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Subject: FW: Pre-Renewal Presentation - Township of Douro Dummer

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Hi - thank you for involving me in this review.

Based on my understanding, the Province of Ontario classifies all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) under a broader classification of off-road vehicles (ORVs); the Province has outlined which highways these ORVs can travel on (e.g. Hwy. 500-899, 7000 series hwy) and not travel on (e.g. 400 series hwy, QEW, sections of Trans Canada hwy). However, it should be noted the Highway Traffic Act, Reg. 316/03, Sec. 4.1 outlines that ORVs may only be driven on municipal roads if the municipality allows it and approves a by-law. Without a by-law, ORVs cannot be driven on municipal roads.

If the Town is considering allowing ATVs (ORVs) on their roads, there are measures they can take to manage the associated risks, which may ultimately limit their exposure to future claims and changes to their insurance premiums.

- **Public Education:** Conduct a public education campaign that leverages various communication channels to disseminate information regarding the new by-law that allows ORVs/ATVs to operate on designated municipal roads. This communication can address the following:
 - Introduction of new by-law
 - Designated roads and trails for use by the ORVs/ATVs
 - Permissible activities
 - Drivers to operate close to the shoulder or on the shoulder of the road
 - Drivers can use the road if there is no shoulder
 - Use of hand signals to indicate turning
 - Non permissible activities
 - No driving in construction zones
 - No driving on the median of the roadway
 - Requirements for drivers
 - 16 yrs. or older
 - Holds valid G2 or M2 license
 - Headlights and taillights must be on at all times
 - Requirements for passengers
 - 8 yrs. or older
 - Requirements for safety measures (e.g. use of helmet and seatbelt) for driver and passenger
 - Responsibility of ATV operators
 - Ride according to road, trail, and weather conditions
 - Ride in designated areas only
- **Signage:** Install signage throughout the municipality that informs road users that ORVs and ATVs are allowed to operate on designated municipal road. This signage can provide the following information to the road users:
 - Speed limits of vehicles vs. ORVs/ATVs

- Designated roads and trails for use by the ORVs/ATVs
- Road sharing between vehicles and ORVs/ATVs
- Maintenance: Establish an inspection and maintenance program that would regularly inspect and maintain the municipal roads and shoulders that have been designated for use by ORVs/ATVs.
 - Establish an inspection policy, which should outline the required frequency and scope of inspections taken to identify safety hazards that require remedial actions
 - Establish a maintenance policy, which should outline the remedial actions, timelines, communication, and documentation associated with the repair and/or removal of any safety hazards
 - Establish a centralized documentation repository to house the inspection reports and work orders

Hope this information helps. Happy to discuss further if needed.

Thanks,
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