

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

By-Law 2007 - 107

A By-Law to Regulate ~~the and~~ Governance of all Trail Use in the City of Kawartha Lakes. ~~Trail Uses Along the Victoria Rail Trail Corridor in the City Of Kawartha Lakes~~

Recitals

1. The Municipal Act, 2001, Section 10 states that a single tier municipality may pass By-laws with respect to the culture, parks, recreation & heritage sphere of jurisdiction.
2. Municipally owned trails are either components of traditional area parks or form linear park spaces.
3. ~~With the passing of the City of Kawartha Lakes Trails Master Plan Update, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes considers it appropriated to pass such a by-law to regulate and govern trail use along for all municipally owned Trail systems linkages. The Council of the Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes considers it appropriate to pass such a by-law to regulate and govern trail use along the Victoria Rail Trail Corridor in the City of Kawartha Lakes.~~

Accordingly, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes enacts this By-law 2007-107.

Section 1.00: Definitions and Interpretation

- 1.01 **Definitions:** In this By-law,

“Active Use Trail” means a trail designed to be used for various forms of non motorized recreational transportation activities such as walking, running, cycling, also including accessible mobility aids, as defined in the 2024 Trails Master Plan Update.

“ATV” or “All Terrain Vehicle” means those vehicles designated as All Terrain Vehicles under the Highway Traffic Act, Regulation 316/03;

“Authorized Emergency Vehicle” includes police vehicles, fire apparatus and ambulances;

“City”, “City of Kawartha Lakes” or “Kawartha Lakes” means The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes;

“City Clerk” means the person appointed by Council to carry out the duties of the clerk described in section 228 of the Municipal Act, 2001;

“Council” or “City Council” means the municipal council for the City;

“Director of Community Services” means the person who holds that position and his or her delegate(s) or, in the event of organizational changes, another person designated by Council;

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“E-bBike” means a bicycle equipped with an electric motor or a power assisted bicycle, with a maximum of 500 watts, watts, a maximum assisted speed of 32 km/h and a maximum weight of 120 kg with working pedals for human propulsion.

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“Explorer Use Trail” means trails that are designed for various forms of motorized recreational transportation activities, as defined in the 2024 Trails Master Plan Update.

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“Municipal Law Enforcement Officer” means a person within the administration of the City who has been appointed as an officer for the purposes of the enforcement of any or all of the City’s By-Laws; means a person appointed by Council under the *Police Services Act* to enforce the By-laws of the City;

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“Off-Road Two-Wheeled Motorcycle” (ORM) means a two wheeled manufactured motorcycle intended for off-road use including motorcycles for dual sport applications designed for off-road use, not originally equipped or certified for use on public roads, travels on two wheels, has a seat designed to be straddled by the operator and has a handlebar-type steering control, and includes all-terrain two wheeled motorcycles.

2013-034, effective February 12, 2013

“Officer” means a person designated by Council in accordance with subsection 142(4) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to enforce the provision of this By-law;

“OFTR” means the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders.

2013-034, effective February 12, 2013

“ROV” or “Recreational off-highway vehicle” means those vehicles designated as recreational off-highway vehicles under the Highway Traffic Act, Regulation 316/03, often referred to as side-by-side vehicles which may include a vehicle that:

- (a) has four or more wheels, the tires of which are all in contact with the ground,
- (b) has a steering wheel for steering control,
- (c) has seats that are not designed to be straddled, and
- (d) has an engine displacement equal to or less than 1,000 cubic centimetres; .

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“Shared Use Trail” means trails that are designed for safe shared use by active modes as well as motorized trail uses such as ATV, ROV and Snowmobiles, as defined in the 2024 Trails Master Plan Update.

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“Snowmobile” means a self propelled motorized snow vehicle designed to be driven primarily on snow;

“**Vehicle**” includes an automobile, motorcycle, motor assisted bicycle, and any other vehicle propelled or driven otherwise than by muscular power but does not include an authorized emergency vehicle, or a motorized snow vehicle or an all terrain vehicle, as specified under the Highway Traffic Act, Regulation 316/03;

“**HATVA**” means the Haliburton All Terrain Vehicles Association;

“**KATVA**” means the Kawartha All Terrain Vehicles Association;

“**KORMA**” means the Kawartha Off Road Motorcycle Association;

~~“**HATVA**” means the Haliburton All Terrain Vehicles Association;~~

“**OFSC**” means the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs;

“**VRTC**” means the Victoria Rail Trail and Somerville Forest Tract Trails Corridor.

1.02 **Interpretation Rules:**

- (a) Wherever this By-law refers to a person or thing with reference to gender or the gender neutral, the intention is to read the By-law with the gender applicable to the circumstances.
- (b) References to items in the plural include the singular, as applicable.
- (c) The words “include” and “including” are not to be read as limiting the meaning of a word or term to the phrases or descriptions that follow.

1.03 **Statutes:** References to laws in this By-law are meant to refer to the statutes, as amended from time to time, that are applicable within the Province of Ontario.

1.04 **Severability:** If a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction declares any portion of this By-law to be illegal or unenforceable, that portion of this By-law shall be considered to be severed from the balance of the By-law, which shall continue to operate in full force and effect.

Section 2.00: Acceptable Uses

2.01 No person shall use the designated segments of the municipal trail system except for permitted uses (Active Use Trail) for example hiking, jogging, walking, cycling, cross-country skiing, skateboarding, in-line skating, mobility aids, E-bikes, and equestrian uses. No person shall use the the appropriate segments of the municipal trail system VRTC for non-motorized uses (Active Use Trail and Shared Use Trail) except for hiking, jogging, walking, cycling, cross-country skiing, skateboarding, in-line skating, mobility aids, E-bikes, acceptable disabled vehicles and equestrian uses.

2.02 No person shall operate a motorized vehicle on appropriate segments of the municipal trail system the VRTC (Shared Use Trail and Explorer Use Trail) except for Snowmobiles, ATVs All-Terrain Vehicles, ORMs, E-bikes or Recreational Off-highway Vehicles (ROVss) under 1626mm (64") in width, subject to the following conditions:

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- a) No person shall operate a Snowmobile ATV, ORM Off Road Two Wheeled Motorcycle or ROV unless it is properly licensed and insured.
- b) No person shall operate a Snowmobile without exhibiting proof of membership in the OFSC Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs.

~~e) No person shall operate an ATV or ROV unless it is properly licensed and insured.~~

~~By-law 2019-055 effective March 26, 2019~~

~~cd) No person shall operate an ATV, ORM Off Road Two Wheeled Motorcycle or ROV without exhibiting proof of permit or membership in the KATVA, OFTR and/or reciprocating organization or unless such operation is for the purpose of conducting agricultural work by adjacent farm land owners with access limited to ninety (90) degree crossings.~~

~~By-law 2019-055 effective March 26, 2019 (2008-089, effective May 27, 2008)~~

~~e) No person shall operate a motorized vehicle on the VRTC unless it is properly licensed and insured for seasonal access to the section of trail from the Somerville 7th Concession North to the City of Kawartha Lakes Haliburton boundary, for the purpose of forest access and large game extraction during the legal hunting season as defined by the Government of Ontario, Ministry of Natural Resources Annual Seasonal Deer and Moose Hunting Regulations.~~

~~(2011-233, effective November 8, 2011)~~

~~d) No person shall operate a properly licenced and insured ATV or ROV without exhibiting proof of membership with KATVA unless such operation is for seasonal access to the section of trail from the Somerville 7th Concession North to the City of Kawartha Lakes Haliburton boundary, for the purpose of forest access and large game extraction during the legal hunting season as defined by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry MNR for seasonal deer and moose hunting.~~

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e) ~~No person shall operate an ATV with a passenger unless the ATV was specifically manufactured to permit multiple riders.~~

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f) ~~No person shall operate an Off-Road Two-Wheeled Motorcycle unless it is properly licensed and insured.~~

2013-034, effective February 12, 2013

f) ~~Any person operating or a passenger on an ATV, ROV, or ORMff-Road Two-Wheeled Motorcycle must wear a helmet as regulated under the Highway Traffic Act, Section 104 and the Off Road Vehicles Act.~~

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g) ~~No person shall operate an Off-Road Two-Wheeled Motorcycle without exhibiting proof of membership on the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders.~~

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hg) No person shall operate an ATV, ROV or ~~ORMff-Road Two-Wheeled Motorcycle~~ under the age of 12.

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i) **Any** person operating an ATV, ROV or ~~ORMff-Road Two-Wheeled Motorcycle~~ between the ages of 12 and 16 must be under the direct supervision of an adult.

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j) All passengers on an ATV, ROV or ~~ORMff-Road Two-Wheeled Motorcycle~~ cannot be under the age of 8.

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k) All operators and passengers in an ROV must wear a seat belt, and use foot rests where applicable.

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l) ~~No person shall encroach upon or take possession of any part of a trail or trail allowance by any means whatsoever, including, without limitation, by planting, by constructing, installing, storing or maintaining of a fence, gate, building, dock, vegetation, tree, shrub or other fixture, tree, shrub, plant or chattel in or upon the park or facility, unless authorized by written approval from the City.~~

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m) ~~utilize motorized vehicles along sections of municipal trail that are identified as active use *as per the Trails Master Plan Update) of where restrictions have been identified as per Bylaw 2007-107~~

n) ~~Motorized use of trails within the Somerville Forest Tract are to be consistent with the appropriate trail designations and directions as identified in Bylaw 2007-107 and the Trails Master Plan Update.~~

2.03 All other motorized use is restricted to Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes vehicles for the purpose of enforcement of this by-law and providing trail maintenance and repair and/or for authorized emergency vehicles and other vehicles belonging to registered organizations and authorized by the City of Kawartha Lakes.

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Section 3: Permitted Motorized Use within Somerville Forest Tract

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3.00 No person shall use the trails within the Somerville Forest Tract except for the following:

- a) Motorized use of the trails within the Somerville Forest Tract shall only be permitted on Trails numbers B-104, 339 and 340 or commonly referred to as the Marsh Trail, Millennium Trail, Maconachie Trail, Boiler Trail, Mud Run Trail, OFTR Single Track and Somerville Trails.
- b) Permitted motorized use will be restricted to ~~Snowmobiles use, ATVs, ROVs use and two-wheel ORMsff Road Motorcycles.~~
- c) All ATV's, ROV's and ~~ORMsff Road Motorcycles~~ will meet those designations as prescribed under the Highway Traffic Act, Regulation 316/03.
- d) No person shall operate an ATV, ROV, ORM or Snowmobile without proper licensing and insurance.
- e) No person will operate a motorized vehicle without permit or being a member of the KATVA, OFTR or OFSC- or reciprocating organization.
- f) No person shall operate a Snowmobile, ATV, ROV or ~~ORMff Road Motorcycle~~ in the Somerville Forest Tract between April 1st and April 30th, inclusive.
- g) No person shall operate a ~~s~~Snowmobile in the Somerville Forest Tract from April 1st to November 30th, inclusive.
- h) No person shall operate an ATV, ROV or ORM in the Somerville Forest Tract from December 1st of one year to April 30th of the following year.

Section 7.02, By-law 2010-062, effective April 27, 2010

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~~2.03 All other motorized use is restricted to Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes vehicles for the purpose of enforcement of this by-law and providing trail maintenance and repair and/or for authorized emergency vehicles and~~

~~other vehicles belonging to registered organizations and authorized by the City of Kawartha Lakes.~~

Section ~~43.00~~: Uses Prohibited in Certain Areas

~~43.01~~ No person shall operate an ATV ~~or ROV~~ on the following sections of the VRTC:

By-law 2019-055 effective March 26, 2019

- a) Between Logie Street in Lindsay, North to Thunder Bridge Road;

~~43.02~~ No person shall operate an ~~ORM~~ ~~ff Road Two-Wheeled Motorcycle~~ on the following sections of the VRTC:

- a) South of ~~the Superior Road: Trailhead Concession 7 at Burnt River~~
2013-034, effective February 12, 2013

~~43.03~~ No person shall operate an ROV on the following sections of the VRTC:

- a) South of Northline Road

By-law 2019-089 effective May 21, 2019

Section ~~54.00~~: Road Route Access (ATV Only)

By-law 2019-055 effective March 26, 2019

~~54.01~~ Fenelon Falls – North to South Road Access Route

VRTC to Garnett Graham Park, east on Francis Street to Colborne Street, south on Colborne Street to Lindsay Street, East on Elliot Street and South on Murray Street to VRTC.

~~54.02~~ Fenelon Falls – South to North Road Access Route

VRTC, North on Murray Street, West on Elliot Street to Lindsay Street, north on Lindsay Street to Colborne Street, west on Francis Street to Garnett Graham Park to VRTC.

~~5.03~~ Any other road route access to the VRT for ATV and ROV use refer to Bylaw ~~2024-08549-077~~ and Bylaw 2022-032.

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~~54.034~~ All road use will be governed by the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O.1990, c.H.8.

Section ~~65.00~~: Season of Use Restrictions

~~65.01~~ No person shall operate a Snowmobile, -ATV, ROV or ~~ORM~~ ~~ff Road Two-Wheeled Motorcycle~~ on municipal trails linkages ~~the VRTC~~ between April 1 and April 30, inclusive.

By-law 2019-055 effective March 26, 2019 ~~2013-034, effective February 12, 2013~~

~~65.02~~ No person shall operate a ~~S~~ snowmobile on municipal trails linkages ~~the VRTC~~ from April 1st to November 30th.

~~65.03~~ No person shall operate an ATV, ROV or ~~ORM#-Road-Two-Wheeled Motorcycle~~ on ~~the municipal trails linkages~~ VRTG from December 1st of one year to April 30th of the following year.

~~6.04~~ No person shall operate an ATV, ROV or ORM on the Millennium Trail from December 1st of one year to June 1 of the following year.
~~By-law 2019-055 effective March 26, 2019 2013-034, effective February 12, 2013~~

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~~65.0654~~ **Delegation of Authority for Trail Closure:** The Director may impose any conditions, extensions, restrictions considered reasonable for the seasonal use of City trails, relating to the protection of persons from injury and property from damage. Such conditions, extensions, restrictions may be due to but not limited to weather or scheduled maintenance or improvements.

2014-142, effective April 22, 2014

Section ~~76.00~~: General Provisions

~~76.01~~ No person shall use ~~municipal trails linkages~~ ~~the VRTG~~, including road access, between the hours of 9:30-~~pmPM~~ and 7:00-~~amAM~~, unless by special permit.

~~76.02~~ No person operating a Snowmobile, ATV, ROV or ~~ORM#-Road-Two-Wheeled Motorcycle~~ on ~~municipal trails linkages~~ ~~the VRTG~~ shall exceed a maximum speed of 50km per hour, unless otherwise posted.
~~By-law 2019-055 effective March 26, 2019 2013-034, effective February 12, 2013~~

~~76.03~~ All use of ~~municipal trails linkages~~ ~~the VRTG~~ is limited to a maximum speed of 20km per hour through the urban areas of Bethany, Fenelon Falls, Burnt River, ~~and~~ Kinmount ~~and Lindsay~~. Specifically:

- a) No person shall exceed 20km per hour on the VRTG from Twigg Road to Weston Road in Bethany;
- b) No person shall exceed 20km per hour on the VRTG from West Street South to Northline Road in Fenelon Falls;
- c) No person shall exceed 20km per hour on the VRTG through the community of Burnt River, ~~as posted~~;
- d) No person shall exceed 20km per hour on the VRTG from Austin Sawmill/Heritage Park to the boundary between the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County ~~in area~~ Kinmount.

e) No person shall exceed 20km per hour on the VRTG from Thunder Bridge Road and William Street North in Lindsay;

f) No person shall exceed 20km per hour on the VRTC from King Street to Golden Mile Road in Lindsay;

7.04 No person shall operate a Snowmobile, ATV, ROV or ORM on municipal trails linkages or in the Somerville Forest Tract in a manner that results in environmental damage or destruction of natural areas.

~~6.04~~ 7.05 No person using municipal trails linkages the VRTC shall fail to obey a regulatory sign.

By-law 2023-127 effective July 25, 2023

~~6.05~~ 7.06 KATVA, OFTR and OFSC KLSC shall through it's volunteers assist with the maintenance in, repair, and assist with brush trimming on municipal trails linkages the VRTC, in consultation with the City of Kawartha Lakes requirements, guidance and approval.

By-law 2019-055 effective March 26, 2019

~~6.06~~ 7.07 KATVA and OFTR and KLSC shall under instruction and in cooperation with KATVA apply media for dust control in areas where residence exist in consultation with the City of Kawartha Lakes requirements, guidance and approval.

By-law 2019-055 effective March 26, 2019

~~6.07~~ KATVA shall be part of a City of Kawartha Lakes' Trail Committee to work with other groups in a cooperative fashion to promote safety and enhancements to the VRTC.

~~6.08~~ 7.08 KATVA, and OFTR and OFSC shall take steps to educate and police respective association their its members in order to insure ensure that conduct on the trail and roadways meet both the spirit and content of the by-law.

By-law 2019-055 effective March 26, 2019

~~7.09~~ 8 The City maintains the right to undertake further review or to revoke privileges of KATVA , OFTR and OFSC or any other organization should non-compliance of any of the conditions as set out in this by-law exist.

(2008-089, effective May 27/08)
2013-034, effective February 12, 2013

Section ~~87.00~~: Enforcement and Penalties

~~87.01~~ **Enforcement:** This By-law may be enforced by every municipal law enforcement officer and police officer.

~~87.02~~ **Obstruction:** No person shall hinder or obstruct, or attempt to hinder or obstruct, any person exercising a power or performing a duty under this By-law.

~~87.03~~ **Offence and Penalty:** It is an offence for a person to contravene any provision of this By-law, and every person who contravenes this By-law is guilty of an offence and, on conviction, is liable to a fine in accordance with

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the provisions of the *Provincial Offences Act* and to any other applicable penalty.

87.04 Multiple Offences: The conviction of a person for the contravention of any provision of this By-law shall not operate as a bar to a prosecution against the same person for any subsequent or continued contravention of this By-law.

87.05 Court Order: If this By-law is contravened and a conviction entered, the court in which the conviction has been entered and any court of competent jurisdiction thereafter may, in addition to any other remedy and to any penalty that is imposed, make an order prohibiting the continuation or repetition of the offence by the person convicted.

Section 98.00: Administration and Effective Date

98.01 Administration of the By-law: The Director of Community Services is responsible for the administration of this By-law.

9.02 Repeals: By-Laws 2007-107, 2008-089, 2011-233, 2013-034, 2014-142, 2019-055, 2019-089 and 2023-127 are hereby repealed effective June 24, 2025.

98.032 Effective Date: This By-law shall come into force on the date of passage.

By-law read a first, second and third time, and finally passed, this ~~10th day of April, 2007.~~

Mayor

Clerk