



STAFF REPORT

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Report No.: PW-14-2024

Agenda date: May 6, 2024

Subject: Proposed Amendments to Off-Road Vehicle By-law 1597/23

Recommendation:

That Council approves the draft by-law to amend By-law 1597/23, being a by-law to regulate and govern the operation of All-Terrain, Multi-Purpose and Recreational Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) on Highways under the Jurisdiction of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa, as presented; and

That a by-law be brought forward to a future meeting of Council, subject to the County of Renfrew adopting a corresponding by-law, to officially adopt the amendments to By-law 1597/23.

Background:

At the April 22, 2024 Council-In-Committee meeting, the following motion was recommended to Council:

Moved by James Carmody

Seconded by Karen Donovan

*That Council approves Off-Road Vehicle access to all five (5) proposed designated ORV routes on municipal roads without sidewalks or curbing;
and*

That an amendment to the Off-Road Vehicle By-law 1597/23 be brought forward for formal adoption at a future meeting of Council.

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Discussion:

County of Renfrew

Following direction from the Council-In-Committee meeting, staff submitted correspondence to the County of Renfrew requesting the following:

“At this time, in addition to the already approved designated intersections from 2023, the Town of Petawawa is requesting permission from the County of Renfrew to allow ORV access to cross Petawawa Boulevard (CR-51) and Doran Road (CR-26) at the following designated intersections:

1. Laurentian Drive (CR-25)/Petawawa Boulevard (CR-51).
2. Radtke Road/Petawawa Boulevard (CR-51)/Airport Road.
3. Golf Course Road/Petawawa Boulevard (CR-51)/B Line Road/Achray Road.
4. Airport Road/Doran Road (CR-26).
5. Achray Road/Doran Road (CR-26).

Permission is also requested to allow ORV access on the following portions of County Roads:

- Laurentian Drive (CR-25) from 333 Laurentian Drive south to Petawawa Boulevard (CR-51);
- Laurentian Drive (CR-25) from Petawawa Boulevard (CR-51) north to 333 Laurentian Drive (CR-25).
- Doran Road (CR-26) from Evergreen Drive south-east to Achray Road.
- Doran Road (CR-26) from Achray Road north-west to Evergreen Drive.”

The County’s Operations Committee doesn’t meet until May 14, 2024 and the next County Council meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2024. The earliest that an amending by-law could be brought forward before Petawawa Town Council would be on June 3, 2024.

Proposed Amendments to By-law 1597/23

Staff has included the following wording to identify the Algonquin Trail Off-Road Vehicle Access Route and to clarify the route is to be used only to travel from place of residence to the Algonquin Trail and vice versa:

3.10 Algonquin Trail Off-Road Vehicle Access Route

- 3.10.1 No person shall operate an Off-Road Vehicle on a Highway to access the Algonquin Trail from their place of residence, except on a designated route as described in Appendix “C” attached hereto.
- 3.10.2 No person shall operate an Off-Road Vehicle on a Highway to access their place of residence from the Algonquin Trail, except on a designated route as described in Appendix “C” attached hereto.

- 3.10.3 Residents are expected to take the shortest most direct route to access the Algonquin Trail from their place of residence and to return to their place of residence from the Algonquin Trail.
- 3.10.4 It is an offence to operate an Off-Road Vehicle on the Algonquin Trail Off-Road Vehicle Access Route if the destination of the Off-Road Vehicle is other than the operator's/person's place of residence or the Algonquin Trail.
- 3.10.5 No person shall operate an Off-Road Vehicle on the Algonquin Trail Off-Road Vehicle Access Route unless the person resides on the route, or the person is travelling in the same Off-Road Vehicle with a person who resides on the route.

Staff has included a new Appendix "C", Algonquin Trail Off-Road Vehicle Access Route, and the corresponding maps are currently under construction. Once the maps are completed, Council will be provided with copies prior to the adoption of the by-law amendment.

Other minor housekeeping changes are proposed in the draft amending by-law, such as re-numbering sections accordingly and correcting references in Appendix "A" and Appendix "B".

A draft amended Set Fine Schedule has also been prepared.

Financial Implication:

Additional signage will need to be purchased and installed on the main roads of the Algonquin Trail Off-Road Vehicle Access Route along with speed limit tabs. Other signs such as the "off-road vehicle prohibited signs" can be removed and moved to new locations.

Signature:



Date: April 30, 2024

Approved by:



Date: May 1, 2024

Attachment #1: Draft By-law Amendment

Attachment #2: Draft Set Fine Schedule