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Subject: ATVs on City Streets

I am writing this in absolute opposition to the proposed ATV routes through any streets within Lindsay. I was born and raised in the former Manvers Township having enjoyed the relative peace and quiet of country living and now due to circumstances beyond my control, I need to live in the City. For the last 24 years living on a residential street which is on the proposed ORV route, I have been able to enjoy and cherish some peace in my back yard given it is in a city. That is one of my only enjoyments in the summer that my life affords. Being on a main artery through Lindsay connecting west to east and access to highway 36 via Queen and King Streets, that peace is already limited but further traffic and non-adherence to speed and safety regulations will ensure total loss of any serenity. Stop this Off-Road Vehicle access to Lindsay streets. It benefits one group of very lucky people only.

Why is my right to some relative peace and quiet in my back yard and the same for many of my neighbours in this section of Lindsay, less important than the rights of the ORVers who obviously have the means to enjoy their sport for miles and miles in country riding. They have trucks and trailers to transport them, obviously dollars to own and use them, and <u>I know</u> the enjoyment of such things having been an avid snowmobiler when I lived in the country. We did not however, impose ourselves within a residential area.

Throughout this whole fiasco of this proposed route, I listened to many depositions arguing that "they only want to be able to connect from trail to trail" and "they only want to be able to get up north to their cottages". ORVers have the ability to do that already. In our "*me world*" and "*I want what I want*" and "*my rights regardless of anyone else's rights*" thinking, there is no room to look at what exercising "*their rights*" is doing to the lives others; of families with very young children, of older and/or less fortunate folks and "*their rights*"

There has been no independent safety study done either. Almost every day I witness potential for accidents on my street which will only be compounded by additional unnecessary traffic. Please consider the safety of Lindsay residents, especially children, and also the safety of the ORVers themselves. Our city residential streets are not the place for Off Road Vehicles!

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