

Mayor Letham and Council,

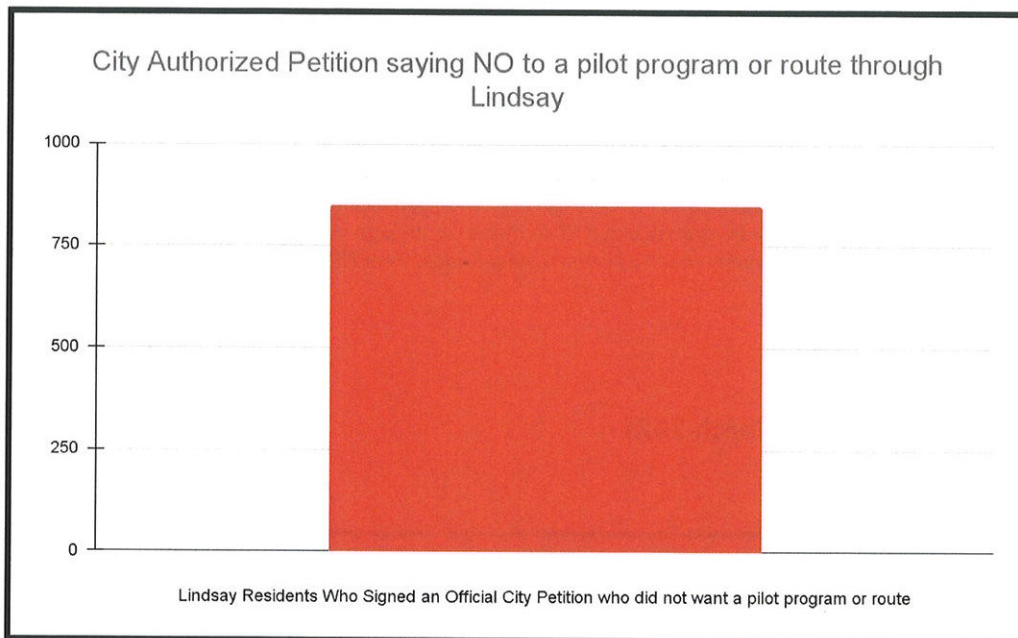
I wanted to address the comments Mr. Dunn made at the recent Council meeting pertaining to "citizens in Lindsay tolerating a pilot program", and his claims regarding the recent Council survey and city authorized resident's petition.

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.

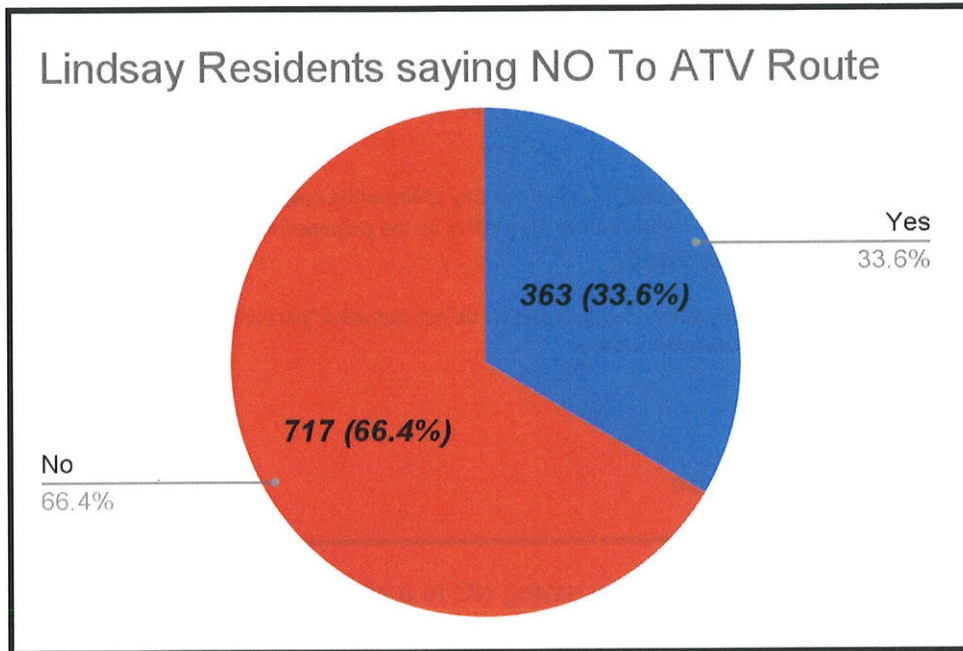
There are 847 signatures on a City authorized petition that do not support a "pilot program" or a route through Lindsay. The petition was signed by residents all over Lindsay.

Lindsay Residents Petition



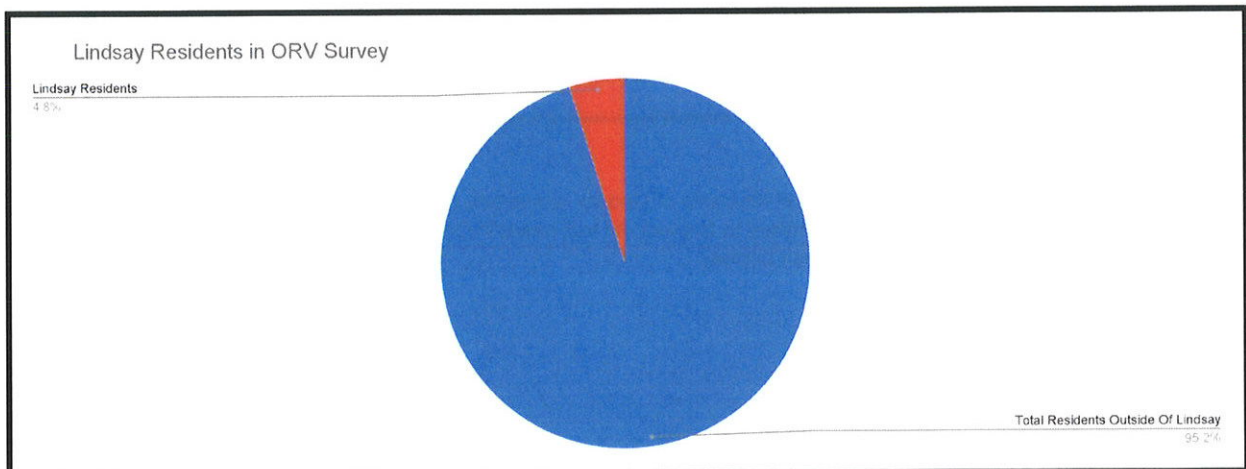
Council's own survey, which was directed at residents of Lindsay, asked two simple questions: "Do you live in Lindsay?" and "Are you in Favour of having a route in Lindsay to connect the trail heads?" Overwhelming 66.4% of Lindsay residents, 717/1080, said NO to an ATV route through Lindsay.

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 questions – 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 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://pub-kawarthalakes.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=45934>
- August 2021 Lindsay Residents Petition
<https://pub-kawarthalakes.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=3589e5de-7477-45da-b416-c78889114b1e&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](#)

Here's the latest on the ATV Pilot Project:

On March 8 at Committee of the Whole, a **report** outlining the monitoring and enforcement for the ATV Pilot Project was received by Council.

The report recommended:

- Traffic counts will be conducted by staff to monitor the vehicles using the routes
- Complaints and issues concerning the routes will be reported and tracked using the Case Management system.
- Municipal Law Enforcement will be the primary point of contact for the public and will provide enforcement of the By-Law in coordination with OPP and Kawartha Lakes Police Service.
- That the By-Law governing ATV use will come to Council on March 22, along with the monitoring report, for final adoption.

Bylaw Complaint > Inbox x

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to me ▾

Good afternoon,

I am following up about ATV's speeding and using road ways. Those matters are complaints that would go to your local police department.

Thank you,

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Kawartha Lakes

Ontario Ombudsman finds Off Road Vehicle Task Force contravened Municipal Act with closed door meetings in Kawartha Lakes

City CAO says terms of reference for task force allowed for the meetings in question at the time



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