

COMMON COUNCIL REPORT

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Service Area	Public Works and Transportation Services

Her Worship Mayor Donna Noade Reardon and Members of Common Council

SUBJECT: Use of All Terrain Vehicles on Saint John Streets

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATION

Public Safety Committee recommends that Common Council amend the Traffic by-law to allow for use of ATV's on sections of public roadways in alignment with the Provincial Highway Usage Permit.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Provincial legislation allows municipalities to authorize, via by-law, the use of All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) on particular city streets within its jurisdiction, if also supported by the Province. At its last meeting, the city's Public Safety Committee received a verbal report from the Lorneville Trail Riders Club that are requesting use of ATV's on certain city streets and a written report from city staff that provided context to consider in the committee's consideration of its support for the request. The streets currently requested for use by ATV's include portions of King William Road, a portion of Paddy's Hill Drive, and the whole of Galbraith Place. Use of these streets by ATVs would support a connected route including off-road trails and use of a Highway 1 overpass, that has been approved by the Province through a Highway Usage Permit. Should Common Council support Committee's recommendation, with the workload on hand City staff intend to return to Common Council in Quarter 2 or Quarter 3 of 2025 with the necessary Traffic By-Law Amendment for consideration, that being to authorize ATVs on the city streets as requested by the Lorneville Trail Riders Club and as recommended by Public Safety Committee.

PREVIOUS RESOLUTION

The correspondence from the Lorneville Trail Riders Club 57, as attached to this report, was referred to the Public Safety Committee by Common Council at its October 15, 2024 meeting.

The recommendation in this report was adopted by Public Safety Committee at its meeting on November 20, 2024.

REPORT

The attached report to Public Safety Committee provides additional context.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

The attached report to Public Safety Committee provides additional context.

SERVICE AND FINANCIAL OUTCOMES

Common Council's endorsements of the recommendation in this report and the subsequent Traffic By-Law Amendments could be considered a trial to confirm the service and financial outcomes of permitting ATVs on city streets.

INPUT FROM OTHER SERVICE AREAS AND STAKEHOLDERS

Input from the Saint John Police Force is incorporated in the attached report to Public Safety Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

City staff report to Public Safety Committee

City staff presentation to Public Safety Committee

Two Referral documents from the Lorneville Trail Riders Club