

May 5 2016

Mayor Jamie McGarvey and Council Town of Parry Sound 52 Seguin Street Parry Sound, ON P2A 1B4

Dear Mayor McGarvey and Council:

This letter is in regard to the proposed all-terrain vehicle route through the Town of Parry Sound as part of the municipality's Trails Master Plan.

Parry Sound Area Active Transportation is opposed to the use of the Rotary and Algonquin Regiment Fitness Trail as part of this proposed route. It is our position that the addition of these vehicles to an already well used trail adds a potentially dangerous new transportation mode to compete with pedestrian and cyclist use. In addition to the increased potential of collisions between competing trail users, all-terrain vehicles tend to cause damage to trail infrastructure making it less safe for all users.

If Council approves an interim route through town for all-terrain vehicles, our committee would suggest an all road option from William Street to Cascade Street to River Street and then to Great North Road, and that the Rotary and Algonquin Regiment Fitness Trail remain as it was originally intended.

Sincerely yours,

Vendall Fisher

Wendall Fisher, Chair Parry Sound Area Active Transportation

Cc Peter Brown, Director of Public works Taylor Elgie, Principal Planner