

March 28, 2018 Motion

Off-Road Vehicle Use on Municipal Roadways

Motion No. C180328-13

Moved by Crawford, Seconded by Macpherson

Whereas

- The Township of Oro-Medonte first approved a By-law in 2010 on a pilot basis to allow All Terrain Vehicles access to Municipal Highways. The pilot was successful with the area expanded and reviewed on a yearly basis. Currently, By-law 2013-203 is the most recent regulation to Permit All-Terrain Vehicles to permit ATV access to municipal highways within the following boundaries:
 - Northern Boundary – Hwy 11
 - Southern Boundary – Lake Simcoe
 - Western Boundary – Line 1 South
 - Eastern Boundary – Line 14 South from Hwy 11 to the Railtrail. The boundary then continues from Line 15 South from the Railtrail to Lake Simcoe.

All of the above noted boundaries are clearly depicted on Schedule “B” of By-law 2013-203.

- The ATV access is currently permitted from January 1st through till March 15th of any given year from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM.
- The following municipalities:
 - Township of Innisfil By-law No. 099-05
 - Township of Severn By-law No. 2015-68
 - Township of Ramara By-law No. 2015.49
 - Township of Adjala-Tosorontio No. 11-07
 - County of Simcoe By-law No. 6532

permit the operation of All Terrain Vehicles on certain Municipal Highways under certain conditions. Consultation with elected officials confirm that the implementation has been successful to the extent that they plan to continue permitting the use.

Now therefore, be it resolved

1. That Report No. OCS2018-11, Shawn Binns, Director, Operations & Community Services re: Off Road Vehicle Use on Municipal Roadways in conjunction with Item 9a Sgt. Steve Mihills, OPP Presentation, be received.
2. That Council of the Corporation of the Township of Oro-Medonte support in principle the operation of ORVs (ATV's) on Municipal Highways under certain conditions within the Township of Oro-Medonte for a period of one (1) season.
3. The Township of Oro-Medonte reserves the right to revoke the authorization per the pilot and/or amend the by-law in its entirety, without advance notice.
4. That two (2) Councillors with the Mayor as ex-officio form a taskforce to draft conditions and parameters regarding the use of ORVs (ATVs) on municipal highways, considered in a draft communication plan and draft by-law for Council's consideration with consultation in the Clerk, Director, Operations & Community Services, Township staff and outside agencies as required.
5. That Councillor _____ and _____ be appointed to the ATV Draft By-law Taskforce.
6. And further that the task force report back to Council regarding the status of the draft by-law by April 25, 2018.