

**Corporation of the Town of Petawawa**

**By-law 1831/26**

**Being a By-law to Amend By-law 1597/23, By-law 1664/24, and By-law 1755/25,  
Being a By-law to Regulate and Govern the Operation of All-Terrain, Multi-  
Purpose, Recreational Off-Road Vehicles, and Off-Road Motorcycles (ORVs) on  
Highways Under the Jurisdiction of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa**

**Whereas** Section 11 (1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, authorizes lower-tier municipalities to provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public;

**And Whereas** Section 11 (3) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that a municipality may pass by-laws with respect to municipally owned roads, including parking and traffic on such highways;

**And Whereas** Section 191.8(1) of the *Highway Traffic Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, as amended, provides that no person shall drive an off-road vehicle on a highway except in accordance with the *Highway Traffic Act* regulations and any applicable Municipal By-law;

**And Whereas** Section 191.8(3) of the *Highway Traffic Act*, R.S.O. 1990. c. H.8, as amended, provides that a municipality may pass by-laws permitting certain off-road vehicles on highways under the jurisdiction of the municipality and providing speed limits for such vehicles;

**And Whereas** *Ontario Regulation 316/03: Operation of Off-Road Vehicles on Highways*, made under the *Highway Traffic Act*, R.S.O. 1990. c. H.8, as amended, defines an All-Terrain Vehicle and provides regulations governing the operation of All-Terrain Vehicles upon Highways;

**And Whereas** the operation of off-road vehicles on highways is a privilege and not a right;

**And Whereas** the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders submitted a request to Council to allow limited, regulated road access for off-road motorcycles to get riders to and from trails safely;

**And Whereas** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa is desirous of permitting off-road motorcycles the same access as other off-road vehicles to certain roads under its municipal jurisdiction;

**Now Therefore** be it enacted by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa as follows:

1. That 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, be amended as follows:
  - 1.1 That Section 2.1.4 be inserted as follows:

“2.1.4 “Off-Road Motorcycle” means an off-road vehicle, designed primarily for recreational use, that:

    - a. has steering handlebars;
    - b. has two wheels, the tires of which are all in contact with the ground;
    - c. has a minimum wheel rim diameter of 250 millimetres;
    - d. has a minimum wheelbase of 1,016 millimetres;
    - e. has a seat that is designed to be straddled by the driver;
    - f. is designed to carry a driver only and no passengers; and
    - g. does not have a sidecar.”
  - 1.2 That Section 2.2.2 is hereby deleted.
  - 1.3 That Section 3.1 is amended to read as follows:

“3.1 This by-law regulates and governs the operation of all-terrain, multi-purpose, recreational off-road vehicles, and off-road motorcycles (ORVs) on Highways under the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa.”
  - 1.4 That Section 3.5 is hereby deleted.
  - 1.5 That the previous Sections 3.6 to 3.15 are hereby re-numbered as 3.5 to 3.14, including re-numbering the associated Sub-Sections.
  - 1.6 That Appendix “A”, Town of Petawawa Designated Routes, be amended by deleting therefrom “Section 3.8” and replacing with “Section 3.7” thereto.
  - 1.7 That Appendix “B”, County of Renfrew Designated Routes, be amended by deleting therefrom “Section 3.9” and replacing with “Section 3.8” thereto.
  - 1.8 That Appendix “C”, Algonquin Trail Off-Road Vehicle Access Route, be amended by deleting therefrom “Section 3.10” and replacing with “Section 3.9” thereto.
  - 1.9 That Appendix “D”, Routes Excluded from Off-Road Vehicle Access, be amended by deleting therefrom “Section 3.15” and replacing with “Section 3.14” thereto.

2. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect following third reading.

By-law read a first and second time this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

By-law read a third time and passed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Serviss', with the letters 'SS' written to the right of the signature.

Signature of the Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. W. ...', written in a cursive style.

Signature of the Clerk

By signing this by-law on May 4, 2026, Mayor Gary Serviss agrees not to exercise the strong mayor power to veto this by-law, and therefore, this by-law will be deemed passed on the date indicated.