Staff Report PW2020-020

Title of Report: PW2020-020 West Grey ATV Club Proposed Southgate Roads For Trail Use Request
Department: Public Works
Branch: Transportation & Public Safety
Council Date: March 18, 2020

Recommendation:
Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report PW2020-020 for information; and
That Council approve the West Grey ATV Club Proposed Southgate Roads For Trail Use request.

Background:
Council received a letter from the West Grey ATV Club at the November 6, 2019 Council meeting with the following resolution:

9.2.1 West Grey ATV Club Correspondence re Proposed ATV Trail System - received October 9, 2019
No. 2019-707
Moved By Councillor Dobreen
Seconded By Councillor Shipston
Be it resolved that Council refer item 9.2.1 to Public Works Manager Jim Ellis for a report back to Council on impact.
Carried

Staff Comments:
Staff have been reviewing the request and consulting with the West Grey ATV Club for the proposed Southgate roads for West Grey ATV trail use and concluded one section of Southgate Sideroad 61 between Southgate Roads 10 and 12 would not support a through trail due to being extensively overgrown with trees, a creek and wetlands runs on the unopened road allowance and hydro tower easement concerns. The trail system was modified to not include this section.

The Southgate road sections proposed for trail use are:
South Line from SD RD 49 to SD RD 61
SD RD 50 from South Line to SD RD 61
SD RD 61 from SD RD 50 to Southgate RD 12
SD RD 8 from SD RD 61 to SD RD 41
SD RD 41 from SD RD 8 to Southgate RD 6
Southgate RD 6 from SD RD 41 to Spot Restaurant
SD RD 55 from South Line to Southgate/Glenelg Townline
Southgate/Glenelg Townline from SD RD 55 to SD RD 61
SD RD 57 from Southgate/Glenelg Townline to Southgate RD 8
Southgate RD 47 from Southgate RD 22 to Southgate RD 8
Southgate RD 12 from SD RD 61 to SD RD 57
Southgate RD 10 from SD RD 61 to SD RD 57

As mentioned to the Club, Southgate is not giving permission and or responsibility of any West Grey, Grey County roads identified in the proposal.
Southgate ATV By-law No. 89-2015 supports the use of Southgate roads for ATV travel.

Financial Implications:
There are no financial implications to this report.

Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:
Goal 5 - Upgrading our "Hard Services"

Concluding Comments:
Staff recommends that Council receive Staff Report PW2020-020 for information, and that Council approve the West Grey ATV Club Proposed Southgate Roads For Trail Use request.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dept. Head: ____________________
Jim Ellis, Public Works Manager

CAO Approval: ____________________
Dave Milliner, CAO

Attachments:
Attachment #1 West Grey ATV Club Letter
Attachment #2 West Grey ATV Club Proposed Southgate Roads For Trail Use Map