

Staff Report to Council

Title: Huron Shores ATV Club Agreement

Report Number: Operations-2025-04

Director: Infrastructure & Development

Manager: Operations

Meeting Date:
Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Date to be considered by Council:
Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Recommendation:

That Council pass a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Huron Shores ATV Club to allow access to an unopened road allowance between Concession 9 and Concession 11 on Side Road 30 Kincardine Township per Report Operations 2025-04.

Executive Summary:

The Huron Shores ATV Club (HSATV) is looking to expand its trail network and is seeking permission to access an unopened road allowance between Concession 9 and Concession 11 on Side Road 30 Kincardine Township as identified on the attached map. The agreement would allow ATV users access from Kincardine to the Bruce County Rail Trail via Side Road 30.

Strategic Priorities:

A.4-Leverage opportunities to attract visitors to the Municipality

Financial Considerations:

Costs associated with this initiative will be at the expense of the Huron Shores ATV Club.

Policy:

N/A

Context and Background Information:

Club president Tyler Johnson presented to Council on January 8th requesting the use of Sideroad 30 in the Municipality of Kincardine, which would allow ATV users access from Kincardine to the Bruce County Rail Trail. The use of Sideroad 30 would provide a short-cut, saving ATV users 15.4 kilometers of road.

The Club currently has access to municipal roads under *Ontario Regulation 8/03*. The club also has access through agreements for private land use, and County lands including the Bruce County Rail Trail. Members are required to purchase a trail pass to access their trail system and funds from permit sales go back into trail development initiatives.

By allowing ATV access, there will be a need to ensure that conflicts do not occur. Well-maintained sightlines, and choke points to slow down users will be incorporated. Signage will be funded and installed by the HSATV Club.

The volume of ATV use on the trail is expected to be low to moderate and there are no plans to promote this activity at the Municipal level, but rather provide an opportunity for Club members to enjoy the property legally.

The Club is also requesting Council's permission to install wayfinding signs (similar to what the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs uses for trail arrows) from South Kinloss Avenue to 1360/1361 Sideroad 30 in Kincardine (the Bruce County Rail Trail crossing on Sideroad 30).

Consultation Overview:

Staff reached out to neighboring residents who were supportive of the initiative. The HSATV Club will continue to communicate with the local community as required. Staff had a legal review of the proposed agreement.

Origin:

Delegation to Council from Huron Shores ATV Club on January 8th, 2025.

Implementation Considerations:

Huron Shore ATV Club will be asked to provide annual updates to Council. Trail inspection reports will also be required and submitted to staff regularly.

Risk Analysis:

The HSATV Club carries a \$15 million Trail Liability Insurance (indemnification).

Attachments: Draft Land Use Agreement

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