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Subject: CP Trail Request.

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Greetings Fire and Police

As you may already know, the Dufferin Grey ATV Club is re-approaching Grey County Council later July 23rd of this month to request permission for the SxS (Side by Side seating) ATV's to have access to the same approved portions of trail as the (straddled) ATV's on the Grey County CP Trail and Harkaway forest tract. The request entails permission for SxS's to a Maximum width of 65" .. And gate modifications to allow passage through a 65" opening.. SxS's come in different width segments, 50" 55" 60" 65" and a 72"... The 72" are felt to be too wide for the trail.. The actual Grey County CP trail width, the flat (deck) portion of the trail averages @ 16 to 18 ft across depending on the area of the trail, the former gate posts, now used for signage are 16.5 feet apart center to center, 17 Ft total outside measurement, and are placed on the (deck), these posts held the original 16.5 Ft farm gates used previously. although a few still remain. The stone dust groomed or travelled portion of the trail averages 8 to 12 feet..depending on location. We feel SxS's should be permitted as they are considered ATV's in Ont Reg. 316/03, and should be treated equal as such in off road situations, considerations for other trail users are important as it is a Multi-Use trail.. The club is prepared to install narrow signage in locations to warn of narrow passage, and any safety measures deemed necessary by council. also as in the 2015 gate project where the club provided, installed and funded the gates from Dundalk to Sdrd #80 north of Markdale The gates were then turned over to County's possession.. The club is again in a position to head such a project financially, should the council decide to permit the SxS's to our request. The most important reasoning behind the 65" is that all three... Dundalk, Grey Highlands, Chatsworth Fire departments have EMS/Fire equipped SxS's, also West Grey Police/Fire utilize a SxS. all are from 60 to 65" in width.

In an emergency situation it takes considerable time to stop and open the gates with a key... This time is critical in the case of an medical emergency or fire along the CP Trail, and valuable time is wasted trying to open gates to access the trail, as in time, it is expected the gates to the property line will be fenced off without an available go around... For an Example: if Dundalk EMS/Fire had to go to Proton Station.. 10 gates need to be opened @ 3 Minutes a gate... Half an hour wasted , Grey Highlands to 80 Sdrd... 7 gates @ 3 minutes/per..21 minutes... Chatsworth is similar. In our opinion the SxS EMS/Fire vehicles should have clear non stop drive through access to the trail.

The planning dept. has declined to acknowledge this a critical time period in their assessment of trail standards and conditions.. siting they are too wide for the CP trail.. They have indicated 54" SxS's could possibly be accepted on the trail. on the recreational side, This only covers @ 10% of the SxS vehicles... whereas 65" would permit 85-90% of SxS's access and address the serious time restraint concerns for EMS and Fire.

We ask your support in our request, via a letter to Grey County Council and CC'd DGATV info@dgatv.ca, or return to myself, addressing your concerns in regard to the subject, please list any benefits that would be beneficial to your organization. The time constraints to address a Medical Emergency or Fire while having to stop locate keys and open gates should be exemplified.

We would like to hear your opinion of our proposal, Yay or Nay... We wish to know your concerns, so that we can understand each other's needs going forward.

Thank You for your time.

Tim Allen
President
Dufferin Grey ATV Club.