

**Recommendation:**

That the report to Committee of the Whole, dated April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from Deputy Mayor Nelson be received and that staff be requested to bring a report to Council regarding allowing ORVs on Township roads to create a riding loop in conjunction with County of Peterborough Roads for a one-year trial period and that the Peterborough County Trails ATV Club be consulted in the creation of the proposed route.

**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

Further to that Council passed the following Resolution on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023:

**Resolution Number 085-2023**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Nelson

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

That the report to Council, dated March 21<sup>st</sup>, 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. Carried

During the prior term of Council consultants from the County presented route ideas to Council. Township staff at the direction of Council took those suggestions and created riding loops that could be investigated. Council of the day chose to stay status quo on the issue of ORVs.

**Conclusion:**

With changes at the County level and growing ridership in the community, a trial period would allow time to evaluate the introduction of ORVs on Township roads.