



Committee Report

Report TR-TAPS-42-16

To: Chair Bell and the Transportation and Public Safety Committee
From: Pat Hoy, Engineering Manager
Meeting Date: July 21, 2016
Subject: ATV Access on Grey County Roads - Schedule A
Status: Report Deferred until August 18, 2016 per Resolution TAPS83-16;
See Addendum to TR-TAPS-42-16 of August 18, 2016

Recommendation(s)

WHEREAS TR-TAPS-37-16 summarized the requests for the use of ATV and Side-by-Side Off Road Vehicles on Grey County Roads;

AND WHEREAS staff was directed on June 23, 2016 to bring forward a by-law and updated memorandum of understanding to permit ATV's and Side-by-Side Off Road Vehicles on all County roads except those listed in Schedule A, to come forward to Committee at a later date;

AND WHEREAS staff have reviewed and modified some of these requests based on input from the Grey County member municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the use of ATV's on County Roads be approved, with the exception of the roads identified in Schedule A;

AND THAT the by-law shall include restrictions on time of day and time of year the use would be permitted (i.e. dawn to dusk between May 1st and November 10th), any signage required, as well identifying any repairs and maintenance required by the Clubs as a result of the permitted uses;

AND THAT this by-law be reviewed following a one year trial period to determine if any revisions to the by-law and memorandum of understanding are required.

Background

Grey County Transportation and Public Safety Committee passed the following motion on June 23, 2016.

WHEREAS a request has been received from the South Bruce Peninsula ATV Club, the West Grey ATV Club, and the Dufferin Grey ATV Club for permission to ride on a number of County Roads, including within the City of Owen Sound;

AND WHEREAS currently ATV's are not permitted on these County Roads;

AND WHEREAS staff have reviewed and modified some of these requests following further discussions with the ATV Clubs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT report TR-TAPS-37-16 regarding the request from the South Bruce Peninsula ATV Club, West Grey ATV Club and the Dufferin Grey ATV Club to approve the use of ATV's on County Roads be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to bring forward a by-law and updated memorandum of understanding to permit ATV's and Side-by-Side Off Road Vehicles on all County roads except those listed in Schedule A, to come forward to Committee at a later date;

AND THAT the by-law shall include restrictions on time of day and time of year the use would be permitted (i.e. dawn to dusk between May 1st and November 10th), any signage required, as well identifying any repairs and maintenance required by the Clubs as a result of the permitted uses;

AND THAT this by-law be reviewed following a one year trial period to determine if any revisions to the by-law and memorandum of understanding are required.

Following the meeting, the Grey County Transportation Services Department forwarded the motion to the member municipalities looking for feedback relating to Grey Roads in their municipalities where ATV and ORV access was not recommended. In addition, review of the network by Grey County staff has also indicated some areas that, for various reasons, are not recommended. These areas are defined in Schedule A of this report.

Grey County roads within the limits of Hanover and The Blue Mountains are included in

Schedule A at the request of those municipalities. The Town of Meaford is in the process of determining which urban permissions will be granted. In addition, the following areas are not recommended by staff for ATV access.

Grey Road 1 from 10th to 14th Street – The existing road is two lane urban road with over 6600 vehicles per day and there are alternative routes to travel into Owen Sound. An ATV travelling at 20km/hr could create congestion issues.

Grey Road 5 from 1st Street SW to 3rd Street A West (Harrison Park Hill) – The steep grade and variable alignment make this route undesirable for ATVs. Owen Sound has prohibited ATVs on Moore’s Hill (which is similar).

Grey Road 18 from Inglis Falls Road to Hwy 21 (Springmount) – Georgian Bluffs council has requested that ATVs be prohibited on this section of Grey Road 18.

Grey Road 30 from Grey Road 32 to Lower Valley Road (Bowles Bluff Hill) – The steep grade and variable alignment make this route undesirable for ATVs.

Grey Road 28 from Concession 2 SDR to Grey Road 4 – This area is located in West Grey but it was felt that if ATVs were allowed to access this portion to approach Grey Road 4, they may be overly tempted to keep proceeding to reach commercial facilities in Hanover.

Outstanding Issues

The Transportation Services Department is working with our insurer and has not yet finalized the signage requirements for the pilot project. Owen Sound has installed signs indicating that ATVs are prohibited on some Grey County roads within the city limits.

Grey County has not yet finalized the agreement with the ATV clubs regarding any potential repairs that may be required.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/Information Technology Considerations

There is an increased liability risk in allowing ATVs and ORVs on Grey County roads. There should be a positive effect for local business and tourism.

Link to Strategic Goals/Priorities

3.1 Partner with sector representatives to support and enhance tourist experiences that strengthen Grey County as a preferred four-season destination.

3.4 Encourage economic and tourism initiatives that support the sustainability, protection, and enhancement of the natural environment

3.7 Continue to implement the Grey County Recreational Trails Strategy and seek opportunities to work with others to expand the county-wide trails network.

Attachments

Schedule A – List of Grey County Roads Where ATVs Not Permitted

Map Showing ATV Routes

Respectfully submitted by,

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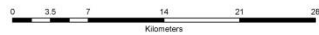
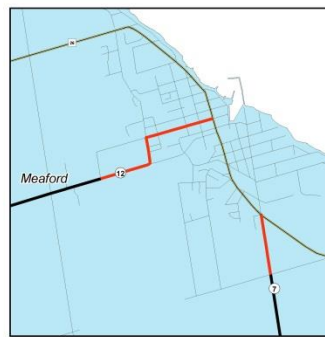
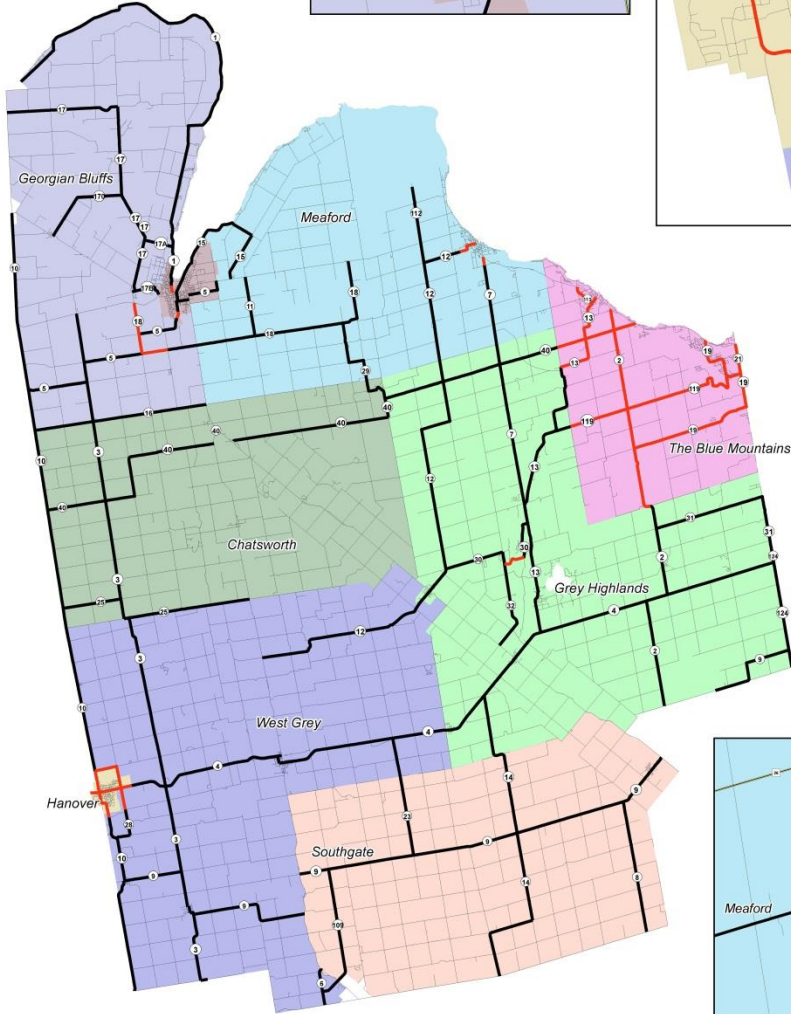
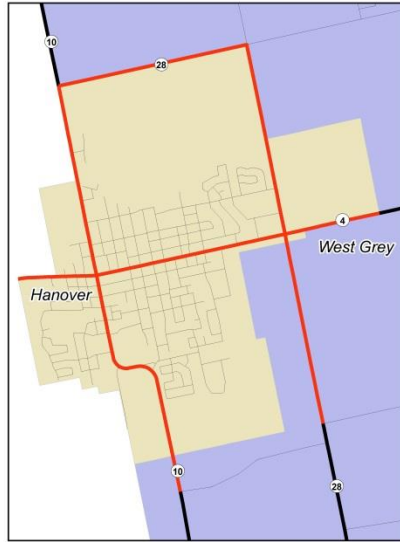
Director Sign Off: *Kim Wingrove, CAO/Acting Director of Transportation Services*

Schedule " A "

Licensed and Insured All Terrain Vehicles will be permitted on all Grey County roads from dawn to dusk between May 1st and November 10th with the following exceptions.

GREY ROAD NO.	FROM	TO
1 (2nd Avenue West, Owen Sound)	10 th Street West (Owen Sound)	14 th Street West (Owen Sound)
2	Osprey The Blue Mountains Townline	Highway 26
4 (10 th Street, Hanover)	East Hanover Town Limits (1.02km East of Grey Road 28)	West Hanover Town Limits
5 (2 nd Avenue East, Owen Sound)	1 st Street SW (Owen Sound)	3 rd Street A West (Owen Sound)
7	Meaford South Town limits	Highway 26
12	7 th Line	Highway 26
18	Inglis Falls Road	Highway 6 and Highway 21 Intersection (Springmount)
19	Grey Road 2	Highway 26
21	Grey Road 19	Highway 26
28	Concession 2 SDR	Bruce Road 10 / 7 th Ave (Hanover)
30	Grey Road 32	Lower Valley Road
119	The Blue Mountains-Euphrasia Townline	Roundabout (Grey Road 19 and Gord Canning Drive intersection)

MAP Showing ATV Routes



<p>— No ATV's Permitted</p> <p>— Grey County Road</p> <p>— Municipal Roads</p>	<p>Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 17N Units: Meter</p>						
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