



Council Report

Report Number: PW2021-008
Meeting Date: December 14, 2021
Title: Off Road Vehicle Task Force Final Recommendations
Description: A report to provide Council with final recommendations from the Off Road Vehicle Task Force
Author and Title: Bryan Robinson, Director of Public Works

Recommendation(s):

That Report PW2021-008, **Off Road Vehicle Task Force Final Recommendations**, be received; and

That the Off Road Vehicle Task Force be dissolved, with thanks.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

The Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Task Force met on November 26, 2021. The agenda included receiving 192 pieces of correspondence, a deputation from Jamie Morris, discussion on rural ORV routes and finally discussion on recommendations for monitoring of the pilot within Lindsay and other routes, if approved by Council.

All of the ORV Task Force activities can be found on the Jump In page at the following address: <https://jumpinkawarthalakes.ca/orv>.

A copy of the November 26, 2021 agenda can be found on the City's Jump In website at the following address:

<https://calendar.kawarthalakes.ca/meetings/Detail/2021-11-26-1000-Off-Road-Vehicle-Use-of-City-Roads-Task-Force/4e64264b-ea0a-414a-9321-adea00fcafb>

This report addresses the recommendations from the ORV Task Force resulting from the November 26, 2021 meeting.

Rationale:

During the meeting under Item 10, the chair opened the floor to recommendations for a monitoring process for approved routes. After some deliberation, the task force resolved the following:

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Moved By C. Richards

Seconded By S. Lane

- **That** the ORV Task Force recommends the monitoring process includes time, date and location of complaints, caller information, complaint details, frequency, whether it is founded, unfounded or unknown. City Staff to determine what can feasibly be reported back and Staff to bring back report to Council in Q1, 2022.
- **That** the ORV Task Force recommends City staff are to determine lead agency.
- **That** the ORV Task Force recommends Council direct City staff to undertake traffic counts two or three times throughout the pilot, ideally on weekends and long weekends.
- **That** the ORV Task Force recommends stats be reviewed and reported on by City staff, after the first year in December in 2022.

Carried

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Moved By D. Mitchell

Seconded By C. Richards

That the ORV task force recommends to Council that the ORV task force be disbanded with thanks.

Carried

The Task Force recognized that it is important to track complaints and enforcement as part of the pilot monitoring. There are three agencies where this information would be generated being the City's Municipal Law Enforcement Division (MLE), the Kawartha Lakes Police Services and the Ontario Provincial Police. The Task Force has resolved to direct Staff (MLE as lead) to review what information can be obtained and shared. Once available, a report is to be prepared for Council with additional details on the monitoring program. The report must be presented in Q1, 2022 ahead of the commencement of the pilot.

The Task Force also agreed with the recommendation from the Director of Engineering and Corporate Assets to undertake traffic counts two to three times during the pilot.

Lastly, the Task Force acknowledged that the pilot is two years in duration, but felt it important to recommend to have Staff report back to Council at the mid-point of the pilot with updates on the reporting factors identified above.

Other Alternatives Considered:

Council could opt to accept the recommendations of the ORV Task Force as provided above. The recommended resolutions would be as follows:

That Staff establish a monitoring program for ORV traffic on City roads, to track and record time, date and location of complaints, caller information, complaint details, and frequency.

That Staff determine what can be feasibly monitored and reported on, and bring back a report to Council in Q1, 2022 with an update.

That the ORV traffic monitoring program include traffic counts two or three times minimum throughout the pilot, ideally on weekends and long weekends.

That Staff report back on the ORV Traffic Monitoring Program in Q1, 2023, after the first year of the pilot program(s).

That the ORV task force be dissolved, with thanks.

Council could also opt to impose any additional recommendations related to assessment of the pilot program. There were many recommendations from the public that were considered but not recommended by the Task Force.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

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

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

Financial/Operation Impacts:

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

However, should Council opt to implement the monitoring / assessment recommendations of the Task Force, there will be resource implications for the City's Municipal Law Enforcement Division, the Kawartha Lakes Police Services, the Ontario Provincial Police, Public Works and Engineering and Corporate Assets.

Consultations:

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Manager, Parks and Recreation
Manager, Municipal Law Enforcement

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