

## **Douro Dummer Council- Feb 14/2023**

Re: 4 wheelers on Ptbo. Cty. Roads in  
Douro/Dummer township

Good morning Mayor Watson and members of council. My name is Weity Hamersma. I am a member and past President of Ptbo. Cty. Trails ATV Club.

My delegation consists of our President Fred Bagshaw and our Vice President Trevor Pewtner. We thank council for the opportunity to voice what county roads we would like in the future. Our club has been established and active for approximately 12 years.

We have club rides to raise money for the Cancer Society and Cystic Fibrosis Society

Monies raised, approx.. \$20,000-30,000. We are part of an organization called the EOTA meaning the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance.

The reason we are here today is to update council on what the county is doing concerning ORVs on county roads.

We have been given permission to drive on some of the county roads in Peterborough county.

I want to stress that does NOT mean ALL county roads in Peterborough County, only those permitted by the townships and on the new maps issued by Ptb. Cty.

Our objective is to go from Trail A to Trail B, for example from Cty Rd 50 parking lot just east of Havelock on as many trails as possible going north to the south boundry of North Kawartha township.

From there, on the shoulders of Cty Rd 6 to the park near Nephton.

Travelling north on the snowmobile trail to Apsley via Jacks Lake for food and fuel is called tourism. To get to North Kawartha township boundry we need 3.3 km of county roads from the northern edge of HBM township to the northern edge of Douro Dummer(DD)

which includes parts of Cty.Rd 44 and Cty. Rd. 6.

We would like to draw councils attention to the liability factor. First of all, on the sides of all 4wheel tires it say 'for offroad use only'.

Why, might you ask. Because it takes the onus off tire manufacturers.

Speeding is a factor on all roads whether it be 4-wheelers, motorcycles, cars etc. How do you educate uneducated people?

The members of our club all have their own insurance as well as club insurance. We ride safely with helmets on and on the shoulder where possible.

Another point I would like to make is Ptbo. Cty. Council would not have approved these roads and sent that approval to the lawyers if they were worried about liability on the roads.

The lawyers obviously would have said 'no, don't pass it'. Ptbo. County Council did not even say 'You guys and gals have a year trial period'... Why? Because they have done their homework asking other counties if there were problems there.

Everyone in this room knows it is old news that a lot of people are riding 4-wheelers on DD township and county roads.

They have since the days of the 3-wheelers. I have to mention that uneducated people do this, mostly without helmets.

Our club has a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to drinking and riding. We ask you please to not put all guys and gals in the same boat. Think of how few incidents the media has reported over the years compared to the thousands of people who ride 4-wheelers.

We as a club and others enjoy the outdoors, Mother Nature, scenery and the comradery that goes with it. Plus, we bring business to other places along the way..

We have asked for a number of these county roads for a number of years. To our surprise we received considerable kilometers more than what was asked for.

As a bit of history I remember the doom and gloom that was predicted when the snowmobilers asked for the same roads, township and county. Not long ago we filled the upstairs room in the Douro Dummer arena concerning the Sunday gun hunt. Again, doom and gloom was predicted by a few people. Nothing bad happened to speak of and we thank past councils for making both legal.

We're asking council to amend the existing bylaw to make it legal to ride Cty. Rd. 44 & 6 to the north 3.3 km. towards Nephton Park.

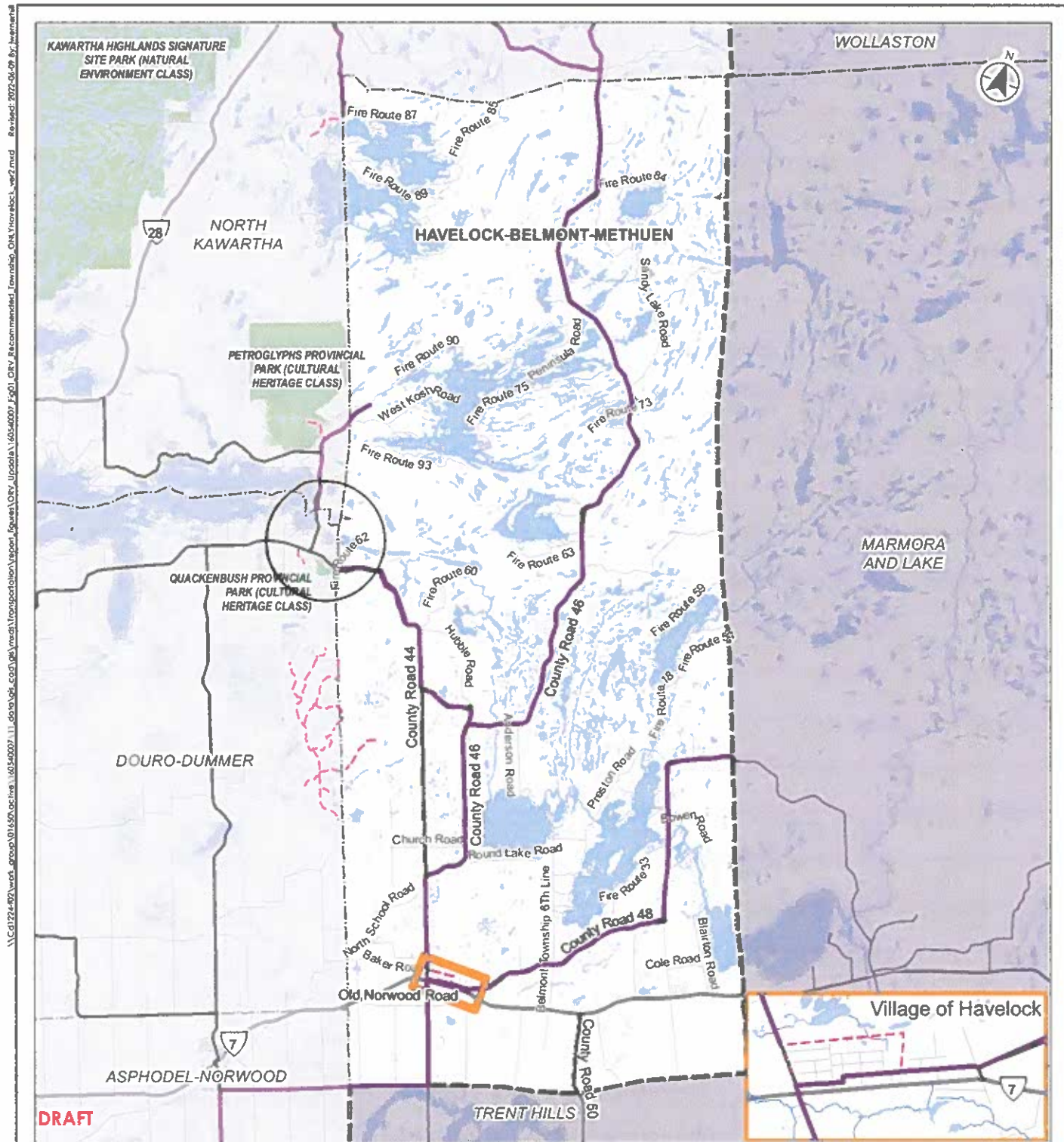
We respect the hours that we are allowed to ride, 8am-9pm and ORVs are not allowed on groomed trails for snowmobiles Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>.

We're asking council to come into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and give us a one-year trial period on this section of road to prove ourselves.

Hopefully in a years time we can re-visit this bylaw and move forward with other roads.

This positive direction will be remembered and appreciated by the present and future generations.

Thank-you for listening



## Legend

- Preferred County Road ORV Route
- Existing ORV Route
- Provincial Highway
- County Road
- Local Road
- County of Peterborough Boundary
- Municipal Boundary
- First Nation Reserve
- Provincial Park

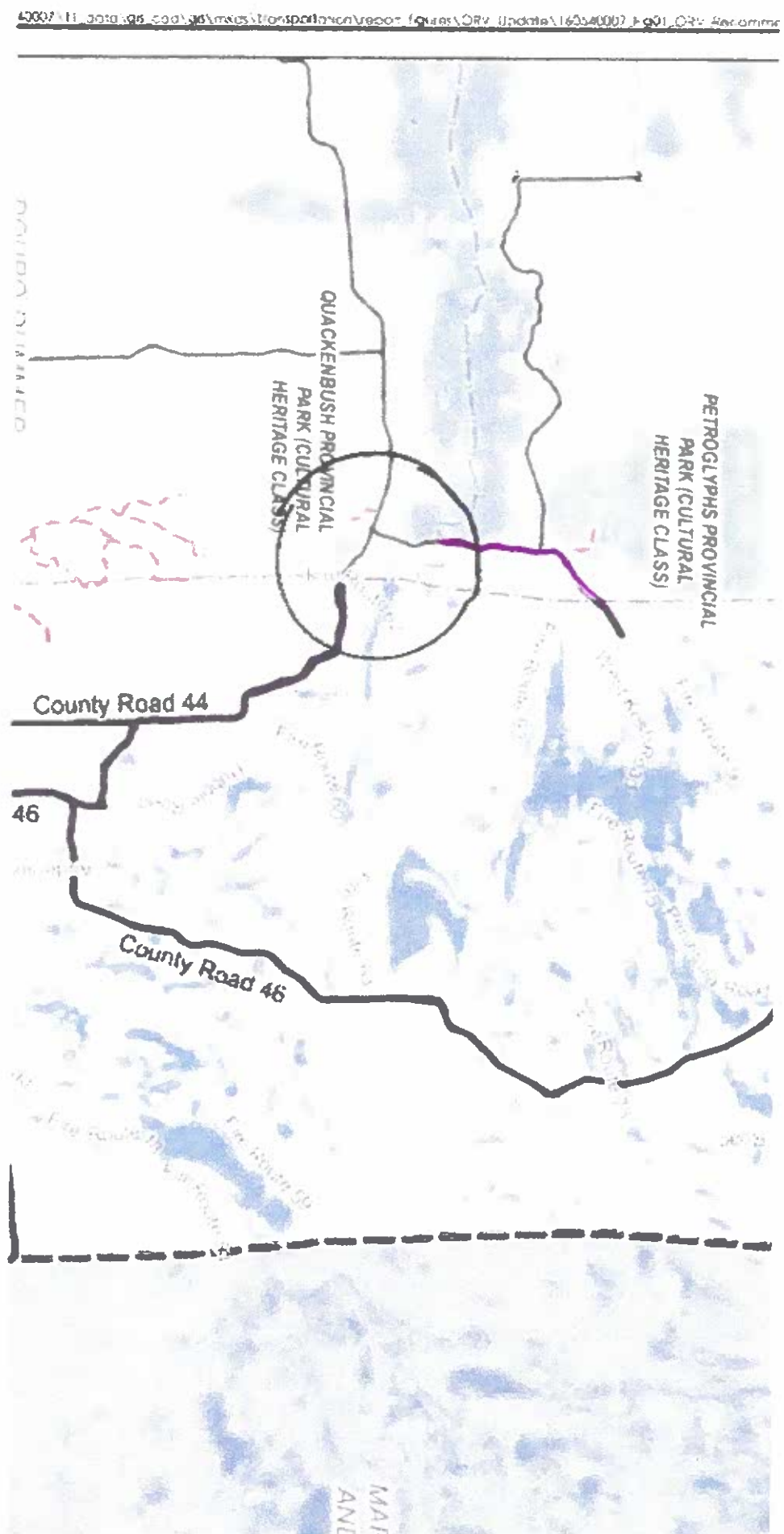
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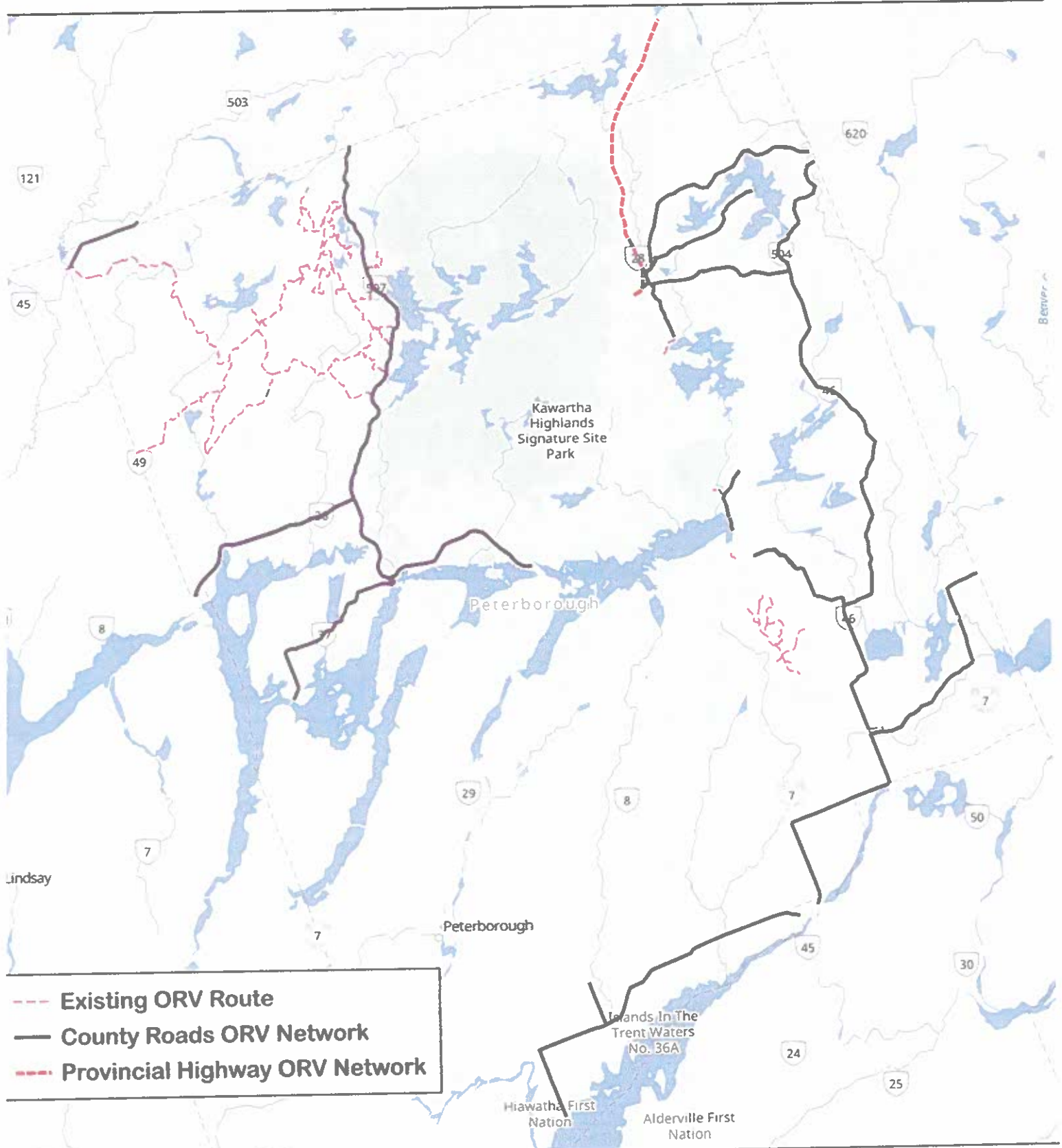
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# County Roads with Permitted Use of Off-Road Vehicles

Refer to By-law No. 2022-61

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