

Recommendation:

That the report to Council, dated March 21st, 2023 from Deputy Mayor Nelson be received and that a letter of concurrence be provided to the County of Peterborough in support of the request from the Peterborough County ATV Club to allow the use ORVs on sections of County Road 6 and County Road 44.

Overview:

At the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 14, 2023, Weity Hamersma of the Peterborough County Trails ATV Club made a request that the Township approve of the use of sections of County Road 6 and County Road 44 to allow riders to travel into the Township of North Kawartha from the County Forest and other nearby trails. In response to the request the Committee passed the following Resolution:

Resolution 004-2023

Moved By: Councillor Vervoort

Seconded By: Mayor Watson

That Deputy Mayor Nelson speak to the County of Peterborough regards the request from Weity Hamersma and bring a report back to Council for discussion. Carried

Conclusion:

I have had a chance to meet with Bryan Weir, Sr. Director of Planning and Public Works for the County of Peterborough regarding the request. In 2022, the County passed a By-law regarding Off-Road Vehicles on County Roads (see attached). The By-law includes the following statement:

Permitted Roads - Permitted County roads that are designated for the use of Off-Road Vehicles are listed in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law and are enforceable as such. Changes to the permitted County roads list listed in Schedule "A" may only be considered upon receipt of written concurrence of the lower tier municipality in which the County road to be added or deleted is located.

For the County to approve the request of the Peterborough County Trails ATV Club to use sections of County Road 6 and County Road 44, the County requires a letter of concurrence from the Township in support of the request. This is the reason that Weity and the Club brought the request forward to the Township about the use of County Roads.