.

From: Jeffery Cullum

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 8:33:48 AM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

Subject: In support of 2yr trial

To whom it may concern,

I just wanted to voice my opinion to this upcoming vote for the proposed trail through lindsay Oct 19. I took part in the online survey but I really wanna make it clear that I think it will be good for Lindsay to allow this trial to occur.

I live on the proposed route, And as long as people are abiding by the rules set forth see no problem with bringing people together and bringing in their enjoyment to commute and add another revenue stream to the township. People whom ATV will plan trips and in these times it's good to support local business by helping the community of riders have access to a main artery of trail. In the end, it is a trail so let's not let fear of the unknown stamp out the possibility we're the pros are obvious and the cons are hypothetical. The sound that emits from ATV's is no greater the half the traffic that already roars up the road in front of my house at all hours of the night, at least there is a proposed curfew for the ATV's on the trail.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jeffery Cullum

On Oct 16, 2021, at 11:20 AM, troy ridley < wrote:

Yes I believe that we need this trial. It will absolutely bring tourists and money to the town. It will be very positive. The fact that this hasnt happened yet is a shame. ATV sales have far exceeded snowmobiles for years now. It's a for ever gr...

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From: Kyle Tanner

Date: October 16, 2021 at 10:53:56 AM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca > Subject: Atv route through lindsay

Lets start with im very in favor of a route through Lindsay.

Connection of trails is a great thing for everyone. It will bring people through the town and although they cant drive around it does bring them back. I myself had never been to Haliburton one day we rode to it on a atv and then sleds. Since I realized the town was much larger then I orgionally thought. Since I've done walk arounds and been to several restaurants just for dinnerin the car. Even the days we rode we parked the machines bought gas and lunch every single ride through the town. Being i always ride with a friend or girlfriend I get stuck with the bills lol meaning I spend 50-100 EVERY time I go near that town lol. The other things are the parts stores are seeing benefits from all the new riders buying parts and new machines. There seems to be alot of misconception about how busy this route will be I can tell you from experience riding through fenelon water front it sucks doing 20 and stop go so we use it only as access to other trails no one is going to be there all day riding. Its access only but its incredibly important to have this connection to allow Bethany users to get north without having to need a truck and trailer. Lots of people with mobility issues are using atvs on the trails for the first time to get out and see the beautiful area. Myself I use it for stress relief and to get out with friends. I also would like to point out the people asking for this legal route are responsible rider we know it can be taken away and we haven't been riding through town as we have been waiting for a designated route. I understand there will be idiots but how is it fair that we respectful and responsible riders are punished for 1 or 2 idiots. Do we ban cars because people speed? No we have punished speeders with fines etc because we understand they are the minority. I also make sure I go through town keeping the rpms and noise down. Another point brought fwd was atv use on roads at 20kmh is dangerous its silly to say but this is obviously from people who have no concept of reality. If your going 20kmh and have to stop fast your stopping distance is around 10 ft. How is it a 2000 pound car doing 50 is safer then a 500pound atv doing 20? Its incredibly frustrating to see so many anti atv groups that are not willing to have tried atving they are using scare tactics and theories that are not based on experience. How is it we are letting people with no experience have the final say? Had these people been basing this decisions on fact and experience I would fully support it.

I understand there are some drawbacks as a small increase in traffic and some extra noise. You will always find 1 or 2 idiots. The benefits far outweigh the drawbacks

From: Rob Jardine <

Date: October 16, 2021 at 11:10:07 AM EDT

To: Council < Council @kawarthalakes.ca>, Laurie Scott < laurie.scott @pc.ola.org>

Subject: ORV Lindsay Link

#### Dear Council:

I have been a strong advocate of the KATVA and KL Snowmobile club and active rider of the trail system. The ORV link through Lindsay is an important part of the tourism gap missing in Lindsay. I have submitted written deputations and did in person one to council as well. All the negative groups seem to outweigh the positives. The health unit numbers do not reflect the true numbers of ATV accidents and fatalities in KL. They never broke down the numbers, of which dirt bike accidents at the track were thrown into that number. This is a weekly occurrence at the track, I would suggest you speak to Bruce Douglas the coordinator of St 20 Burnt River Fire. The trial has been taking place for the link in Fenelon Falls for several years without incident on the road link. I can attest to this being a volunteer firefighter in my community. Lindsay seems to think speed and high volume of machines will be travelling on the streets. How come staff are not bringing back to council the proper information on the trial in Fenelon Falls to show how well the link actually works. I am also not pleased that Doug has voted against the Lindsay link when he is the councillor for Fenelon Falls link, like that makes any sense. He is not listening to his constituents on this matter presently. I hope on October 19 you will vote in favour of change so that the mayor does not have to break the tie and again vote against the ORV Link for Lindsay.

Regards,

Rob Jardine

From: steve allen <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 8:25:22 AM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

**Subject: ATV Routes** 

I am in complete support in passing theses routes why have we waited so long in doing so, as long as people are obeying the laws and regulations associated with this project there should be no issue

From: Peter Kelly

Date: October 16, 2021 at 8:20:01 AM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca > Subject: ATV Trial Through Lindsay

Good morning. I wanted to reach out to you as I am aware of an upcoming vote soon regarding this trial.

I am in full support of this trial and believe it needs to be given the chance.

I've recently purchased property in Kawartha Lakes and this will be where I retire. I have been driving from Aurora at least 2-3 times month to venture out on the trails for years now; walking, riding, ATV and snowmobiling. I picked This area because of the ability to do this and enjoy the best outdoors I think in the world. I've personally never experienced a problem doing any of those activities and ensure that if I'm on a motorized vehicle, that horses, walkers, bikers and others always are respected and have the right of way. Most licensed and insured riders are the same. The KATVA has many volunteers and trail wardens which do a fantastic job to work with everyone to make this system as safe as possible.

Please consider this trial and give it a chance. I've put my whole retirement plan into this area.

Thank you for listening. Have a good weekend and thank you for your time you give to the community.

Peter Kelly

On Oct 16, 2021, at 10:10 AM, John Richardson wrote:

As a full time resident of Lindsay I would like to support the trial period for an ATV route through Lindsay. This trial will show how beneficial this could be to a rural tourist area. When voting this Tuesday please consider approving this trial period for the route through Lindsay.

John Richardson

From: FRED EVELY <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 9:18:50 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

Subject: Trial route project

I am asking council to please approve this trial, the economics thru tourism only 1 of the benefits.

Please do the right thing. Fred

From:

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 8:42:14 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

**Subject: Lindsay ATV Route.** 

We are a household with 2 ATVs and ride for recreation as well as use for snow removal. I support a safe passage route through Lindsay and have used the route through Fenelon Falls with no issues. We all pay taxes and those who chose to disobey any laws or rules will always be a part of our society so I don't feel a need to penalize responsible law abiding citizens who try to enjoy some leisure recreation and bring tourism dollars to our communities.

Glenn Neiman

From: michael burfield <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 10:34:53 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

Subject: Atv trial.

Good day,I have had a cottage in Fenlon Falls since the early 70,s now my wife and myself have built our retirement house on Four Mile Lake .During that time I always had a atv,first a 3 wheeler long before quads came out.Now as a quad and snowmobile owner I would like to ask that you give the proposed atv route a try.Every activity as some bad apples but I believe the majority of riders are well meaning supportive members of the community.I think it could be very good for business in Lindsay as well.Thankyou for your time. Mike Burfield.

On Oct 16, 2021, at 11:47 AM, Alan Stewart < > wrote:

## Dear Council Members:

As ATV owners, my wife and I enjoy traveling the trails close to our home in Fenelon Falls. To gain access to the trail we ride on the roads and in doing so respect the rules of the road and respect the neighbourhoods through which we ride. This would be the same for any community that allows road access to join trail sections that would otherwise result in a series of "deadends". Our hope is that you will vote in favour of the proposed route as a trial to test the feasibility of ATVs on the road that would join the north and south sections of the trail through Lindsay. This would give amazing access to the Ganaraska Forest trail for those traveling from the north. ATV riders will also stop for gas, food and perhaps lodging so the financial impact would be quite positive.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this proposal, we look forward to your positive response on October 19, 2021.

Alan Stewart & Debi Lawrence

From: sharperuby <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 11:16:20 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council @ kawarthalakes.ca>

**Subject: Atv Trails** 

Hello,

My name is Ruby. I am not a resident but I am a tourist if you would say. My family and I regularly travel the 3 hours to your area to explore the beautiful trails.

We do this as a stress reliever, and for our mental health. My husband and I work long hours and have stressful jobs at times. Riding these trails and taking in all the sights make us forget the long week we just had.

We use these trails with family members as well and love to stop at local restaurants and shops to support them. Especially during the pandemic. Tourism is such a huge thing to keep things going along with local residence.

This project is a 2 year trail. Please give all us atvers a chance to show you how much we appreciate and respect the locals and your trails.

All we are asking for is a chance.

Thank you,

Ruby and family.

### Hi

Our family is brand new to ATVing, we have never done it before this summer and we absolutely love it and can't wait to explore all the trails we can find. We are not interested in tearing up nature and doing extreme trail breaking, but we do enjoy a scenic tour. It would be great to be able to access all of the available rail trails and stop along the way and enjoy the towns that have grown because of the rail lines.

All the riders we have met so far are like minded and respectful.

Please allow the Trail to be connected and continuous for all uses, I have walking issues and long walks in the woods are not available to me.

From: Mike Welsh <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 9:34:27 AM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

Subject: Atv route in lindsay.

I have been a property owner in the Kawarthas for over thirty years. My wife and I are planning on retirement in the Kawarthas in 2023. I believe we need to move forward in our decision making and allow atv vehicles more access to our county and therefore support the pilot project.

Thanks Mike Welsh.

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: Boris Gold <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 8:54:23 AM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

Subject: ATV - trial project

Good day,

We are new to Kawartha lakes area and ATV.

Since we moved to this area from Toronto, we realized what difference it can make to a quality of life. We fell in love with this area and spend every possible minute riding ATV with the family. Every time we explore new places. Unfortunately, Lindsay is out of the route due to restrictions to ride through this town. ATV community is made of nice and safe people that don't pose any risks, but rather bring fun, tourism, and money to the places we ride through.

Hopefully, the trial project will go through so that people of Lindsay will understand that ATV are not much different from other vehicle such as motorcycles that ride through the town and stop at restaurants and local shops.

After all, it's just a trial project with no commitments, but why avoid something that might not be a harm, but opposite bring benefits.

Thank you,

**Boris Goldenberg** 

Fenelon Falls

From: Ian McKague <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 11:25:12 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council @ kawarthalakes.ca>

**Subject: Trail Pilot Project** 

### Dear council,

I am a resident of Kawartha Lakes, and I would like the pilot project to go ahead. Just take a look at Fenelon Falls and other more northern communities. Look at the money and how the ATV community help to increase tourism in those areas. Atving has exploded in popularity in the past 2 years, people are looking for opportunities and places to ride their ORVs all the time. Let me give you an example. I help run two facebook groups (16000 members strong) that put on rides for off road enthusiasts. We are putting on a ride in the next two weeks from Fenelon to Kinmount. With in 3 days we had over 60 bikes registered to join us on the ride (we had to close registration and are now turning people away). This means 60 bikes heading up to Kinmount for lunch, to shop, and to enjoy our trails. If Lindsay had a trail system allowing entry into down town Lindsay we may have changed our route to include that instead.

60 bikes that's one ride. That's a significant amount of tourist money going to a small town. Much needed money for the small businesses in lindsay that are struggling after the pandemic.

Let the Pilot Project run, what do you have to lose?

Ian McKague

From: Jeff Pypker

Date: October 16, 2021 at 12:49:34 PM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca > Subject: Proposed ATV 2 year trial project

Dear city counsel, as a city of Kawartha lakes resident and tax payer, I would like to speak in favour of the proposed 2 year trial project regarding a route through Lindsay to connect existing ATV trails. I believe this is long overdue.

Kind Regards, Jeff Pypker From: John Fraser <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 8:40:47 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

Cc: KATVA

Subject: ATV 2 year trial period

Dear Council Members;

Please vote in favour of ATV's being allowed access through Lindsay for a two year trial period.

I'm a 4-season cottager & ATV rider in Kawartha Lakes. Without access through Lindsay, my (& fellow riders) expenditures on the Lindsay economy are diminished. Additionally there are many tourist dollars being deflected to neighbouring regions that we should secure here in Kawartha's.

ATV riders know a lot is at stake here. If we fail to be safe & courteous & law abiding on the municipal roads & adjoining trails then the two year trial would come to an unsuccessful end. None of us want that!

Let's embrace the trial period change & expect good outcomes.

Thank you!

John Fraser

From: Peter Jones

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 9:03:02 AM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

Subject: ORV route

# Greetings

I am writing to express my support for this trial project. I am a resident of Lindsay who resides on the proposed route. I also own property near Norland.

I suffered a spinal injury a few years ago that makes mobility difficult. I have found riding an ATV to be very good for me physically and mentally. But the loading and unloading is the difficult part.

I understand people have concerns but have seen more concerns with vehicles and farm equipment near my home than I do with an ORV route.

I have used the route through Fenelon numerous times without incident. People there will wave and I have received no negative feedback. This is true of my times in communities outside our area where ORV are allowed on all streets.

I have family and friends who live on the opposite of Lindsay. If we want to ride together then one of us has to trailer the vehicles across town. Often we just go our separate ways.

I believe that this trial period is the right option. People often do not want change. And often this fear is tied to misconceptions. In this case a trial period would allow residents to see that ORV users are careful and would not be a disruption to their lives. If it was started and issues identified could it not even be stopped earlier?

Thank you for this opportunity to respond. I think in this case it would be better to have tried and maybe failed then to not try at all. There are many communities around us who have found that ORV use has not only not been a problem but rather has been beneficial to their communities.

So again, I would ask that you vote to allow this trial period to go forward so you can gather actual data on its effect

**Thanks** 

Peter Jones

From: Laurie Fox

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 11:28:28 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council @ kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: ATV Route why is Lindsay missing the boat?

### Dear Council,

My name is Laurie Fox and by no means am I an ATV enthusiast, I do however own an ATV. I bought one for my husband last year with a plow primarily for snow removal as we are just outside of town.

We also have the trail adjacent to our property and my son and husband enjoy the trail on our ATV.

I have been associated with Lindsay for the last 45 years and in that time I have watched every other town and village around us grow and prosper. A lot of those dollars came from tourism and accessibility.

How did that happen? Because those towns were open to the idea that people spend money regardless of how they get there, why do we continue to be so narrow minded when it comes to accessing our beautiful town? We have a beautiful waterfront that could be capitalized upon, something that would take millions of dollars and time to transform. On the other hand here we have the ability to bring dollars to our town simply by allowing people to drive through it and we turn our noses up at it. What is wrong with you? For God's sake it's only a trial.

People are worried about noise and traffic? That's why we have laws and authorities to uphold them.

We are a rural community, it is part of who we are.

Please reconsider when voting on the 19th.

Yours truly, Laurie Fox From: Joan Breault

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 1:45:39 PM EDT

**To:** Andy Letham <aletham@kawarthalakes.ca>, Emmett Yeo <alequiverseq

Richardson < trichardson@kawarthalakes.ca >

Subject: ATV trail connection route through Lindsay

To the Mayor and members of the council,

I am in favour of a route through Lindsay that would connect the North and South VRT. To the council members that are supporting this iniative – thank you. To the council members that are opposed, or perhaps undecided at this point, please consider granting approval for a trial pilot period.

The vast majority of people riding ATV's are law abiding. We are driving licensed and insured machines in a respectful manner on the shared trails within the Kawartha Lakes trail system. Please allow ATV users an opportunity to prove they can operate safely and lawfully on an established route through the town of Lindsay. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully, Joan Breault

From: Ann deVos <

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 10:48:45 AM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

Subject: ATV Trail 2 year trial

### Hi Councillors

I would really like you to consider voting in favour of this trial trail through Lindsay. Please give this recreational activity a chance!

Our family enjoys 4 wheeling presently in the Fenelon area and it would be wonderful to be able to ride more locally also. It is a wonderful way to bring more tourism to our area. Many people of all ages enjoy ATV riding.

I really hope that our present counsel will remember this is a 2 year trial and give it a fair consideration.

Be thankful for all God's blessings to you!

Ann de Vos

From: Mark Lethbridge <

Date: October 16, 2021 at 9:57:27 AM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca > Subject: ATV ROUTE Through Lindsay

### **Dear Council**

Me and my wife, have resided in this are and pay property taxes for over 42 years and we, fully support the efforts to create an ATV route through Lindsay to connect the south trails to the north trails. As an avid all terrain enthusiast we enjoy the outdoors and love rural living. Lindsay is a rural town just like Fenlon Falls. but unlike Fenlon Falls we are at a disadvantage and so are our various businesses that cannot benefit from the tourism that a route through Lindsay would create.

We also support the opening up of the VRT at Thunder Bridge road and the route through Fenlon Falls to 2x2's. I pay a membership fee just like all other ATV users do yet 2x2's are discriminated against from using the VRT from Thunder Bridge Road to Fenlon Falls People on scooters are allowed on all of our roads in town right now Why should any other motorized vehicle be banned?

As this route is a trial what's the issue with at least trying it? Other towns and municipalities allow the use of ATVs and 2x2's.Like Cambellford has had great success with their all terrain vehicle plan.

Please rethink this, Mark & Margaret Lethbridge From: Debbie Metcalf

**Date:** October 16, 2021 at 9:45:59 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Two Year Trial Project - Pilot Connection Route Through Lindsay

Hi....I'm asking council to respectfully vote in favour of this pilot project.

My name is Al Metcalf, a millwright for 37 years from the Clarington area and an avid ATV rider who frequents the Lindsay area on a regular basis. For years, my friends and I have been wanting a connection through Lindsay to link the southern trail system to the northern trail system. Without this connection, we must trailer our ATVs which is both time-consuming and not always possible for those without access to a trailer.

As with any town near trails, stopping at local restaurants, gas stations and sometimes overnight accommodations are all a part of the outdoors experience while bringing much needed funds to local communities; especially given the events of these past 18 months with the pandemic. It would not be unexpected to spend in excess of \$100 per day just for food and fuel.

I have read the rules and recommendations and am prepared to follow them in exchange for the privilege of being able to ride my ATV on municipal roads in a safe and responsible manner. As a taxpayer, I feel our voices need to be heard and considered. What is the worst that can happen? It's a pilot....the town receives tourism dollars while ATV'rs enjoy time outdoors with their families improving their mental health which is needed now more than ever; it's a Win Win!

I look forward to this trial project and would be an avid supporter and participant.

Respectfully, Al Metcalf

From: Shelley James

**Sent:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 8:35 AM **To:** Council <Council@kawarthalakes.ca> **Subject:** Atv access through lindsay

I am writing this email to voice my opinion that as a resident of Lindsay, I am opposed to allowing ATVs to drive through town. They will bring noise and possibilities of accidents. I don't see where there are any financial or otherwise benefits that are worth the noise pollution and risk to our safety.

**Shelley James** 

From: Grant and Marg

**Sent:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 9:03 AM **To:** Council <a href="mailto:Council@kawarthalakes.ca">Council@kawarthalakes.ca</a>

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.

From: Brian Grant

**Sent:** Saturday, October 16, 2021 9:24 AM **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Atv project

Yes I won't this trail project to happen.

From: Alek Popovich

Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2021 8:44 PM

To: council@kawarthalakes.com

Subject: Re: FINAL VOTE - LAST CHANCE - City of Kawartha Lakes

### Hi KATVA Team

My name is Alek Popovich, and I am a member of the KATVA association. I would like to vote in support of the this trail being run through the Lindsay area.

I would like to also note that if possible we could include a bridge across the Scugog river, that wouldn't go through the town.

Thank you

From: paul drinkwalter

**Sent:** Sunday, October 17, 2021 5:34 PM **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Please vote YES on Oct 19 regarding ATV Route through Lindsay - two year trial

project

I have been a resident and taxpayer of Lindsay for more than 40 years and have been ATVing in the area for most of those years. The majority of ATV riders in Kawartha Lakes are like me, my wife, our family and friends: mature, responsible, and respectful. Voting YES for a two-year trial project will provide an opportunity to address concerns some community members have.

It is a shared disappointment among many that Lindsay is behind the times. It is such a beautiful area with many businesses and amenities, but residents and visitors cannot access to them from the ATV trail system so are unable to enjoy the area to the fullest.

In crazy times like we are living now, encouraging people to get out in whatever way they can, is a real positive. My wife and I are not alone with wanting to have breakfast, lunch, supper, or even stay the night on a trail system! We have many friends that think the same way.

Moving forward with this two-year trial project would be a step in the right direction for Lindsay and a positive move towards encouraging tourism here.

Please vote YES on October 19 supporting the two-year trial project ATV route through Lindsay.

Regards, Paul Drinkwalter From: Greg Arkwright <

**Date:** October 17, 2021 at 9:13:00 PM EDT **To:** Pat Dunn pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca>

**Subject: Off Road Task Force and Proposed ATV Route** 

Good evening Councillor Dunn,

I am emailing to express my support for the proposed ATV routes through Lindsay and into Bobcaygeon. These routes will be beneficial to the businesses in both towns that are close to the trail. Fenelon business have prospered for years now from both the ATV and the snowmobile traffic that comes into town.

I hope that you take this into account when the Council votes this coming week.

**Thanks** 

**Greg Arkwright** 

From: Cherie Drinkwalter <

**Date:** October 17, 2021 at 9:44:35 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

Subject: ATV Route through Lindsay - two year trial project - please vote YES on Oct 19

Moving to Lindsay after many years in North York has allowed me the opportunity to really enjoy the rural lifestyle Kawartha Lakes has to offer. I have been a resident and taxpayer of Lindsay for 15 years now and am an avid ATV rider. I urge council to approve the two-year trial project of adding a route through Lindsay to connect trail systems and encourage tourism in our own town.

Whenever my husband and I ride, we look for places to eat or visit along the way. Having a route through Lindsay will encourage residents and visitors to spend their dollars in Lindsay. Currently we have to avoid Lindsay when ATVing, and that's a shame. We would spend our dollars in Lindsay, but since there is no route connecting Lindsay to the trails, we spend our dollars in Fenelon Falls and Kinmount instead.

I also love to hike and ride a bicycle, but as my body ages, these activities become more difficult. ATV riding gives me the chance to still get out, be active and enjoy nature. It's an opportunity to socialize with like-minded individuals, even if it's 6 feet apart. ATVing is great for physical, mental, and social health! It allows us to spend quality time with our families and friends. We would love to introduce more of our family and friends to Lindsay through ATV trips.

A trial project can help address questions or concerns council may have. Please vote YES for the two-year trial project route through Lindsay! Say YES to encouraging tourism in Lindsay!

Regards, Cherie Drinkwalter From: Jim Clarke <

**Date:** October 17, 2021 at 9:19:06 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

Subject: ATV final vote

**Dear Councilors** 

The pilot for ATV riding through Lindsay is fast approaching a vote/decision by Town Council.

In the 1960's, Leslie Frost said that Lindsay would not allow GM into his tourist town. In the 2000's the Town Council voted against big box stores such as Walmart and instead that site is being developed for housing, which most current residents won't be able to afford. These residents need to travel to Oshawa, Peterborough or beyond for work as there is NO work in Lindsay.

So, for 50+ years the Lindsay Town Council has remained steadfast that Lindsay is a Tourist Town, but has NOT allowed ATVs within town for residents or tourists to connect to all established trails and to take advantage of all that Lindsay has to offer.

One trail is 85 km from Bethany to Kinmount and extends 33 km north to Haliburton. **However, ATVs are not allowed in Lindsay at this time**. To get from the Central Section to the South Section – you must trailer your ATV. There is no road link in or through Lindsay. So, as a Tourist town that offers a variety of attractions, motels, hotels, restaurants, retailers and gas stations you do **NOT** allow access to ATV riders within Lindsay, so Lindsay is just bypassed by all. We don't stop in Lindsay as parking with a trailer is a nightmare. Our riders skirt around Lindsay. Our hard earned dollars go to Fenelon Falls, Kinmount or Bobcaygeon which are also Tourist towns and depend on tourists and ATV enthusiasts. These towns appreciate all the revenue that we bring to them. We all know businesses in Lindsay are starving for revenue and would welcome with open arms and appreciate some of this revenue that is going to surrounding communities and ask themselves, why them and not us? It's not fair. And it's not fair that ATVs are currently NOT allowed access within Lindsay to link to the trails.

It's time for all Council representatives to become forward thinkers. We have been waiting 10 YEARS, that's a decade, to have this policy changed. The Council needs to vote YES for this pilot project to support the thousands of ATV riders who reside within Kawartha Lakes and for the thousands of people who have vacation properties, day trip or spend their vacations here. The revenue generated from all will aid in keeping many small businesses alive while still maintaining the status of a quaint Tourist Town.

The more you give, the more you get, so Vote YES to this pilot project. It will be a win/win for everyone

Respectfully Jim Clarke

On Oct 17, 2021, at 5:14 AM, terry < > wrote:

Hopefully yous will vote for a Route in Lindsay.

From:

Date: October 17, 2021 at 7:00:14 AM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca > Subject: Trial route through Lindsay

I am writing to day to ask that you decide to go forward with the connection trail through Lindsay.

I moved into Omemee two years ago and my boyfriend and I love this area. We are working to renovate an old farm house and bring the acreage back to a working farm.

We made the choice to stay at home with our farm but we regularly ride the trails. My girlfriend lost her husband last November and has recently joined us on several rides. She loves it so much she has purchased a bike of her own and joins us often. The beauty of our area and the solitude of a ride are calming to her as she works through her grief.

There is nothing better than the view from the bike – we have seen so much of our area that can't be seen from a car.

We have friends in Bridgenorth, Fenlon Falls, Lindsay and Omemee. We would love to be able to ride the bikes to visit. Currently we drive to Fenlon and ride from there. Our meals after the ride and any purchases made is money spent in Fenlon not in Lindsay.

I ask that you allow the trial to go ahead. I believe those in Lindsay that are against the trail will find that those who ride are respectful and are just looking to enjoy the outdoors. More money spent in Lindsay can only help our local economy.

Please vote yes!

Thanks for your time

Judy Hawksworth

From: David Balsdon <

**Date:** October 17, 2021 at 11:11:17 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

Subject: ATV trial project -please support 2 year trial and beyond

### **Dear Council**

Please support the 2 year trial for ATV access. Until recently, I was not aware of the magnitude of this vote. I believe ATV access is critical for a number of reasons and not just to the benefit of ATV enthusiasts and supporters. The economic impact and tourism boost is obvious. And we all pay taxes to support the trail system in addition to trail pass fees so everyone should benefit. There should not be exclusion of some for the benefit of others, but rather a collaborative effort for all to share safely in a fair manner. We have a tremendous resource that should be made available to all to use and as a resource for the economy of the Kawarthas. Look to Fenelon Falls as a good example.

I grew up in the area, enjoy my property here and now intend to retire here. My family has safely used the trail system over 3 generations on snowmobiles and ATVs. We respect others on the trails, follow rules and guidelines as we know it is a privilege to enjoy the beauty and fun of the trails which has become our heritage in the Kawarthas which we are proud to share. The next generation deserves to continue the same enjoyment and legacy.

Perhaps consider an approach to extend the trial period to see how the Kawarthas emerges from the COVID19 epidemic economic disruption. During this time, why not explore expanding the trails with side by side dedicated walking/biking trails in areas where foot and bike traffic is the greatest? Lots of room and in some spots it may be even a better solution for those opposed to ATV/snowmobiles. There's probably a government program for that and it would provide a boost to the local economy. Rather than shut down access to exclude certain groups, why not look to opening up and expanding the great resource we have in the Kawarthas?

Thanks for listening and I hope there is a fair decision and plan for ALL trail users.

David Balsdon

From: Lydia White

**Date:** October 17, 2021 at 7:02:39 PM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

**Subject: Lindsay Trail Expansion** 

## Good evening,

As new homeowners in Manilla, we have embraced the rural lifestyle and would love to explore more of our area. Having to travel to Fenelon Falls as a starting point feels excessive and puts us into a position of towing a trailer through downtown Fenelon Falls, forcing us to add to the congestion already occurring created by cottage traffic.

We are firm believers of supporting local businesses, especially post Covid, while on tours and would love to be able to promote Lindsay as an optimal starting point for those looking for an adventure.

Please consider extending the trail into Lindsay.

Thank you, The Wilbur's

On Oct 17, 2021, at 9:33 AM, Don Chapman wrote:

### Hello Council Members

I would like to address the discussion about a road route for ORVs through Lindsay. I am a member of KATVA and I am also involved with the Trail Patrol Team for this club. Most of my Patrol is done from Bethany to Logie Street in Lindsay. With this particular stretch of trail I am unable to access either food or gas even though I am usually in that area around lunch time. Even though there are only 2 of us at a time, if i was to stop for food and gas it would help the small businesses that we went to. By not allowing ORVs to go through Lindsay this will have an impact of these small businesses trying to come back from the pandemic. Every little bit helps them.

By following the model in place that Fenelon Falls uses, that has been working for many years, what would Lindsay have to loose? It the route was put in place for a trial period then the Council could keep it in place if it worked or cancel it if there was a problem. It is working in Fenelon Falls and it could work in Lindsay if given a chance and many businesses could profit from it. Lindsay is in a rural area and a lot of people own ORVs for use in the area both for work and for quality time with their families. Many families are buying ORVs so they can enjoy some sort of recreation together and they find riding a good way to release some of the stress they have been dealing with over the past 2 years. Mental health is very important to everyone now. People in general don't like change so the ones trying to stop this should be heard but why do the ones that want a route have to lose, a trial period allows for us to prove ourselves and show how we can support small businesses in the area.

Thank you.

Don Chapman

From: melissa Lotton

**Date:** October 17, 2021 at 10:50:32 PM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

**Subject: ATV Trail** 

At this time we would like to forward our support for a trail for ATV's thru Lindsay. We believe it would benefit those using the trail system, and bring economy to the town.

Please consider this our vote to allow a trail system in Lindsay.

Thank you for your time, Keith and Melissa Lotton From: nate perritt <

Date: October 17, 2021 at 10:33:04 AM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Katva

Since there is no trail to ride through town legally I am forced to ride the streets and that's just

how it is. Making a route for atvers to go will make it much more safer

From: Ed Devlin <

Date: October 17, 2021 at 7:56:27 PM EDT

To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca > Subject: ATV Route through Lindsay

Last year my wife and I purchased our home just south of Lindsay. A key contributor to our decision was the ability to ride ATVs on the rail trail. We were sorely disappointed to find we could not ride through Lindsay.

We now drive north of Lindsay and spend our time and money north of Lindsay

Please reconsider opening an ATV route through Lindsay. The economic benefits will be significant.

I am currently reconsidering the purchase of an ATV from a local dealer based on the recent vote.

If it matters my wife and I are in our mid 50s and would not be speeding or noisy through town.

Sincerely

Ed and Wendy Devlin

From: Susan Archer <

Date: October 17, 2021 at 7:16:18 PM EDT

To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Please vote YES Oct 19 - ATV route thru Lindsay - two year trial project

We are for 4 wheelers and sxs traveling on roads. In other areas there are no problems. there's trucks and motorcycles a lot louder. 4 wheelers are a lot quieter than they are. They bring tourism to the area. They give us a chance to get out and be active.

Please vote YES Oct 19 to the two year trial project for an ORV route thru Lindsay to connect the trails.

Robert and Susan Archer

From: Gary Guthrie <

**Date:** October 17, 2021 at 6:14:02 PM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: two year trial project

HI I am a rider and live in the country there is many times friends and I ride on trails going into downs. i relies a few

riders do not respect what we have and cause problems on trails. My bike has 11,000 kilometers on it and I have never

seen a major accident. I hope this letter helps the vote on Tuesday because i'm in favor of the project.

Gary Guthrie

From: L Amato <

Date: October 17, 2021 at 6:51:44 PM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca > Subject: Atv access through Lindsay

## Hi everyone.

I am a KATVA member. Just to get that out there.

I have been a trailer owner in Lindsay for for 4 out of the 5 years, I have been a member at Cedar Creek trailer park. I unfortunately have to move because of the park converting to a "cottage resort". Anywho, is it not possible to look at other jurisdictions such as Wasaga beach that has a citywide approval for ATVs and side-by-side's. Perhaps look at the numbers of accidents and claims or whatever the residents and counsel are concerned about because they are very minimal. That's only one example but there are many jurisdictions that approve it and there have not been a rise of incidences since they approved it. Closer to home they could actually look at them and falls and accident rates etc. there. In order to determine if it's safe to have ATVs going through a little stretch of road.

I spent a lot of money coming from Toronto and taking part of the sport that is a great recreational activity for the environment with responsible owners doing the right thing at all times when possible. Please rethink and look at actual facts from the towns that have been doing this for the past couple years since the provincial legislation legalize it throughout the province. Thanks Anello Denicola

From: ROBIN MUNRO <

**Date:** October 17, 2021 at 4:39:25 PM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

**Subject: ATV Route Lindsay** 

## Good Afternoon,

We are reaching out to you today to express our support for the KATVA request for a 2 year trial route through Lindsay. We are full-time residents of the Kawartha Lakes and enjoy riding our ATV through the trails and into Fenelon Falls.

We live in a rural area and routinely take our ATV's into Fenelon to access the shops and restaurants while enjoying the outdoors. One of the many reasons why we love living in the Kawartha Lakes as opposed to the city life.

While Fenelon falls does have some of the amenities that we utilize... it would be amazing if we could also access some of the shops and restaurants in Lindsay on our ATV's as well. I often see motorcycles, mopeds, Polaris slingshots, etc. on the streets of Lindsay. Our ATV's are licensed and insured and I don't see why this trial access is up for so much debate. A group of Harley's roaring through town produces more noise than a few ATV's.

Please take the KATVA's request into consideration as many of us full time residents support it.

Thank you, Brian and Robin Munro From: Doug Montgomery <

Date: October 17, 2021 at 11:58:16 AM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca > Subject: ATV Lindsay Route

To City council

Please consider continuing the ATV route. Thanks ATV rider and supporter

On Oct 17, 2021, at 10:55 PM, Lmeisner wrote:

I am in total support of a atv trail either through Lindsay or a bi pass trail around Lindsay! Thank you! Linda Meisner!

**From:** sandy <

Date: October 17, 2021 at 10:09:57 PM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca> Subject: Two year pilot project for ORV's

## Dear Councillors,

I would love to see a route through or around the Town of Lindsay for ORV's. Unfortunately our options to do this are limited. Routes that have been proposed have met with opposition. The new bridge they've looked into, if even possible, would not help in the near future. KATVA has been working on this for years and is asking for a two year pilot project. Please take into account the sport which is growing at a phenomenal rate and shows no signs of slowing down. That in itself shows that people want this. Our seasonal people as well as the members from our own community want access to other trails. By connecting trails you could help make the sport even more enjoyable and attractive to them. It's a great source of income for the Kawartha Lakes. Please give this an opportunity to prove it can work. Thank you

Sandy Hickson

From: Brad

**Date:** October 17, 2021 at 10:25:57 PM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

Subject: ORV Route

Councillors: Being a homeowner and living in Kawartha Lakes, I believe you have a great opportunity to work with the ATV Association to come up with a plan for a route through Lindsay. A two year pilot project at this time makes the most sense to me. Thanks, Brad Taylor

On Oct 17, 2021, at 11:14 AM, forder wrote:

# Mayor and Council of Kawartha Lakes

My wife and I would like to express a positive response to allow ATVS and SXS to travel through Lindsay on the route that has been discussed for the past several months. As we understand it is a 2 year trial project to give council and everyone involved a chance to see how it works. We feel this would be a fair review of this project.

This proposed route will benefit several communities in Kawartha Lakes financially and give an expanded recreational opportunity in those communities. It will give many other residence of other communities like Fenelon Falls the opportunity to travel by ATVs and SXS to explore more of the Kawartha Lakes. Members of the KATVA pay fees to maintain, use the trails and have the trails patrolled so the trails are monitored for safety and any other issues that may arise. We are seniors an also members of KATVA. We use the trails in Fenelon Falls area frequently. It is fantastic opportunity for us to be able to get out for exorcise, get some fresh air, see nature on our ATV adventures and it would be great to be able to travel to Lindsay and beyond if the trails were opened in that area. For anyone who hasn't tried ATVing they should, it is a safe and enjoyable sport.

All ATV and SXS riders we have encountered are very courteous and respectable of others and the trails they use and always willing to help others out if needed. For families that invest in the equipment needed and it is a very big investment that goes into this outdoor sport, are also investing in local businesses. This is a great sport for quality family time and a time to enjoy the out doors of Kawartha Lakes.

In our travels on our ATVs we have visited different shops, restaurants and gas stations and again invest in Kawartha Lakes, it is a win win situation for all involved.

In summary we strongly hope that that Mayor and Council of Kawartha Lakes vote to allow the Lindsay trail to open and other trails in our area to remain open as they are to all people who pay taxes and fees to use them.

Thank You Brian & Donna Forder From: john k <

**Date:** October 17, 2021 at 8:20:24 PM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca>

**Subject: Atv vote** 

Hello,

Just wish to express my support for a yes vote for the Two year trial project.

This pandemic has been very hard on many families.

I find that being able to ride an atv with family and friends in our community would be a healthy way for all to reconnect.

Please vote yes for a healthy community.

Thank you, John Kaminski From: Bruce

**Date:** October 17, 2021 at 4:35:16 PM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: KATV input

Good afternoon, As an avid outdoorsman I enjoy riding the trails and have the ability to get from one place to another, all on trails. Most recent was a ride with my dad from cache bay, through Sturgeon Falls and up to crystal falls, to river valley. All this was possible through granted access through various towns. living in buckhorn I think the same should be available here to allow access to various communities through the trail and hwy system. Other things to consider

- It's only a trial project so council really has nothing to lose
- We bring tourism money to the community which is needed even more after the pandemic
- This is a part of the rural lifestyle and City of Kawartha Lakes is still a rural community, including the town of Lindsay
- Fenelon Falls is a successful model that was built on a trial project
- We are residents and taxpayers so we should be heard too
- For some riding and ATV or SxS is good for our mental health
- This is how some of us have quality time with our families

I am writing to you in regards to opening the roads to atv traffic.

From what I understand this is a trial phase that would give everyone a clearer understanding of the benefits of having atvs access the roads. Why would anyone shut this idea down without giving it a fair chance? If after the trail period it is found that it hasn't worked then that would be the end of it but to do so prematurely wouldnt be fair. It would be nice to have the chance to prove that it is a good idea.

If Fenelon Falls can make this work then why not in other areas such as Lindsay? Did Fenelon Falls not do a trial period? Did they initially have the same concerns? When leaving the rail trail south of Fenelon Falls you travel past homes and a retirement home so I would think not much different than Lindsay.

My husband and I are KATVA members and volunteer our time on trail patrol and when we do our patrol on the south end of the vrt we often comment that it would be really nice to get something to eat or drink when we reach that end of the trail that ends at Logie Street. With 10 grandchildren Im always looking for gifts for either birthdays or Christmas. I dont often come to Lindsay for that kind of shopping but if roads were open then there is opportunity. (I am aware the main street is not open to atvs)

My husband and I enjoy atving and have so for a number of years. We often have our grandchildren with us, especially in the summer, and making a day of going from Bethany to Lindsay would be a great day for us and they would get a chance to explore the town while we browse the shops.

While on patrol on the south end I find it very boring. Its straight up and straight back but it needs done. Having the opportunity to grab a coffee and sandwich would be something to look forward to. Atving is a great sport, one I wished I knew about a long time ago. I find there are similarities between horseback riding and atving..the smells.. the sights..the people you meet along the way. So when it comes time to vote I hope you will give this idea of an orv route thru town a chance to prove itself.

Thank you

Sincerely, Trish Chapman From: DEREK Anderson <derek.anderson7@outlook.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 17, 2021 2:05 PM

**To:** Andy Letham <aletham@kawarthalakes.ca>; Pat Dunn <pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca>; Patrick O'Reilly <poreilly@kawarthalakes.ca>; Kathleen Seymour-Fagan

<KSeymourFagan@kawarthalakes.ca>; Ron Ashmore <rashmore@kawarthalakes.ca>; Andrew Veale <AVeale@kawarthalakes.ca>; Doug Elmslie <delmslie@kawarthalakes.ca>; Emmett Yeo <eyeo@kawarthalakes.ca>; Tracy Richardson <trichardson@kawarthalakes.ca>; ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

**Subject:** RE: ORV in Lindsay

Good afternoon everyone

I just took the time to read the correspondence listed below, along with the links provided in the 3 correspondences. I hope you all have done the same.

The clarifications made by these gentlemen clearly illustrate the deceitfulness of Councillor Dunn and how he try's to manipulate in favour of ATV/ORV community in the CKL while disregarding the will of the residents of the CKL.

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## CC2021-16.7.1

Correspondence Regarding ATV Use (Item 11.2.1 on the Agenda)

Bill Steffler

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## CC2021-16.7.2

Correspondence Regarding ATV Use (Item 11.2.1 on the Agenda)

Peter Petrosoniak

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#### CC2021-16.7.3

Correspondence Regarding ATV Use (Item 11.2.1 on the Agenda)

Darryl James

It is clear to me and 66.4% of the respondences for the CKL survey that we don't want ATVs in Lindsay.

Please respect the outcome of this survey to finally put to bed any misguided notion of allowing additional ATV/OTV use on CKL roads.

Again, I was appalled that during the last ATV/ORV Task Force the Task Force acknowledged that ATV/ORV users are running on streets that are closed to them and the Task Force appears to think that's OK and are willing to award this flagrant violation of CKL By-Laws by opening up more roads in the area.

The mandate for the ATV/ORV Task force expires Dec 31, 2021 and it is my recommendation that no later than Dec 31, 2021 the ORV/ATV Task Force be disbanded.

Should some roads within CKL be approved for a trial period, I strongly urge you not to use any member of the current Task Force to review the results after the 1st year trail, but select a group of individuals from various backgrounds who would review the finding in a much less bias nature. As suggested in my disposition to the Task Force on May 19, 2021, see below

"Any pilot program that is initiated will have a two-year term with a review after one year

I would recommend that if a pilot program is initiated, the review be conducted by a committee made up of a cross section of the population. 1 each from: KLPD, Health Unit, special interest group, public works and an ATV user. This group should not be chaired by Pat Dunn based on his bias performance with the original ATV Task Force."

Thanks for supporting the overwhelming population of the CKL and say NO to ATV on CKL Roads.

Derek Anderson CD

From: Adrian Gracie <

**Date:** October 17, 2021 at 10:55:36 PM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

Subject: Atv road access

Our house hold supports the idea of road access for atv travel from residences to the trails. Its been a long time fighting for it and think it would be a huge benefit to the community

From: william campbell

**Date:** October 17, 2021 at 11:46:12 AM EDT

To: council@kawarthalakes.ca

Subject: Re ATV TRAILS IN LINDSAY

Why can we not travel on King Str. to Lindsay Str.N to Wellington Str. to William Str. N.to Eglington Str.E. To Lindsay Str. N. To the Ontario Snowmobile Trail that takes them to the Cedar Valley Rd. and joins on to the ATV Trail. There will always be the people that do not obey the laws and this is why we have police protection.

Elliott Lake let's people travel through their town areas with no problems, What is our problem there is always one or two that do not abide. Thanking you for your time.

William. Campbell.

From:

**Date:** October 17, 2021 at 11:27:18 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

Subject: Trial route

Please consider this trial route through Lindsay .

From:

**Sent:** Monday, October 18, 2021 1:25 PM **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

Subject: Two Year Trial Project

First I would like to thank everyone on council for this opportunity to speak to you regarding the trial project. As a trial project this will give you the opportunity to see how respectful ATV riders are for the community. With the opportunity to travel through Lindsay connecting us with other trail give us a broader trail travel

This pass through will also bring in dollars to the restaurants and gas stations along the way.

It is the out door experience that gives us the greatest experience and with a stop over in Lindsay will only enhance this experience. I do hope you will be open enough to see the opportunity this could bring to the community and surrounding areas.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak with the council.

From: Paul O'Connell <

**Date:** October 18, 2021 at 3:05:26 PM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

**Subject: Trails through Lindsay** 

## Councillors'

We live on the east side of Lindsay love riding our atv's. It would be so nice to have a trail from Omemee to Bethany and through Lindsay. We are in our 70"s and love to get out and meet people and get exercise. Also we could fill up with gas and get a bite to eat. It would be nice to contribute to our area. As it is now we have to trailer our atv's across to Goldenmile Rd. or Kenrie Park. Most times we go through Fenelon Falls as there is more there for us. So Councillors please keep money in our area.

Sharon and Paul

From: Marilyn L <

Date: October 18, 2021 at 2:00:24 PM EDT

**Subject: Proposed ATV use** 

# **Greetings Council**

I am writing to you today to ask that you please support the ORV Task Force's proposed plan of ATV use within the City of Kawartha Lakes. I know some of you are not in favor of this project, but please keep in mind that this is only for a trial period of 2 years. I understand some or most of you folks have been pressured by your constituents to not allow ATV/SxS use within the city and on our roadways but how much more harm can they do compared to other vehicles/equipment travelling our roadways? I have lived within this community all my life. In that time I have seen several changes to accessibility through our town of Lindsay. Lindsay seems to be the BARRIER that stops all connectivity and I have to ask why? As a child I remember coming to Lindsay and driving through with my father on our snowmobile to connect to the northern part of our community. But now that has all been taken away! We no longer have snowmobiles but we have ATV's which now leaves us the same as it did years ago. No access through the town of Lindsay to connect to other trails around this community. I feel as though our members of council wish to be like the much larger cities around us and not want any recreational enjoyment for their residents who love the outdoors. I'm sorry but as we all get older riding a bicycle or walking around on trails is not easy for some or at all an option. Hopping on to an ATV to enjoy our trails from all sides can be the most enjoyable experience for many of us. I understand the pressures you are getting from all the anti-atv groups but that is their source of enjoyment of walking and bicycling around where as ATVing is a large portion of the rest of the communities enjoyment. Way back in the day it was 3 wheelers, than it was 4 wheelers, 6 wheelers and now SxS's that your residents are purchasing to have their source of enjoyment. By taking away access to get through Lindsay to other communities within the City of Kawartha Lakes, you are only leaving the option of money not being spent within Lindsay and taken to other communities outside of the town and most likely to other communities that promote and welcome recreational users to enjoy their trails and communities. 7 key points to keep in mind when you are making your decision on this proposal;

\*This is only a trial project for 2 years, so what does the council really have to lose

\*ATV/SxS riding is a very good for ones mental health And lastly

This is how many of our families have quality time together enjoying the outdoors In closing I am asking ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS to be considerate to all options on the table and to how this will impact the future of our TOWN OF LINDSAY and surrounding areas. Just remember in the eyes of the snowmobilers world LINDSAY is CLOSED FOR BUSINESS...do we want that to be known as the same way in the eyes of ATV/SxS and other recreational users in and around our community and neighboring cities and municipalities?

Thank you for your time

Sincerely Marilyn & Jason Lockwood

<sup>\*</sup> We RECREATIONAL users bring money and tourism dollars to the community which is much needed even more now after this pandemic(we bring our family and friends from neighboring communities here to ride with us)

<sup>\*</sup>ATVing and all other forms of recreational riding has always been a part of the rural lifestyle, and the City of Kawartha Lakes is still classified as a rural community, including Lindsay \*Fenelon Falls is a successful model that was built on a trial project of trail connectivity

<sup>\*</sup>We are taxpaying residents as well and our voices are to be heard too, not just the anti-user groups

On Oct 18, 2021, at 5:56 PM, mark oliver < > wrote:

To whom it may concern. I'm a longtime resident of Kawartha Lakes and have enjoyed the wonderful trails and comradeship that's comes along with outings on my ATV. I've encountered and made wonderful friends in this ever expanding sport. When I first heard of this potential enhancement to our current trails. I was very excited with the potential benefits to all of us increased tourism revenue and putting us heads and shoulders above our neighbouring municipalities. This trial would be a real opportunity to see how far this can go and I personally believe the sky's the limit.

Let's take this step nothing ventured nothing gained!!

Mark Oliver

From: Greg Perrier <

**Date:** October 18, 2021 at 12:08:53 PM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca>

**Subject: ATV Trailer thu Lindsay** 

I whole heartedly support this. It would be great for tourism and supporting an active outdoor lifestyle.

Greg Perrier

From: Rachel Robinson <

**Date:** October 18, 2021 at 9:49:32 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: In Support for a ATV route through/around Lindsay

I am emailing in support for a route through or around Lindsay for ATV's. Having road access from our homes would mean we spend money locally, and we would be able to ride without trailering around lindsay. We have the capability to have a route through or even around lindsay to connect Golden Mile trail to the Thunderbridge Trail. The trail is multiuse, and I believe it should be used to its full potential.

Thank you for considering, and as a local rider I am in support to having a connecting trail through lindsay.

On Oct 18, 2021, at 5:39 PM, Chris MacDougall < > wrote:

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to share my perspective on the opportunity to conduct a two-year Trial program, allowing safe and responsible passage of ATVs through Lindsay.

By taking advantage of this trial opportunity, counsel will be increasing tourism dollars, delivering a message that all recreation and outdoor enthusiasts across Ontario are welcome in Lindsay and the City of Kawartha Lakes, and be supporting a healthy, active lifestyle at a time when a return to a "new normal" is much needed.

Recreational ATV sales have seen an all-time high this past year (30%+ increases year over year). Never before has there been more heart for outdoor activities and recreational pursuits in and around the City of Kawartha Lakes. In my opinion, turning away this opportunity - an opportunity to embrace and welcome ATV enthusiasts and their increasing contribution to the community by allowing defined passage through Lindsay would be a miss.

Thank you for your consideration, Chris MacDougall

From: Rebecca Rowan <

Date: October 18, 2021 at 9:58:50 AM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca > Subject: ORV Two-Year Trial Project

To Whom it May Concern,

My boyfriend's family lives in Oakwood, where he and I, and his family all enjoy using the ATV trails by trucking them to the Ken Reid parking lot and riding north. Last weekend, we rode to Fenelon Falls and got dinner at the Texas Burger and Pizza and rode back. Both my boyfriend's family and my family have been riding these trails for years and we always pull right over to the side when we see someone walking, biking, etc. ATV riders know that if we don't respect the trails by doing this, we don't have the opportunity to ride them. Seeing as this plan is a trial run, please consider letting the trial play out and have a first-hand look at whether it would be a permanent consideration. You can see in Fenelon Falls, by having a dedicated route, the ATV riders stick to this route and bring business and tourism to the town. Perhaps if Lindsay was accessible for ATV's, we would have stopped for dinner there instead of riding to Fenelon Falls. This trail link would be a huge tourism attraction, especially considering ATV sales have increased sustainably over the last year due to COVID. Everyone is looking to try out somewhere new and having both trail systems linked would be amazing.

The last two years with COVID have not been fun for anyone, and ATV-ing has been one hobby and activity that has been able to get people outside safety throughout the pandemic.

Please consider allowing the ATV route to go through Lindsay, as everyone needs a boost to their mental health after the past two years, and this sure would bring happiness to the KATVA community and get more people outside on their ATV's enjoying both trail systems and Lindsay itself.

Thank you,

Rebecca Rowan & Cody Bricknell

From: Rachel Lotton <

**Date:** October 18, 2021 at 9:44:58 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council @ kawarthalakes.ca >

Subject: Emailing in SUPPORT of the proposed ATV route

# Good Morning,

I am emailing to show my support in the proposed ATV route through or around Lindsay. We, my husband and I have been riding the trails now now 3 years, the convenience to be able to ride from home would be very beneficial for us. The trail system having to essentially stopping at Golden Mile Road, to Thunderbridge Road is stopping people from exploring and spending money in lindsay. We gas up outside of town, typically Fenelon Falls as we trailer to Superior Propane, where if we could leave home, we would be gassing up in town. I fully support having a route go through or around lindsay if need be.

Thank you for considering our opinions and hopefully being able to ride more local in the future!

From: Sherri Crump

**Date:** October 18, 2021 at 8:47:03 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Support for ATV's

I support the proposed route through Lindsay, to connect the trails. A Two Year Trial Project is a great way to determine the positive outcomes of this initiative.

From: "Peoples, Brian"

**Date:** October 18, 2021 at 5:04:16 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

**Subject: ATV Issue** 

Good Morning . As a business owner I would want our council members to do every thing possible to enhance tourism to our area . There is no justifiable reason not to have ATV's granted access to trail systems through our towns . As a responsible ATV rider and member of KATV association I and our family enjoy the trails and to prove our issue on tourism dollars spent a group of us 10 riders in total went to Haliburton last week and followed all the rules to get into town and spent over \$500 at the local restaurants for just one afternoon. You cannot ignore this . Most people do not have any issues with motorcycles etc coming into town and ATV's are not much different on the roads . Respectfully Brian Peoples

Brian and Mary Peoples
Owner Operators Bobcaygeon Foodland 62 Bolton St Bobcaygeon

From: Kate Lowes

Date: October 18, 2021 at 10:05:38 AM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca > Subject: ATV Route Through Lindsay

HI There,

I wanted to take a minute to express my support of an ATV route through Lindsay. As an entrepreneur in the community, (Realtor) I believe that this opportunity is one that our community cannot afford to make a mistake on.

Approving a route could mean a dramatic opportunity for tourism increase in our area as it will allow trail travellers to pass through Lindsay- rather than need to trailer around- due to the trailering around many ATV'ers simply marshall and head out onto the trail systems north of town- leaving a huge missed opportunity for Lindsay itself.

A trial run cannot hurt the municipality- please consider approving a trial period to determine if the route through town poses any serious issue, as I am certain you'll find it does not.

Thank you! Kate From: Glenn Reynolds

**Date:** October 18, 2021 at 7:58:39 PM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

Cc: Katva <

Subject: ATV route through Lindsay.

To the councillors who oppose the trail link through Lindsay.

This is the chance to make an exciting change in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Being a resident here since 1976 and going to high school in Lindsay, I have seen the erosion of a once prosperous town.

Today, tourism is an integral part of fueling a struggling rural economy.

Imagine a trail system from the Ganaraska forest to the Haliburton highlands and beyond with this missing link through Lindsay. Something to brag about I would say.

The trail link through Fenelon Falls has been a great success! Why not take this idea and put it in motion. It's a on a trial basis. What have we got to lose.

ATVs operating in town at 20 kph is very safe

As an ATV enthusiast, riding with family and friends is the kind of social enjoyment that is needed, especially right now.

With the possibility of the Lindsay trail link and links from our other Kawartha Lakes communities, this is something we can all be proud of.

Please let's give this a try.

Thanks. Glenn Reynolds. Omemee.

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.

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

Sheri and Jason Chesebrough City of Kawartha Lakes 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 repopulate 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** 

From: Kevin Avery

**Date:** October 18, 2021 at 10:59:03 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council @ kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Proposed atv route

HI There,

I wanted to take a minute to express my support of an ATV route through Lindsay. As an entrepreneur in the community, (Realtor) I believe that this opportunity is one that our community cannot afford to make a mistake on.

Approving a route could mean a dramatic opportunity for tourism increase in our area as it will allow trail travellers to pass through Lindsay- rather than need to trailer around- due to the trailering around many ATV'ers simply marshall and head out onto the trail systems north of town- leaving a huge missed opportunity for Lindsay itself.

A trial run cannot hurt the municipality- please consider approving a trial period to determine if the route through town poses any serious issue, as I am certain you'll find it does not.

Thank you!

Kevin Avery

From: Ryan Deboer <

Date: October 18, 2021 at 9:32:57 AM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

**Subject: Lindsay ATV Route Trial** 

# Good morning

As a resident of the City of Kawartha lakes, I feel you should allow the trial to go forward for the route through Lindsay for A.T.V's. It will bring money to our businesses, allowing the north and south of town to be connected by trail. I can't understand the past council's decision to block off all the railway lines that came into Lindsay, that was not good for business. We are a rual town with an amazing trail system that will be beneficial to all of us. If it works in Fenelon( and we drive right through the center of town) and other towns in and out of the kawarthas, then i'm sure we can find a route through Lindsay. Please have an open mind and give this a shot.

Ryan de Boer

From: Donna Umpleby

Date: October 18, 2021 at 12:15:17 PM EDT

To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >, Emmett Yeo < eyeo@kawarthalakes.ca >, Andrew

Veale <a href="mailto:kawarthalakes.ca">aveale@kawarthalakes.ca</a>>
Subject: ORV Task Force - My opinion

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# **Good Morning**

It has been 2 years since I've owned an ATV and 5 years since moving to Lindsay from Durham Region. I don't normally take the time to voice my opinion about city issues but in this circumstance I felt the need to share my thoughts on the uses and benefits of having a designated path thru Lindsay joining the Kawartha trails.

I understand that until you become invested in a hobby you do not truly understand the benefits that go with it. My boyfriend and I decided to purchase 2 ATV's 2 years ago, this was an initial \$23,000 investment and it was purchased <u>locally</u>. After which we needed the membership, licensing fees and gear, i.e. helmets, gloves, communication system, etc. this was another \$1,000 per person investment. Then we needed to purchase a trailer to haul it from my home to the trail system, this was another \$5,000 purchase, done <u>locally</u>. So just in the first month after purchasing these 2 ATV's we have invested \$30,000 in the Kawartha Lakes local community.

So when I mentioned we became invested in this hobby, it really is an investment. Both of us work 2 jobs, are single parents and struggle in the best of times to find ways to enjoy life with minimal costs. The ATV's were a very large investment and a toy I truly never thought I would own but now being a rider I realize there are numerous benefits to owning one.

Over the past 2 winters, I have been able to use my ATV to clear my driveway and have been able to clear my neighbours as well who would not be able to clear it themselves (seniors). It is also a very useful piece of equipment around the rural properties that Kawartha Lakes boasts. We have also found that over the past 1 ½ years it has been a source of balance in our work and personal life and as essential workers a way to destress during COVID.

But no sooner did we purchase the ATV's did we realize that the trail system has a black out area thru Lindsay. What I find frustrating is I could jump on my ATV and ride over to Thunder Bridge Road in about 15 minutes to catch the trail to Fenelon Falls but with the black out, I have to load up the trailer with 2 machines then drive over to Thunder Bridge Road, then unload them and head to the trail which takes about 40 minutes. So a quick ride up to Fenelon Falls on a Friday night to go for dinner sometimes is not possible due to the time constraints.

We have now rode the trails for 2 full seasons and we ride right up to Dec 1 when the trail closes. We have never seen anyone who is not respectful of other ATV riders, people walking on the trails, animals, bicyclist, etc. We never see anyone disrespecting the trails with garbage, loud music or destruction of the trails. The KATVA team also rides and checks ATV riders to validate they have the permissions to be on the trails and to monitor their respectful riding.

Having this alternate path thru Lindsay and removing the black out would enable us to jump on the ATV's and take a ride up to Fenelon and take in the water, shopping, food and community and keep our dollars spent in the Kawartha Lakes area.

As far as this 2 year pilot project, I find it frustrating that people that have never owned an ATV or maybe even been on one of the trails, have a negative opinion about something they presume will happen. How can you make a solid decision without solid data. This 2 year pilot project will enable both riders and residents in Kawartha Lakes to see how and if this path through Kawartha Lakes may impact them or not.

All riders hold Class G driver's licenses and have to be 16 years of age to ride or older. Most people we see on the trails are between 35-55 years old, all very established drivers and license holders. Our only focus is to get out, enjoy the day and get home safe.

I would ask that you vote in favour of this 2 year pilot project in order to better assess the uses, the users and their respect of this path and convenience through Lindsay and lastly, to be able to quantify any future decisions on real data before dismissing this plan.

We are all looking for the same thing; Safety on the roads, safety on the ATV's and cohesion with the community. What better way to bring the community together then enjoying it for its full uses and investing further in the businesses we all want to enjoy.

Regards,

Donna Umpleby,

From: Glen V <

Date: October 18, 2021 at 9:14:30 PM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca > Subject: ATV Support From Ward 1

Dear Council,

I am looking for your support on the 2 year trial project.

As an avid ATV and motorsport enthusiast I feel strongly that this issue is a massive bonus for the community. The trails unite our region on so many levels and as we grow so must our outlook on how we use the paths that generate the economy and outdoor activities. When I see residents and tourists enjoying what we have it just solidifies what we have and where we can go.

The future of progress is in your hands.

Kind Regards, Glen Varvaro From:

**Date:** October 18, 2021 at 9:39:04 AM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

**Subject: ATV Lindsay** 

My name is Jerry Rintoul, resident of Fenelon Falls. I have an ATV with trail permit but seldom use it for that purpose (Kinmount 3 times in 8 years.) I will probably never ride to or through Lindsay. I am a strong supporter of an ATV route through Lindsay.

I snowmobile 5000km per year, about 3000km as a snowmobile tourist. My positive experiences with places I travel through make me wish to return in other seasons. Recently on a trip I asked how to get to my home town?? The response was "you cannot and they don't want you there". "THEY DON'T WANT YOU THERE". This message to an identifiable group of well over 100000 people who have an average family income of well over \$130,000.00 per year. (POOR BUSINESS PLAN). John Fox says "each of those people has a wallet and it is our job to to get money out of it. (John Fox Owas very successful business man)

I strongly resent that I can be referred to as "a hazard to the population of town" if I arrive on an ATV" I believe that many people view my efforts to be a asset to my community. I have represented Kawartha Lakes and Canada internationally as as volunteer of the year.

I believe that if I am on the road on an ATV, or any vehicle, the safest speed is at "the speed of traffic". Therefore (if the new suggestion passes) the safe speed on streets would 40 km/hr.

Thank you for your consideration. I have been strongly involved in trails in the City for over 30 years and am willing to provide information to any of the your people at any time.

From: DONALD SMITH

Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 9:28 AM

To: Agenda Items < AgendaItems@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: ORV-task force

## Mr. Mayor and Council:

Please reconsider your plan to allow ORVs on city streets and on municipal roads. How on earth would someone at the other end of the city get to the trail? They are certainly not going to trailer their machine but drive through whatever streets will get them to their destination. If they did happen to trailer, where on earth would they park? This is a not a workable plan. Why are council allowing a very tiny portion of the population to dictate their wants? Too bad the task force is stacked with pro-ATV people or this issue would have died by now.

Residents of CKL are asking for nothing more than to keep things as they are—it will cost absolutely zero to keep the status quo, but as many have pointed out, the cost of maintenance and the increase in liability will far outweigh any benefits if ORVs are allowed where ever they please. And make no mistake, they WILL go where ever they please and this will just open the door for them to demand more and more.

Sandra Smith Bethany

From: Beverley Marshman <

Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 9:49 AM

To: Agenda Items < Agendaltems@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: ATVs

I am a resident and taxpayer in Lindsay and I Do Not want to see, hear on contend with ATVs on our streets. I do not understand the push to get these machines on our streets. It is not safe for the operators of these machines. There are not meant to be driven on asphalt roads. The traffic issues are bad enough crossing the Wellington St bridge without mixing in ATVs . I don't think this is a can of worms that should be opened....

B Marshman

From: Betty <

Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 10:17 AM
To: Agenda Items < AgendaItems@kawarthalakes.ca>
Subject: ORV

Please vote "No" to ORV routes through Lindsay!!

From: Brenden Randall

Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 2:26 PM

To: Agenda Items < AgendaItems@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Atv Route

Hi there,

My name is Brenden Randall and I'm a new resident in Lindsay. My wife and I purchased her grandmother's home on Victoria avenue North in September 2020. The street has been peaceful and we kindly request against the proposed ATV route. No one does regular maintenance on their machines and if would an issue for safety, noise and riding on other streets.

Thank you,

Brenden.

From: Wendie Hardaker

Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 5:56 PM

To: Agenda Items < Agendaltems@kawarthalakes.ca>

**Subject:** ATVs in Lindsay

I am against having atvs roaming the streets of Lindsay. We have increased traffic on all streets and more to come as more development takes place in the area. Pedestrians & cyclist already have enough to contend with with the number of vehicles already on the roads. I live in Pat Dunn's constituency & have seen him at my door once & that was before the last municipal election. He was arrogant & condescending then & he does not seem to have changed. Respectfully, Wendie Hardaker

From: Sandra Richardson

**Sent:** Monday, October 18, 2021 6:12 PM

To: Agenda Items < AgendaItems@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: ORV

Please be advised that my husband and I both strongly oppose allowing ORV's on municipal roads.

To permit ORV's on municipal roads creates a very unsafe situation for many, including the young and old alike.

We understand the manufacturer's do not recommend ORV'S be operated on paved roads and encourage Council to support the manufacturer's recommendation.

Jim and Sandra Richardson Lindsay residents

From: Junior Curtin

**Date:** October 19, 2021 at 11:28:45 AM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca >

**Subject: Two Year Trial project** 

Good morning I am writing in regards to the 2 year trial project to allow it for these reasons

By allowing it remember it is oy a trial project so you really have nothing to lose but have alot to gain by bringing tourism money to the community which is needed even more after the pandemic.

It is also part of the rural lifestyle and City of Kawartha Lakes is still a rural community, including the town of Lindsay, plus Fenelon Falls is a successful model that was built on a trial project. The residents and taxpayers should be heard too and think of it helping with mental health as riding atv or SxS is good for that gets you outdoors and for a little while forget about what is getting you down. You can do it as a family, and spend quality time together as well as getting the kids out of the house and away from social media.

Thank you for your time

Diana Bonner

From: Neal Pringle

**Date:** October 19, 2021 at 12:21:07 PM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

Subject: ATV

I am 100% four ATV routes in the city of Kawartha Lakes communities as this has worked well in Fenelon Falls

From: P Creighton

Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 8:33 AM

To: Agenda Items < AgendaItems@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: ATV

I Vote NO to Lindsay ATV Route and NO to extending the ORV Task Force's Mandate.

I feel we have enough issues now with them driving down my road in the middle of town.

From: DEAN ALLEN

**Date:** October 20, 2021 at 7:23:27 AM EDT **To:** Pat Dunn <pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: orv/snowmobiles

# **Good Morning Pat**

i commend you for standing up for the ORV's to pass thru town.

Lindsay has long been known as a black hole to get thru for atv's and even more so snowmobiles.

Lindsay has a trail at each end of town and no way to get thru.

I know that almost all snowmobilers know that Lindsay is against snowmobiles and has been for a long time so they have stayed away.

We have never understood their position on this as it brings business to the town.....food, gas and other services.

There is more and more people using orv's and it is not going to go away.

Hopefully this 2 year project works and do something about snowmobiles.

Regards

Dean

From: Laurie Mackie <

**Date:** October 20, 2021 at 11:55:06 PM EDT **To:** Council < <u>Council@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>

**Subject: Trail through Lindsay** 

We need that trail to open up through Lindsay to provide a complete trail. I've feel this a good benefit to Lindsay by adding tourist dollars to local businesses. No one wants to use and abuse this privilege as it is a privilege. We hope you reconsider our plea to open this final route.

Laurie Mackie & Family

From: Richard

Date: October 21, 2021 at 3:22:50 PM EDT To: Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca>
Subject: Two year trial

Please add me in favour as a two year in favour to go through Lindsay

From: Edward <

**Date:** October 21, 2021 at 7:39:02 PM EDT **To:** Council < Council@kawarthalakes.ca>

# ATVS

Good morning or afternoon I writing hoping you will open up the trails through Lindsay as it would be convenient for someone like myself and many others that like riding the trails and always enjoying stopping in Fenelon Falls and Kinmount for nice dinners and lunches and stops for coffee. My Wife and myself are in our sixties and it would be great to stop and have lunch or dinner in Lindsay.

Thanks for reading my letter. Edward and Marylou Smith.

On Oct 22, 2021, at 6:53 PM, c-laporte wrote:

I would like to thank the councilors who voted in favor to allow ATV's to travel on a designated route thru Lindsay in order to get to the VRT.

My husband who was an avid ATVer and sat on the KATVA board would have been so happy with your decision to allow this route to be passed at council unfortunately he is no longer with us to celebrate this with us but I'm sure he is smiling from above.

Regards

Carolyn LaPorte

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 From: DEREK Anderson

**Sent:** Monday, October 25, 2021 8:21 AM

To:

Subject: ORV in Lindsay

Good morning everyone.

I'm at a loss to understand how and why Council voted last week to approve the route through Lindsay.

Even more perplexing is why Councillor Yeo would change his vote, after all he was the one who tabled a motion in September not allow ATVs through Lindsay and to have the Task Force investigate an alternate route around Lindsay.

Just to review:

- 1) At the June Council meeting the route through Lindsay was proposed to Council. Rather than approving the recommendation, Council passed a motion to conduct a survey to determine what the residents felt about ATV going through Lindsay.
- 2) The residence were clear, 66.4% of respondents said they didn't want ATV on Lindsay Streets. No matter how Pat Dunn spins the numbers, the majority of respondents, 66.4%, said NO TO ATV ON LINDSAY STREETS.
- 3) As a result of this survey, Councillor Yeo tabled a motion at the Sept. Committee of the Whole to not allow ATV on Lindsay Streets, and for the ATV Task Force to investigate a route around Lindsay, this motion was approved.
- 4) At the Sept Council meeting, Councillor Dunn recommended that Councillor Yeo's motion be modified to only instruct the ATV Task Force to investigate a route around Lindsay. This motion was also approved.
- 5) At the ATV Task Force meeting, the group didn't take any action on the instructions of Council, but decided to present a 2009 report to council rather that doing what they were instructed to do. This is just another example of the contempt Pat Dunn has for his fellow Councillors and the residents of Lindsay.

My point here is that the instructions given to The ATV Task Force and Councillor Dunn, ,Seymour Fagan & Richardson was to investigate an alternate route around Lindsay. Suggesting a 2009 report fulfills their responsibilities under this motion again reflects the contempt these three councillors have for their fellow councillors and the residents of Lindsay. Until a proper investigation is made into an alternate routes around Lindsay, the vote on the June proposal should be ruled null and void as the investigation of the alternate route must be completed and presented to council before any other motion can be reviewed, after all the route through Lindsay was not approved in June, but was replaced by the requirement for a survey and subsequently the requirement to investigate an alternate route.

A lot of stock has been put into the fact that council received 145 emails last weekend in favour of a route through Lindsay. Has anyone taken the time to verify that the emails are from residents of Lindsay? More likely a close review with show a large percentage are from outside not only

Lindsay but also the CKL. How do these 145 suspect emails take precedence over 847 residence of Lindsay who signed a petition and the 66.4% on survey respondents to your survey that said NO TO ATV ON LINDSAY STREETS

Councillors, you have heard what the people of Lindsay want, we expect more from you than just bowing to a special interest group like the KATVA.

You all need to correct the error made on Oct 19, 2021 and rescind that vote until a current investigation of alternate routes around Lindsay is conducted and it is tied into the Trail Master Plan.

Councillor Dunn you accused Mayor Letham of sowing discontent and misinformation during this process. You are absolutely wrong on that score the Mayor was one of the voices of reason throughout. In fact you are the one sowing misinformation and falsehoods through out the process. If things didn't work out in your favour, you tried to manipulate the numbers in your favour to make it appear that the residents of Lindsay supported the issue. You ridiculed people who presented facts that weren't in favour of ATV use, the worst one being the comments to Dr Bocking after her presentation. You haven't even taken the time to talk to your constituents and find out what they really want. When asked point blank by the Mayor, your answer was "I have no idea".

Don't let Councillor Dunn spin is half truths, be Leaders not followers and make the right decisions for the people of Lindsay not the KATVA.

As I understand it, the revised By-Law will have to be approved by Council before they come into effect. If you don't rescind the October 19, 2021 vote, then DO NOT approve the By-Law. Councillors Yeo, Ashmore, Richardson and Seymour Fagan, you can fix this mistake and vote NO along with Mayor Letham, Dept Mayor O'Reilly, Councillor Elmslie & Veale

I am still at a loss Councillor Dunn to figure out what is driving you to support the use of ATV on Lindsay roads over the clearly expressed desires of the residents of Lindsay. Remember 66.4% said NO TO ATV ON LINDSAY STREETS.

The residence of Lindsay deserve more from all of you.

Derek Anderson CD

From:

**Date:** October 26, 2021 at 1:04:51 PM EDT **To:** Pat Dunn pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca>

**Subject: Grass roots** 

HI, avid atvr here, wrote many latter's. Why doesn't this gentleman take his grass roots team and start cracking down on the carnage going on their. There are robberies everyday, cars broken into. So is there not more important things two do than hassle atrvers that are fully licensed as a car is with a 20km limit.

I have so much more to say! Thank you Mike Bronstine From: Darryl James <

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:01 PM

To:

Subject: Rewarding Those That Don't Follow The Rules

Hello Mayor and Council,

See below - A Facebook comment - This is all the same language I've heard from so many who live outside of Lindsay and have been dealing with ATV'ers for years that already don't respect the rules.

This is exactly why there is grave concern in Lindsay for ATV use, and the proposed route. It's terrifying. How will we enforce any ATV driving on any road in Lindsay to access the route? It's impossible and extremely dangerous. Lindsay residents have been clear and do NOT want this route.

Once again, this is the reality for many who live in rural areas and why there is also a huge amount of concern for those in rural areas with the recent rural routes proposed at the ORV task force meeting.

Council needs to do public consultation before any route is even considered in any area outside of Lindsay. A recent facebook post clearly explains the dangers

"we are affected in the south end. We live on a trail system. We own an atv. The trail is now permanently closed. Period. Warned 800\$ fine if charged. With the traffic on it you would never know. The MTO closed it permanently for any off road use including the snowmobile club because of the few who have abused the privilege and are down right dangerous.

Speeding, not stopping at stop signs, popping wheelies, menacing other riders going slower than them...basically all stunt driving charges if they were out on 35...Oh wait! A few of them do scream down 35. Wheelies out of Racetrack gas station? Not kids neither.

Having access to a trail network doesn't mean you get to use EVERY road now...and ride on it how you see fit.

If I want to use trails for my horses, I load up and go there...unload and enjoy my day, if I want to use my atv in the trails, we load up and go there.

We licence and insure our machine. Noticeably many of the ones that cause the issues don't even carry a plate! Hmm.

One parent ...stellar parent of course...informed the rest of the town on fb that 'if you don't get caught it didn't happen. Cops can't be everywhere.'

So some like Mr. Dunn would like to address these 'bad apples' that love to create the issues that affect all other of his enthusiasts???

Hell, a master trail plan better include equestrian sport...many portions of the trans Canada trail does not. Durham region and up into CKL, it's the second largest equestrian community other than Calgary Alberta. So what about those folks? What about all of the bike riders, walkers, joggers, and so on?? Guess what they all have to say is mute?

A side by side is very expensive to buy. So who exactly are we catering to? Not the general public who can barely afford to put food on the table or keep the lights on....

I don't even bother with the trail anymore, not worth meeting one of these entitled on a ridge. We use it as intended. A utility vehicle."

From: Kate Jewell <

**Date:** October 26, 2021 at 11:18:41 PM EDT

To: Pat Dunn <pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca>, Andy Letham <aletham@kawarthalakes.ca>

**Subject: ORV route through Lindsay** 

Only 4-5 percent of Lindsay residents even cared enough about the ORV issue to sign any petition.

Obviously this issue is not a priority for most residents. Very few of the 25,000 Lindsay residents (approx) responded to the survey or petition.

Let the ORVs pass through Lindsay. Obviously, more than 80 percent of residents really don't care. Besides, it's a pilot project. Pilots are how we discover what works and what does not.

There are many, many, more important and pressing issues in our community that warrant Council's attention. Poverty, jobs, economy, homelessness, addictions, crime, and better care for our Seniors, to name a few.

The more time Council spends on an issue that only 4 percent of the Lindsay population cares about, the less time available for the most important issues that the majority of residents truly care about.

Council voted to approve an ORV route through Lindsay, let's just move on now to issues that are actually important and require your time and attention.

Enough is enough. Close the file on this issue.

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From: DEREK Anderson

Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 8:20 AM

To:

Subject: Lindsay Advocate article

Good morning everyone,

I read with interest the recent article in the Lindsay Advocate and was struck by Ron Ashmore's comment below.

Ashmore said. "Also, you need someone who works for the people not the bureaucracy. It is important to never forget that."

This is the point many of us have been making over the last couple of months including Mayor Letham.

Councillors Yeo, Ashmore, Seymour-Fagan, Richardson and Dunn, you have shown by your actions surrounding the ORV Task Force that you don't work for the majority people but only for special interest groups and your own personal interests.

One other point I'd like to make. Councillor Dunn, you manipulated the results of the recent survey to suggest that the 66.4% of residents against ATV in Lindsay worked out to only 5% of residents were against ATV on Lindsay Streets. Using your logic that means the 33.6% in favour really works out to less than 3% of the residents in favour.

Although council has voted for Dunn's recommendations, the revised Bylaw needs to be approved before the changes can be enacted.

Councillors you still have time to reverse this unsupported change.

#### DONT APPROVE THE REVISED BYLAW. KEEP LINDSAY STREETS SAFE.

The resident of Lindsay deserve more!!

The residents of Lindsay expect more from each and every one of you.

Derek Anderson CD

**From:** Anne Somers-Mountjoy **Sent:** November 10, 2021 1:04 PM

**To:** Tracy Richardson

**Subject:** Proposed ATV Routes

## Councillor Richardson,

I would like to go on record as saying that I disagree with the proposed ATV routes that, it is my understanding, will be voted upon on Nov. 16, 2021. Apparently, there was a survey carried out by the ORV task force in Mar. 2021. Where would I have had access to this survey? I was only made aware that one existed today.

I feel strongly that ATVs not be permitted to use local area roads as it endangers pedestrians, pets and licensed drivers.

Perhaps it would have been beneficial to have offered a public meeting where maps, traffic studies, safety and/or risk assessments could have been presented. Along with a discussion of costs and where manufacturers and experts have had an opportunity to answer questions and provide their expertise.

Please consider my opinion when acting as our representative.

Thank you, Anne Somers-Mountjoy From: Marnie Nelles

Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 2:51 PM

To: ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: ATVs

Hi!

I am adding my voice to the over thousand people who have signed a petition against having ATVs driving through our towns. It was recently passed that they would travel a long distance through Lindsay, causing, I think, unsafe conditions on the roads with the (hopefully) slower rate that they are supposed to travel and if they aren't slow, then that is even more dangerous! If the entrance to the trail covered a block or two, that would be one thing but to travel from Logie right through town is ridiculous. I hope this isn't a final decision and you will consider the other towns very carefully before a decision is made.

Yours truly, Marnie Nelles ----Original Message-----

From: Joanne and Brian Hough

Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 5:32 PM

To: ORVTaskForce < ORVTaskForce @ kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: No ATVs on Lindsay Roads

This is so disappointing that safety has not been placed first by councillors.

ATVs are not safe for roads. Off-road accidents are horrific. Citizens on and off ATV are at risk.

No one has planned for the traffic that will be increased with only one bridge crossing the river at Colborne.

Councillors cannot agree to build the second bridge!

Please support a second look at the previous decision to allow ATV's on Town of Lindsay roads. Vote NO!

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Joanne Hough

From: Judy Kennedy

Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 7:55 PM

**To:** Ron Ashmore <rashmore@kawarthalakes.ca>; Pat Dunn <pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca>; Doug Elmslie <delmslie@kawarthalakes.ca>; Patrick O'Reilly <poreilly@kawarthalakes.ca>; Tracy Richardson@kawarthalakes.ca>; Andrew Veale <AVeale@kawarthalakes.ca>; Emmett Yeo <eyeo@kawarthalakes.ca>; Andy Letham <aletham@kawarthalakes.ca>; Tracy Richardson@kawarthalakes.ca>; ORVTaskForce

<ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>
Subject: ATV route through Lindsay

A notice from the advocacy organization called Change.org has notified me that a Special Committee of the Whole Meeting on additional ATV routes near Pontypool, Bethany, Janetville, Omemee, Long Beach, Lindsay and Bobcaygeon will be held on Tuesday, November 16.

I am writing to voice my disapproval of the access to Lindsay streets by ATV's. Just within less than the last two weeks, a Peterborough woman met her demise when her ATV road and struck a tree.

We quite often have ATVs entering our community of Southview Estates from outside areas. I am quite often at the Fenelon Falls museum tending gardens in the summer and every time I am there, ATV drivers are disregarding the signs designating the proper travel route, trying to cross the trail bridge, which is closed to allow boat traffic through the canal, or driving across the Garnet Graham Park lawn to get to the boat ramp road.

I'm certain that most ATV'rs try to follow the rules, but there are always those who believe that rules don't apply to them and will continue to practice their disrespect for rules, road signs, private property and people's right to peace and quiet, which cause problems for everyone.

It is evident, in my travels, that the further outside of Lindsay I travel, the less ATV'rs follow any sort of road rules and I have had to take precautions to avoid them on public roads, because the vehicles are loud and the drivers can't hear me behind them.

Having them on the trails is bad enough, when you have to step into the weeds to allow them to pass. I strongly disapprove of them being allowed to travel on public roads, and especially on city streets.

Sincerely, Judy Kennedy, From: betty winholtz

Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 11:31 PM

**To:** Andy Letham <aletham@kawarthalakes.ca>; Emmett Yeo <eyeo@kawarthalakes.ca>; Kathleen Seymour-Fagan <KSeymourFagan@kawarthalakes.ca>; Doug Elmslie <delmslie@kawarthalakes.ca>; Andrew Veale <AVeale@kawarthalakes.ca>; Pat Dunn <pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca>; Ron Ashmore <rashmore@kawarthalakes.ca>; Patrick O'Reilly <poreilly@kawarthalakes.ca>; Tracy Richardson <trichardson@kawarthalakes.ca>; Clerks <clerks@kawarthalakes.ca>; ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Protect roads in Kawartha Lakes from Off Road Vehicles

### **Dear Councillors:**

I oppose off road vehicles in Kawartha Lakes. The area is so beautiful, we do not need to speed up its destruction with running motorized tires through it. Please retain the attraction of the area, so it continues to be a draw.

Sincerely, Betty Winholtz -----Original Message-----

From: Peter Vandentillaart

Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 7:43 AM

To: Andy Letham <aletham@kawarthalakes.ca>; Emmett Yeo <eyeo@kawarthalakes.ca>; Kathleen Seymour-Fagan <KSeymourFagan@kawarthalakes.ca>; Doug Elmslie <delmslie@kawarthalakes.ca>; Andrew Veale <AVeale@kawarthalakes.ca>; Pat Dunn <pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca>; Ron Ashmore <rashmore@kawarthalakes.ca>; Patrick O'Reilly <poreilly@kawarthalakes.ca>; Tracy Richardson <trichardson@kawarthalakes.ca>; Clerks <clerks@kawarthalakes.ca>; ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: ATV routing Kawartha Lakes

### **Dear Councillor**

I understand that the plan for linking trails for ORVs will include expanded access to streets on the island of Bobcaygeon. I object to any expansion of road use for ORVs for several reasons;

- 1. As you know, the summer months bring a lot of people and vehicle congestion to the area and certainly Bobcaygeon is a 'choke point' for traffic trying to move through the Kawartha lakes. ORVs will create more congestion.
- 2. ORVs are noisy, especially when driven at high RPMs. This is a huge issue for the higher density of homes on the island.
- 3. Parking spaces within Bobcaygeon are limited.

If we must have off road vehicles on our public roads ORVs should be restricted to the routes with the least amount of vehicular traffic to minimize congestion and noise. I suggest road 24 to Park Street, then Sherwood to Canal Street and then cross at HWY 36. There is no need for the ORVs to access roads within the immediate area of downtown Bobcaygeon. There could be some parking areas assigned near the location formerly occupied by Rileys Grill by the water front if parking is needed at all.

Thank you for your time

Peter Vandentillaart resident of Ward 2

From: DEREK Anderson <

Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 8:55 AM

To:

**Subject:** Committee of the Whole

Good morning everyone,

I understand you are holding a special Committee of the Whole this Tuesday to discuss the proposed routes from the ORV Task Force.

This is your opportunity to reverse your decision concerning allowing ORV in Lindsay. Which one of you will stand up to Pat Dunn and table a motion to reverse your decision of Oct and KEEP OUR ROADS SAFE, by not opening up Lindsay and also striking down the recommendations put forth by the ORV Task Force.

We all know ATV users are blatantly disregarding the current By-laws in Janetville, Omemee, Pontypool and even Lindsay. Councillor Richardson and Steve Lane both admitted the ATVs were frequently seen in Pontypool and Janetville at the last ORV meeting. Should this small group of ATVs be rewarded for their bad behaviour?

Here is the safety label attached to all ORV



Can it be any clearer that it's wrong to allow ATVs on public roads.

Please reverse your decision to allow ATV on Lindsay street s and KEEP OUR ROADS SAFE.

Thank you Derek Anderson CD

From: Brenda Thistle

Sent: Saturday, November 13, 2021 9:28 AM To: Andy Letham <aletham@kawarthalakes.ca>

Cc: Emmett Yeo <eyeo@kawarthalakes.ca>; Kathleen Seymour-Fagan

<KSeymourFagan@kawarthalakes.ca>; Doug Elmslie <delmslie@kawarthalakes.ca>; Andrew Veale <AVeale@kawarthalakes.ca>; Pat Dunn <pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca>; Ron Ashmore <rashmore@kawarthalakes.ca>; Patrick O'Reilly <poreilly@kawarthalakes.ca>; Tracy Richardson <trichardson@kawarthalakes.ca>; cleerks@kawarthalakes.ca; ORVTaskForce

<ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: ATV's

Hello,

I am writing to advise you of my concern about allowing ATV's on our city roads in Lindsay. Council already moved not to allow it and then ignoring survey that they asked us to participate in and showed we didn't want ATV's on our city roads. I am appalled that Pat Dunn would even defy that ruling and get it overturned to plead his cause in supporting ATV's on city roads. Obviously he is either an ATV person himself or has tons of backing from them and they probably do not even live in Lindsay. That is my concern that counsel is listening to people not living inside Lindsay and who have to deal with the traffic on their roads, the noise from these vehicles and the safety of the vehicles. These vehicles belong on trails not on roads and should be given a route around Lindsay to continue on their journey of fun not through the city. Just this week two ATV's were seen riding north on Victoria Ave. Angeline Rd is getting very busy now with the two new neighbourhoods just north of St. Joseph St. Also the other new development in the same area which is still in building mode will add to the business of the roads. ATV's have had a lot of accidents and the danger is more so on roads with a lot of traffic. These vehicles are not plated or insured for riding on roads.

Please do not consider letting these vehicles cause more problems than we already have with more vehicles.

This meeting you are having on November 16th should be open to the public to attend. Listen to the people of Lindsay not the people who live outside the city and do not have to deal with these issues.

Brenda Thistle

From: Brenda Thistle

**Sent:** Saturday, November 13, 2021 10:11 AM **To:** Andy Letham <aletham@kawarthalakes.ca>

Cc: Andrew Veale < AVeale@kawarthalakes.ca>; Kathleen Seymour-Fagan

<KSeymourFagan@kawarthalakes.ca>; Doug Elmslie <delmslie@kawarthalakes.ca>; Emmett

Yeo <eyeo@kawarthalakes.ca>; Pat Dunn <pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca>; Ron Ashmore <rashmore@kawarthalakes.ca>; Patrick O'Reilly <poreilly@kawarthalakes.ca>; Tracy Richardson <trichardson@kawarthalakes.ca>; Clerks <clerks@kawarthalakes.ca>;

ORVTaskForce < ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: ATV's

Hello,

I am writing of my concern to allow ATV's through Lindsay on our roads. I am concerned that Council did not stick with the survey that they requested and the over 1600 people answered they did not want them on our city roads. It was passed by council and done! Then the audacity of Pat Dunn to plead with council through 145 emails to allow it and then pressuring another counsellor to change his vote. Did you even read the emails and who they were from? Were they all from ATV people living outside Lindsay? Disgusting. How is it possible to overturn a decision already made. Really makes me wonder what kind of a council we have when this can happen.

ATV's are for off road not city streets. We have to deal with the noise and traffic. These vehicles are not plated and not insured for city roads. We have extremely high traffic now on Angeline street with two new subdivisions and a third on the way. There are school buses stopping constantly on this road and with ATV's is going to be a disaster. The Health team is also concerned with so many accidents already happening on trails and now the roads. Not a good idea.

Please use common sense and stop this insane idea.

Brenda Thistle

----Original Message-----From: Stephanie Miltimore

Sent: Saturday, November 13, 2021 10:48 AM

To: ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: ATV's in Bobcaygeon

## Good Morning,

My husband and I are writing today in response to a survey that is being presented this coming week to council. We live on County Rd 49 and would like to express the fact that we heard about the survey posted but we weren't able to fill it out as it was removed from the page we are on before we were able to do so. We are 100% in favour of having ATV's in Bobcaygeon as it gives us an opportunity to be able to support our town better. Being able to go for coffee or lunch during a day of riding would be amazing as we often have to come down to the Shell to fuel up. I hope this email will be mentioned as we are aware it wasn't just us that had this problem.

Thank you for your time.

Stephanie & Chad Mascioli

From: Mary Stiver <marystiver2018@gmail.com> Sent: Saturday, November 13, 2021 11:51 AM

To: ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

**Subject:** ORV use in the Town of Bobcaygeon

#### Dear Council Members:

I have extreme concerns regarding the ability of ORV vehicles being allowed to use the streets of Bobcaygeon. As we all know, there are some individuals who will abuse this privilege and create a danger, especially for our aging population. These vehicles were intended for off road use only and quick jumps across the road to another trail; not for driving amongst congested traffic and numerous pedestrians.

We already have congestion of traffic and lack of parking on Bolton Street during our peak season. If you add the high quantity of ORV vehicles that I see entering Bobcaygeon on their way to the OFF ROAD TRAILS, mix these in with pedestrians, and traffic jams, you are creating a very dangerous situation. I and others have noticed there seems to be a certain aggressive mentality attached to quite a few of these ORV riders and that is not conducive to allowing them on our streets. Another consideration is the pollution, and noise pollution, this will add to the area around the shops in town. Nobody wants to walk around a beautiful small town breathing in the added fumes of vehicles and not being able to enjoy the country surroundings and conversation with their shopmates. The entire point of coming to Bobcaygeon is the beautiful, quiet, clean air, shopping, and friendly conversation. Allowing ORV's takes every single draw away from the people who frequent our shops. You don't hear people saying, "Lets all sit out on a patio enjoying a nice meal with ORV's loudly going by. What great fun!"

What happens when they start tearing around on our walking trails. Specifically, Port 32 has a walking trail system with many elderly residents taking a leisurely stroll with their Grandchildren. They do not have the ability to grab a child and pull them to safety, let alone get out of the way themselves; or walking their dogs. These trails are literally in the backyards of these residents.

Many retirees, which feed the economy and housing prices, choose to retire in this beautiful area. Who is going to want to retire to a noisy place that smells like the city? We need the income of these retired full-time residents to run our grocery stores and others during the off season. The last thing you want to do is discourage people with disposable income from moving here. That would kill our town during the winter months and eventually the town as we know it altogether.

In conclusion, this is not the way to go. The ORV riders are not going to stop and shop at Bigleys or have a nice meal on the patio of one of our restaurants. The entire character of the town will be changed. It will lower it to a level that will discourage the type of tourism that we need to frequent our shops and supply jobs to our full-time residents. Lindsay has gone downhill in the last 5 years and Bobcaygeon will quickly follow if we allow this to happen.

Sincerely, Mary Stiver From: Lauren Sterling <

Sent: Saturday, November 13, 2021 8:12 PM

To: ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Orv In town

Hello. There was a post on Facebook to email if I have an opinion on off road vehicles in town. I have young children and live on right by [in Bobcaygeon]. We get horrid rude people on snowmobiles and four wheelers coming up the residential street at all hours of the night. It is so loud and ignorant. And in some instances some of them have turned up our driveway to skirt close to our vehicles and then across the front lawn within a foot of our living room windows. I can't believe the ignorance and absolutely hope it ends up being in favour of not having these people allowed all over town. It is difficult enough driving in town in the winter with people cutting you off etc without them crashing around as well.

Thank you,

Lauren

From: Ginny Colling

Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 11:09 AM

**To:** ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca> **Subject:** Proposed expansion of ATV road use in CKL

To Task Force Members,

We've just looked at the upcoming report on a two-year pilot for expanding on-road ATV use in the City and are concerned for a number of reasons.

1. This is a **safety concern** in the communities involved and for anyone visiting them. Our own health unit cautioned against on-road use of ATVs because of the real potential for higher rates of injuries.

Studies of this are hard to find, but the University of Iowa specifically looked at ATV use on the road and concluded it was a serious traffic and public safety concern.

"Overall, our data reinforce the importance of laws restricting ATV road use and the need for effective enforcement, as well as the need to increase user education about ATV road-use laws and the dangers of riding on the roads."

The Consumer Product Safety Commission in the US looks at ATV deaths and has found that 65% of deaths were from on-road ATV accidents.

ATV manufacturers themselves caution against their use on roads, obviously for good reason. By approving on-road use of ATVs in CKL council is sending a confusing message about what constitutes safe riding practices.

2. In the category of if you build it they will come, we are concerned that opening the proposed areas to on-road ATV use will encourage much more ATV traffic, and thus not only more accidents, but also more emissions.

The UN's major climate conference just wrapped up in Glasgow and has shown us that we all need to do everything we can to improve climate outcomes for our kids. Encouraging emissions in a time of a climate emergency is going in the opposite direction.

We encourage you to follow the goals of the Kawartha Lakes Healthy Environment Plan to cut emissions by voting "No" to expanding the use of ATVs on roads in the City of the Kawartha Lakes.

Sincerely,

Ginny Colling Rob Ferguson, Breanna Ferguson From: Angela Steigerwald <steigerwaldangela@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, November 14, 2021 11:49 AM

**To:** Andy Letham <aletham@kawarthalakes.ca>; Andrew Veale <AVeale@kawarthalakes.ca>; clerks@kaarthalakes.ca; Doug Elmslie <delmslie@kawarthalakes.ca>;

eyeo@kawarthalakes.com; kseymourfagan@kawarthslakes.ca; ORVTaskForce

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<poreilly@kawarthalakes.ca>; Ron Ashmore <rashmore@kawarthalakes.ca>; Tracy Richardson

<trichardson@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Fwd: Fw: IMPORTANT - Individual emails to Council NOW - matter - A LOT!

Honourable Mayor Letham,

It is unfortunate that it appears that not all voices can be heard regarding ATV's on our roads so I am sending you this plea directly to let you know that I am emphatically against allowing ATVs and other off road vehicles to pollute our roads.

These types of vehicles have no place on our roadways. Living adjacent to the Ganaraska Forest we witness ATV drivers driving recklessly ignoring private property signs, driving through sensitive wetlands and constantly putting pedal to the metal when using our municipal roads.

They have NO business on our municipal or provincial roadways!

Kindest regards, Angela Steigerwald From: Julie Walmsley

Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 5:58 PM

**To:** Andy Letham <aletham@kawarthalakes.ca>; Emmett Yeo <eyeo@kawarthalakes.ca>; Kathleen Seymour-Fagan <KSeymourFagan@kawarthalakes.ca>; Doug Elmslie <delmslie@kawarthalakes.ca>; Andrew Veale <AVeale@kawarthalakes.ca>; Pat Dunn <pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca>; Ron Ashmore <rashmore@kawarthalakes.ca>; Patrick O'Reilly <poreilly@kawarthalakes.ca>; Tracy Richardson <trichardson@kawarthalakes.ca>; Clerks <clerks@kawarthalakes.ca>; ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: ORV issue

To all members of the City of Kawartha Lakes town council:

The ongoing debate over ORVs having an access route through the residential streets of Lindsay has only one clear answer: **No to ORVs on our streets of Lindsay.** There needs to be an alternate way for ORVs to get from one side of the town to another, without going on the streets.

The primary issue is keeping our streets safe. You have received information from the medical professionals that do not support the planned route through Lindsay. The surveys previously completed indicate Lindsay residents do not want ORVs on their streets. And yes, it is all about Lindsay when we are discussing our streets, our children and all the other residents of Lindsay who will be affected by this decision.

I hope that in your hearts and minds you will reconsider the vote. In my eyes, there should not have been a repeat vote after the 4-3 vote against ORVs had already been passed.

Be honest with yourselves, reconsider your decision and do what is right for the citizens of our town.

Sincerely,

Brent and Julie Walmsley Lindsay, ON

From: Gael Morrison

Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 6:48 PM

To: Andy Letham <aletham@kawarthalakes.ca>; Pat Dunn <pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca>;

ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Atv

Please don't let ATVs loose in the streets of Lindsay. This is not the direction I want my town to go in.

**Gael Morrison** 

From: Allen MacPherson

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 7:44 AM

**To:** Andy Letham <aletham@kawarthalakes.ca>; Emmett Yeo <eyeo@kawarthalakes.ca>; Kathleen Seymour-Fagan <KSeymourFagan@kawarthalakes.ca>; Doug Elmslie <delmslie@kawarthalakes.ca>; Andrew Veale <AVeale@kawarthalakes.ca>; Pat Dunn <pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca>; Ron Ashmore <rashmore@kawarthalakes.ca>; Patrick O'Reilly <poreilly@kawarthalakes.ca>; Tracy Richardson <trichardson@kawarthalakes.ca>; Clerks <clerks@kawarthalakes.ca>; ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: ATV Routes Nov 16the special committee

The entire character of our towns and City will change because of ATV use on our roads. There are lessons to be learned from our neighboring municipalities (Durham/Peterborough) and how they deal with ATV and road use. Our City/Councilors are not looking to the future regarding ATVs.

Allen MacPherson

From:

**Sent:** November 15, 2021 11:05 AM

To: <u>Tracy Richardson</u>

Subject: Fwd: ATV Routes

On October 27th, I sent you the following email expressing my opinions on this very important topic. I was disappointed that it did not generate a response from you. I am still requesting that ATVs stay off of our streets, and that alternate routes be considered.

----- Forwarded Message ------

Subject: ATV Routes

Date: Wed, 27 Oct 2021 15:14:26 -0400

From:Tom Mohr

To:trichardson@kawarthalakes.ca

Dear Councilor Richardson,

As a resident of the Town of Lindsay, I do NOT approve of running ATV's on urban streets! There are enough problems with mobility devices and electric bikes and their operators who cannot decide if they are cars or pedestrians. I also feel that it is a decision for town residents to make, not those who want to use us as a short cut.

I am in favour of creating alternative routes around the town to connect trails...but please keep them off of our streets.

Regards, Tom Mohr

From: Lana Simon

**Sent:** Monday, November 15, 2021 11:21 AM

**To:** Andy Letham <aletham@kawarthalakes.ca>; Emmett Yeo <eyeo@kawarthalakes.ca>; Kathleen Seymour-Fagan <KSeymourFagan@kawarthalakes.ca>; Doug Elmslie <delmslie@kawarthalakes.ca>; Andrew Veale <AVeale@kawarthalakes.ca>; Pat Dunn <pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca>; Ron Ashmore <rashmore@kawarthalakes.ca>; Patrick O'Reilly <poreilly@kawarthalakes.ca>; Tracy Richardson <trichardson@kawarthalakes.ca>; Clerks <clerks@kawarthalakes.ca>; ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>; Agenda ltems <Agendaltems@kawarthalakes.ca>

**Subject:** Against ATV routes in Lindsay

Dear Council,

Please take into account the survey results from 1,600 people who have taken the trouble to sign the petition against the ATV route in Lindsay. Why bother to have a survey if you are going to ignore the results which show the majority of people are opposed to it.

Thank you L. Simon From: Mark Robbins

<clerks@kawarthalakes.ca>

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 1:36 PM

**To:** Andy Letham <aletham@kawarthalakes.ca>; Emmett Yeo <eyeo@kawarthalakes.ca>; Kathleen Seymour-Fagan <KSeymourFagan@kawarthalakes.ca>; Doug Elmslie <delmslie@kawarthalakes.ca>; Andrew Veale <AVeale@kawarthalakes.ca>; Pat Dunn <pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca>; Ron Ashmore <rashmore@kawarthalakes.ca>; Patrick O'Reilly <poreilly@kawarthalakes.ca>; ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>; Clerks

**Subject:** Please Reconsider Off Road Vehicle Taskforce Decision

Dear Mayor Letham and City Councilors,

I have recently learned of councils decision to allow the operation of ORVs on Lindsay streets. I am surprised and disappointed by your decision, especially in light of the public response to the city's own surveys which clearly show that people in Lindsay do not support this action. I have reviewed my email, sent to each of you on October 13, 2021 (included below), I stand by my experience, training and observations. I have nothing to add to the email other than to offer to appear before council to answer any questions any of you might have.

In closing I simply encourage you to do as the public has directed and not allow the operation of off-road vehicles on Lindsay streets.

Respectfully,

Mark Robbins

From: Sue Z

**Sent:** Monday, November 15, 2021 1:55 PM

**To:** Kathleen Seymour-Fagan <KSeymourFagan@kawarthalakes.ca>; Andy Letham <aletham@kawarthalakes.ca>; Emmett Yeo <eyeo@kawarthalakes.ca>; Doug Elmslie <delmslie@kawarthalakes.ca>; Andrew Veale <AVeale@kawarthalakes.ca>; Pat Dunn <pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca>; Ron Ashmore <rashmore@kawarthalakes.ca>; Patrick O'Reilly <poreilly@kawarthalakes.ca>; Tracy Richardson <trichardson@kawarthalakes.ca>; Clerks <clerks@kawarthalakes.ca>; ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Re: ORV's on public roads

Dear Mayor Letham, City Councillors and the ORV Task Force:

I am a permanent resident of Kawartha Lakes, specifically Dunsford on and I was very surprised to hear that you were considering allowing "Off Road Vehicles" on our public roads, when the manufacturers of these vehicles put a warning on these vehicles of "Never use on public roads", not only in words but pictures as well.

I would imagine the reason they do this is for legal reasons because there would be not only legal ramifications but also financial consequences. Even though there are many responsible ATVers, there only need to be a few who do not comply with the rules of the road and therefore, put the public at risk resulting in injury, death and legal suits.

I do not wish to see "Off Road Vehicles" on our roads. I believe the reason they are called "Off Road Vehicles" is because they should stay off our public roads and travel and enjoy the trails which have been created specifically for them.

I am requesting that you take the above information into consideration, as it will not only result in injury, death and possible lawsuits which would then result in increased taxes for all of us living in the Kawartha Lakes but affect our quality of life as well. Please do your "Due Diligence", so that we can continue to live in a safe and healthy environment.

Sincerely, Sue Zilke From: Brianne Harrison <

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 2:51 PM

**To:** ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca> **Subject:** Phone call from Jennifer Davis re: ORVs in Lindsay.

She is concerned about the low rate of speed at which they're to travel and that causing congestion and accidents on our already too busy roads. She is quite upset that the bypass bridge wasn't considered and that she wasted time completing a survey that wasn't listened to. She felt that taxpayer money was waste on creating, advertising, analyzing and reporting on two surveys that were ultimately ignored and council should be embarrassed about this.

From:

**Sent:** Monday, November 15, 2021 11:58 AM **To:** issuesconcerns <issues@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Other/Special submission - User selected issue type 'Other'.

Data submitted to JDE webservice.

Describe the issue.

I can see no advantage to the town or its residents to having ATV's going through our town, if they adhere to the speed limit of 20 KPH they will hold up the normal traffic flow, which wont be able to pass safely and will get everyone frustrated and possibly cause accidents and cost lives. Do you wont this on your conscience, do the right thing.

From: michael macleod <

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 4:58 PM

To: ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Legal access to VRTC

### Dear ORV Task Force,

My family and I are property owners in Pontypool, and we wish to express our strong support for a safe and legal road connection to the VRTC in our community. Moreover, we encourage council and the Task Force to promote the connections in ours and other Kawartha Lakes communities to the VRTC and the economic benefits that go in hand with it. Our family looks forward to a time when we can more fully utilize the taxpayer funded and excellent outdoor opportunities that Kawartha Lakes has to offer - right from our doorstep.

Thank you, Mike, Kerri and Cooper MacLeod Pontypool Ontario From: Karen Mitgang

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 8:17 PM

**To:** Agenda Items <AgendaItems@kawarthalakes.ca>; Andy Letham <aletham@kawarthalakes.ca>; Emmett Yeo <eyeo@kawarthalakes.ca>; Kathleen Seymour-Fagan <KSeymourFagan@kawarthalakes.ca>; Doug Elmslie <delmslie@kawarthalakes.ca>; Andrew Veale <AVeale@kawarthalakes.ca>; Pat Dunn <pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca>; Ron Ashmore <rashmore@kawarthalakes.ca>; Patrick O'Reilly <poreilly@kawarthalakes.ca>; Tracy Richardson <trichardson@kawarthalakes.ca>; Clerks <clerks@kawarthalakes.ca>;

ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: ATV/OVR route in Lindsay

We want to express our extreme disappointment that council agreed to pass the ATV/OVR route through the town of Lindsay, EVEN though the majority of the residents spoke that they DO NOT want it, including us.

We recently moved to Lindsay for a number of reasons, including it was a quiet and safe place to walk everywhere in town without having to worry about an ATV coming up behind us or coming on our street,

We were never notified of this possibly happening until someone knocked on our door and explained the situation and we signed the petition against it. We are in the area that Pat Dunn represents but have not seen or heard from him regarding this.

We feel the town should be concentrating on other issues including, homelessness, crime and mental health. As residents of Lindsay, we strongly are opposed to having ATVs going through our town.

Remember OVRs are meant for off roads, not on roads.

Looking forward to hearing from you

Karen and Barry Mitgang

From: Darryl Short <

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 10:18 PM

To: ORVTaskForce < ORVTaskForce @ kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: New proposed routes

Hi, my name is Darryl Short and I live on article I read on the Peterborough examiner regarding the new proposed routes for the use of ORV's. As you will notice from my address my road is one of the proposed routes and I am more then happy about it.

I am a long time resident of Kawartha lakes (Manvers township) and we have waited for too long to have this law put in place which would allow Atvs and now side by sides to be legally driven on the roads. To now find out that the City of Kawartha lakes is attempting to pass a bylaw, which would restrict our access to other areas of the municipality.

I believe the new proposed routes are a great idea and from my own personal experiences well laid out (a job well done). I hope that this 2 year pilot project becomes the new norm and we can grow the sport of ORV'ing with the next generation and explore all the beauty that the City of Kawartha Lakes has to offer.

I am looking forward to getting back to our rural "routes".

From: Ashley Kelusky

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 11:27 PM

To: ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: In support

Hi there

I live in Fenelon Falls and I am in support of ATV use on roads.

**Ashley Hart** 

From: Ben Hart

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 11:44 PM
To: ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Atv Access

I support the roads being opened to atv/utv riders!

Ben Hart

From: Marshall Rogers

Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:20 AM

To: ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

**Subject:** Orv task force recommendations.

## Good morning patt,

Please take into account my support for opening up all rural roads in kawartha lakes to orv's. We live in a rural area and I believe we should fallow suit with the provinces changes to allow orvs on rural roads. I belive this is an opportunity for great economic benefit as off road tourism is gaining in popularity. This will give our residents a way to connect and enjoy the outdoors while participating in an activity they enjoy. I believe the only fair way to do this would be to open all rural roads in kawartha lakes so access to our trail network would be there for all tax payers in our region, not just the few small towns with link proposals.

I belive the benefits greatly outway any negative aspects residents may foresee.

Best regards Marshall rogers From: DEREK Anderson

Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:33 AM

**To:** Andy Letham <aletham@kawarthalakes.ca>; Andrew Veale <AVeale@kawarthalakes.ca>; Doug Elmslie <delmslie@kawarthalakes.ca>; Emmett Yeo <eyeo@kawarthalakes.ca>; Pat Dunn <pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca>; Patrick O'Reilly <poreilly@kawarthalakes.ca>; Tracy Richardson <a href="mailto:trichardson@kawarthalakes.ca">trichardson@kawarthalakes.ca>; Kathleen Seymour-Fagan</a>

<KSeymourFagan@kawarthalakes.ca>; Ron Ashmore <rashmore@kawarthalakes.ca>;

ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>; Agenda Items

<Agendaltems@kawarthalakes.ca>

**Subject:** Pecuniary Interests

At the opening of each meeting, the Mayor asks if anyone has pecuniary interests.

As a resturant owner, does Councillor Seymore Fagan have pecuniary interests that she should declare and therefore disqualify her from voting on ORV/ATV issues.

As a restaurant owner who might benefit economically from ORV/ATV being approved on roads in the CKL, she should she not recuse herself from any votes concerning ORV/ATV use in CKL?

Would this also make the October vote null and void as she should have recused herself from that vote as well.

The residents of CKL expect and deserve more from each and everyone of you.

Derek Anderson CD

From: Jessica Banks

Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:55 AM

To: ORVTaskForce < ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Trails from Ganaraska to Lindsay

I am writing today as a citizen of the Pontypool community.

We moved here as a very young family about 10 years ago. Since living here quads and snowmobiles have been a very large part of our lives. It has been a blessing to be able to ride right from our drive way to enjoy the trail systems and support our local community. Our local gas station, chip truck, restaurant and store rely and thrive on the business that these passer-Byers offer. Many of the residents here also go out an support our local clubs and businesses through the trail system.

If these trails or options are not available to us, we will be forced to end this activity as a family and pull this revenue stream from our community. We will not be purchasing new equipment from local providers, we will not be purchasing services from those same local retailers. We will no longer be able to engage in our community in this way from a social perspective. We don't have a trailer, we don't have a cottage we have never had a need and never made it a priority as we live in the Kawartha lakes. That WHY we live here. If the advantages of rural living is stripped from us, we might as well go back to the city and enjoy the convenience of that lifestyle. It is extremely frustrating to watch this issue going back and forth in debate. What is the intent and motivation to shut down ORV activities? Why are all riders being punished for the actions of irresponsible law breakers. It is my thought that those irresponsible rule breakers will continue to ride and break rules and banning them will not fix the issue. Perhaps providing legal and regulated facility to safely enjoy these activities will prove to be a better resolve. Locally, many farmers and land owners are becoming increasingly frustrated with people riding unlawfully on their private property. That is a direct result of the trail systems being cut back year over year and not leaving riders any options. People are willing to pay to ride, but they are not willing to not ride at all. So, what can you do with that information?

Regards, Jessica Banks From: Jeff Z

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:17 AM

**To:** ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca> **Cc:** Tracy Richardson <trichardson@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Pontypool ORV route

To the Task Force,

I'm writing in opposition to any route being proposed through Pontypool and surrounding areas. This task force has already disregarded and trampled on the rights of landowners opposed to the route through Lindsay.

Now you wish to do it through Pontypool!

Please understand, this <u>will</u> become an election issue. The route through Lindsay barely passed council.

Are you all so sure this is in fact what the majority want? You are catering to a vocal and well funded special interest group with many residing outside the CKL voting area. The decisions you make will affect many land owners who just want the peace and quiet they moved here for. The noise and dust alone will turn any land owner who is on the fence about this matter, to the opposed side within months.

I guess this next election will be a true referendum on this issue. If the majority of you get re elected, then I suppose you were all correct and the wishes of the voters was carried out. However, I think you are seriously underestimating the opposition of the majority of landowners, and you will be defeated on this issue alone.

Please choose wisely,

Sincerely, Jeff Zak From: Malcolm Cook

Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 1:38 PM

To: ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

**Subject:** Proposed Omemee Routes

Hi Pat + Task Force,

I've been following the workings of the ORV task force for some time now and I've been really impressed with all your effort and work. It's clear to me Omemee residents are very supportive of the pilot project, myself included. It was great to hear this support has been communicated by Omemee residents at the Special Committee of the Whole meeting today and to see that support was translated into a well received route connection for Omemee.

I was curious if any consideration was made for an additional connection via Sibley St as well as Sturgeon?

There's definitely a high volume of ATV users in the West end of Omemee around the Sarah Crescent area who would benefit from route access in their area. Whether intentional or not, I would expect that people living close to the approved routes would frequently make access via the quieter internal streets in town. It's certainly not abnormal to see ATV's on the internal streets of Omemee already and the community does a good job at self policing this practice.

The only issue I observe as a resident is when the Trans Canada Trail is being improperly used by ORV's. That practice is frustrating, as it negatively impacts the image of all ORV owners. From what I observe, this is done typically by folks on the East end of town traveling over to use some of the property around the Sarah Crescent subdivision area for recreational ORV use. Currently, the only connection West side of town has to Sturgeon St via public roads in town is Highway 7, as the town is essentially broken in two parts when removing Hwy 7 from the road map.

I think there's two benefits to considering Sibley St as part of the approved route.

- 1) The folks in the West side of town may more readily access an approved route to the VRT and would be much less motivated to travel to Sturgeon illegally along Hwy 7.
- 2) The folks on the east side of town who want to access the West side of town are able to do so without improperly using the Trans Canada Trail.

I attached a map here, which shows the interior streets of Omemee in blue, and the Trans Canada Trail and property frequently accessed in green.

Again, all your work and dedication to this effort have been appreciated!

Thanks,

M Cook Omemee From: Marie Anne

Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:53 PM

To: ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

Cc: Clerks <clerks@kawarthalakes.ca>; trichatdson@kawarthalakes.ca Subject: Opposed to ATV access to Kawartha Lakes communities

## Greetings

I hope this email is received before task force meeting.. I had short notice.

I am opposed to increased access of ORVs/ATVs on Kawartha Lakes municipal roads. I live in Pontypool I am greatly concerned that granting this access will negatively affect the

health and safety of my fellow residents as well as potential visitors to our communities.

ORVs as per manufacturer literature are not designed for use on municipal roadways. They lack the necessary safety features.

Use of ORVs on municipal roads could result in severe injury!

Aside from the accident/injury health risk, what liability does the city of Kawartha Lakes assume? Will insurance premiums increase?

Have the OPP agreed to increase monitoring and enforcement? Do they have the staff/equipment, to do so? Will more cost be incurred for policing ORV activities?

Have the municipal roadways been assessed for simultaneous use by both ORVs and vehicles? Ate they designed for safe operation of multiple types of vehicles?

I am concerned about the health and safety of my neighbours- please do not increase access to ORVs/ATVs on municipal roads in Kawartha Lakes.

Thank You

Marie-Anne Hall Pontypool

From: brook fallis

Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 9:19 PM

**To:** ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

**Subject:** Open road in Pontypool

Hello,

I am in FAVOUR of opening the roads to off road vehicles.

From: betty winholtz

**Sent:** Monday, November 22, 2021 12:04 AM

**To:** Andy Letham <aletham@kawarthalakes.ca>; Emmett Yeo <eyeo@kawarthalakes.ca>; Kathleen Seymour-Fagan <KSeymourFagan@kawarthalakes.ca>; Doug Elmslie <delmslie@kawarthalakes.ca>; Andrew Veale <AVeale@kawarthalakes.ca>; Pat Dunn <pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca>; Ron Ashmore <rashmore@kawarthalakes.ca>; Patrick O'Reilly <poreilly@kawarthalakes.ca>; Tracy Richardson <trichardson@kawarthalakes.ca>; Agenda ltems <Agendaltems@kawarthalakes.ca>; ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca> **Subject:** ATV routes

#### Dear Councillors:

I appreciate that on November 16, 2021 the Mayor and several Councillors identified safety and enforcement issues on several routes that are being considered. As a result, routes in Cameron and Bobcaygeon were excluded.

Has the safety review been done on any roads as promised by the ATV Task Force? The same issues mentioned at the November 16 meeting apply to other routes as well. Please consider the following for all routes:

- Exclusion of roads/sections with safety concerns
- A safety review of all routes before approval by Council
- A public meeting, after the holidays, where residents are not limited to 5 deputations or signing up the Friday before.

In addition, the 2-year pilot needs to include:

- Signage: identify permitted and prohibited routes, contact agencies and numbers to file reports
- Criteria: track complaints, collisions, accidents, ER and hospitalizations, charges, costs
- Enforcement: include provisions for pro-active and timely responses to outlying areas
- Education and public safety program: by the municipality in co-operation with bylaw and police enforcement
- Set timeline for Report back to Council and Notice to stakeholders

Sincerely, Betty Winholtz From: Michelle Sellers

Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 7:26 PM

To: ORVTaskForce <ORVTaskForce@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: Open the roads

As a off reader. Plz open up the roads for us to be able to join access on trail systems Thanks tou

From: Darryl James

Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 9:20 PM

To: Andy Letham <aletham@kawarthalakes.ca>; Pat Dunn <pdunn@kawarthalakes.ca>; Tracy

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**Subject:** Fwd: Kawartha Lakes News - Public meeting provides responses to common financial questions affecting residents

Hello Mayor, Council and The ORV task force,

Please read the highlighted area below, and I'm giving notice that this email be included in the next ORV task force agenda for this coming Friday, November 26th.

Respectfully, it's hard to believe that Council would pass an ATV route through Lindsay, and potentially allow ATV access to more CKL roads at the next Council meeting given the City's known and admitted issues for maintaining their roads. Even more alarming is that CKL has one of the lowest household per kilometre ratios to cover maintenance costs as well. ATV use on our roads is only going to increase maintenance costs within a City that has a hard time finding the money to manage their roads. This potentially large additional cost to the taxpayers that will inevitably make our roads worse within CKL is irresponsible.

I can appreciate that you all have a tough job being members of Council, but I thought this Council represented all of CKL residents? If it represents everyone within CKL, I thought this Council's strategic plan was to be fiscally responsible to all residents? Did the Councillor Yeo, Richardson, Ashmore, Dunn and Seymour-Fagan not know this information when they passed a route through Lindsay? If you truly represented all residents in CKL and not just those who ride an ATV, these statistics alone (in addition to Lindsay residents and the Health Unit saying "No" to an ATV route or pilot program) would have easily directed you to say "No" to ATVs on any CKL roads because it's fiscally irresponsible.

I again urge you to vote "No" to the additional rural routes proposed in areas within CKL at the next Council meeting, and reverse the decision for the route in Lindsay, so that ALL Lindsay residents' tax dollars can go towards the maintenance of roads with vehicles actually designed for the roads within a City that already has a tough time maintaining those roads.

If the Mayor and Council decide to not listen to the overwhelming evidence for "No" ATVs on rural roads along with reversing their decision in Lindsay, I must formally request that the following items be part of the process and included to monitor the pilot program along with being approved at the next ORV task force meeting on November 26th.

As quoted by Councillor Dunn at the last meeting and via the Jump In Site Communication email - Councillor Dunn, Chair of the Off Road Vehicle Task Force, made note that the Task Force will meet again on November 26 to discuss the process to monitor the success of the 2022 pilot programs. The meeting will begin at 10am and will be livestreamed on the <a href="municipality's YouTube">municipality's YouTube</a> channel.

The Pilot Program needs to include:

- What is the specific number of bylaw/police violation complaints, injuries or deaths that must be submitted that will revoke the pilot project immediately
- Signage: identify permitted and prohibited routes, important information for agencies and the specific contact information to file complaints
- who will be track complaints, collisions, accidents, ER and hospitalizations, charges, costs to City through maintenance and insurance
- who will be writing the report and tracking and maintaining the data from ATV incidents, injuries and deaths
- Enforcement: include provisions for pro-active and timely responses to outlying rural areas that are already proven hard to enforce.
- Education and public safety program: Created by the municipality in co-operation with bylaw and police enforcement
- Set timeline for Report back to Council and Notice to stakeholders ORV pilot stakeholder committee - which includes a representative membership from other sectors not just the ATV sector
- An official survey of the town and rural residents affected by the pilot program at year 1 for feedback

Thank you for your time, dedication and work with the City, and I look forward to your response Darryl James

----- Forwarded message ------From: <<u>noreply@kawarthalakes.ca</u>>
Date: Mon, Nov 22, 2021 at 4:22 PM

Subject: Kawartha Lakes News - Public meeting provides responses to common financial questions

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To:



Kawartha Lakes News

11/22/2021 4:13:26 PM

Public meeting provides responses to common financial questions affecting residents

# What has Council done about the condition of roads?

Council has made significant strides toward improving roads over the last four years, investing \$72 million to maintain and update almost 700 km of roads throughout the municipality, including urban and rural roads.

Stover pointed out that although resident complaints tend to focus on road maintenance, the municipality has a sparse population supporting the vast network of roads (5,300km). This equates to the drive to Florida and back each time the roads are treated. There are seven households contributing to every kilometre of road maintenance in Kawartha Lakes, compared to 37 households in Peterborough and 80 households in Toronto. The sheer size of the municipality together with a predominantly rural population contributes to ongoing challenges with roads.