



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: HSATV Agreement Amendment

Date: Apr. 3, 2024

Report Number: PW-2024-04-13

Department: Public Works

File Number: C11 PW 24

Prepared By: John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Attachments: Off-Road Vehicle By-Law, HSATV Agreement, Kinloss Tracts Map, Camping Area Photo 1, Camping Area Photo 2

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives Report PW2024-04-13 prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works;

AND FURTHER approves the request by the Huron Shores ATV Club to construct off-road vehicle trails on Con. 5 Part Lot 20 Kinloss on the north side of Dickies Creek;

AND FURTHER that the appropriate by-laws come forward.

Background:

In September 2020, the Township entered into an agreement with the Huron Shores ATV Club to use the unopened road allowance known as Walker's Line between Bruce Road 6 and Kairshea Ave as part of their ATV trail network. The existing agreement is attached to this report.

In the summer of 2023, Township staff were approached by the Huron Shores ATV Club asking if the Township would allow them to develop new off-road trails that connect to the Kinloss Tracts, which is owned by the County of Bruce, which would be restricted to the north side of Dickie's Creek on the Kinloss Gravel Pit property. A map showing the existing trail in red and the proposed new trail in blue is attached to this report.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Township staff have viewed the property with the Huron Shores ATV Club and Bruce County staff and do not have any concerns with the trails proposed. They are going to be using existing logging trails so any trees that have to be removed will be relatively small in size. There will also be some earth moving required, which will be at the expense of the club. ATV trail permits issued by the Huron Shores ATV Club will be required to access these off-road trails with a motorized vehicle under this agreement.

The County of Bruce has by-law enforcement that patrols the county trails on a regular basis, which will not extend to the Township property. Township staff

discussed the possibility of the County patrolling the Township property as well, but it was eventually decided that this was not necessary. The way the trails will be constructed, it should be impossible to access the trail on Township property without first entering the County property, so any motorized trail users that don't have permits or are causing mischief should be identified by County by-law enforcement. The Huron Shores ATV Club will be patrolling the entire trail network and reporting any issues they identify to the landowners as well.

Since entering into the agreement in 2020, Township staff have been impressed with the professionalism and integrity that the Huron Shores ATV Club has demonstrated, and there are no concerns with this proposal. In fact, this project will address some issues the Township is having with unauthorized use of this property. During our walk though last summer, Township staff observed evidence of unauthorized camping activity on Township property near Dickie's Creek, including a fire pit and a homemade barbeque, which are both a fire hazard and liability concern (see attached photos). This area will be cleaned up by the club and monitored for future authorized use of the property.

Township staff are not concerned about off-road vehicles accessing the gravel pit area because of Dickie's Creek. If the club does see any attempts to cross the creek, they have agreed to install fencing where necessary. There is also fencing around the perimeter of the licenced gravel pit area.

In addition to amending the existing agreement with the club to allow for the use of this property, the Township will also need to amend the Off-Road Vehicle By-Law to include this new off-road trail, and permit requirements.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

Performance Measurement:

N/A

Strategic Area:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for Inclusive Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Encourage strong communication and community engagement

Respectfully Submitted By:

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer