

APRIL 09, 2025

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT NO. CW-026-2025

**APPROVAL OF ATV USE ON DESIGNATED COUNTY ROADS: NATION VALLEY ATV CLUB
REQUEST**

**ADEM ADEBAYO, MANAGER
ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS
PUBLIC WORKS**

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends Council grant the Nation Valley ATV Club's request to permit All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) on the following County Road segments:

- County Road 20 from Rock Road to Connell Dr., approximately 250m; and,
- County Road 20 (Townline Road) Between Slater Road and 3085 County Road 20, approximately 450m;

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Schedule 'A' of By-Law No. 15-50 be amended to include the designated County Roads' sections for ATV use.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Minor costs will be associated with signage for the designated ATV routes on Counties' Roads. These costs will be covered within the existing Operating Budget.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

No significant climate change implications are anticipated from permitting ATV use on the designated roads.

ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The ATV routes will enhance recreational access without compromising accessibility for

other road users. Clear signage will ensure that all users are informed of shared road use.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

Clear signage will be installed along the designated ATV routes on County Roads 20. Updates to maps will be made to reflect the approved ATV routes. Notices will also be shared through the Counties' website, social media channels, and local media.

BACKGROUND

On August 14, 2024, the Counties received a request from the Nation Valley ATV Club seeking approval for ATV use on County Road 20 in two (2) different locations. On February 26, 2025, the Municipality of North Grenville passed a motion endorsing the request.

DISCUSSION/ALTERNATIVES

The Highway Traffic Act allows ATVs on roadways if a by-law is passed by the road authority. Counties By-Law No. 15-50 provides operational guidelines for ATVs on County Roads.

Staff have reviewed two road sections in the RLATVC's request, considering factors such as:

- Risk to ATV riders,
- Potential conflicts with other road users,
- Road design suitability,
- Noise pollution.

Following the assessments, staff recommend permitting ATV use on:

- **County Road 20** from Rock Road to Connell Drive (250m);
- **County Road 20** (Townline Road) Between Slater Road and 3085 County Road 20 (450m).

These sections provide vital connections to trails with manageable levels of assessed risk.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Email correspondence between Nation Valley ATV Club (Gerard Savoie), the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville and the Municipality of North Grenville.

The report set out above has been reviewed and the information verified by the individuals listed below.

**ADEM ADEBAYO
MANAGER, ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS**

**MARCH 24, 2025
DATE**

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**MARCH 24, 2025
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**PAT HUFFMAN
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**APRIL 1, 2025
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