



Special Town Council Meeting
Council Chambers
Wednesday, July 29, 2026
6 PM

AGENDA

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4. Adjournment

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing to request an opportunity to address Council at the upcoming meeting on July 29, 2026, regarding the second reading of Road Trails Designation By-law No. 06-2026.

I would appreciate being included on the agenda to speak on this item before Council considers the amendment of the by-law. During my presentation, I will provide the results of the petition I conducted throughout the Town of Oxford, submit the petitions and written business comments for Council's consideration, and share my questions and comments regarding the proposed amendment.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your confirmation.

Sincerely,



Glenn Pettigrew
18 Waverly St, Oxford
902-664-8732 nascar.junky@hotmail.com

Good evening, Mayor, and Members of Council.

My name is Glenn Pettigrew, and I am a resident of Oxford, thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak this evening regarding the second reading of the amendment to Road Trails Designation By-law No. 06-2026.

Over the past several weeks, I went door to door throughout the Town of Oxford, visiting virtually every home within the town limits to speak directly with residents about the proposed expansion of off-highway vehicle access to all roads and streets within the Town. While not every resident was home and not everyone chose to sign the petition, I made every reasonable effort to give residents the opportunity to participate.

According to the 2021 Census, Oxford had a population of 1,170 people, with 533 of its 576 private dwellings occupied. Through this canvassing effort, I collected a total of **280 signatures** from Oxford residents.

Of those who signed the petition:

- **207 residents opposed** expanding off-highway vehicle access to all municipal roads and streets.
- **73 residents supported** the proposed amendment.

These petitions represent the views of those residents who chose to participate and are being presented to ensure Council has the opportunity to consider their input before making its decision. This evening, I am presenting copies of the signed petitions. The original signed documents are available should Council wish to examine them.

The responses I received reflected a range of opinions. While some residents support expanding access, others expressed concerns about opening every street and road within our community to off-highway vehicles. My purpose this evening is not to suggest that every resident shares the same view, but rather to ensure that Council has the benefit of hearing directly from the **280 residents who participated in this petition process**.

In addition to speaking with residents, I visited several downtown businesses to ask whether they had experienced any increase in commerce since Main Street and Water Street were opened to off-highway vehicles in October 2024.

Some business owners chose to provide written comments, and I have included copies of those responses for Council's consideration.

Other business owners shared their views during our conversations, and I made notes of those discussions. However, I am not presenting those notes as evidence or as statements of fact because I cannot independently verify their accuracy. For that reason, I have relied only on the written comments submitted by business owners as supporting documentation.

Based on the information I gathered, I have not seen sufficient evidence to support expanding off-highway vehicle access beyond the routes that currently exist. The current designation on Main Street and Water Street already provides a route through our community. Before considering any further expansion, I believe Council should carefully weigh measurable evidence, documented economic benefits, public safety, neighbourhood impacts, infrastructure costs, enforcement requirements, and the views of the **280 Oxford residents who participated in this petition process**.

My request to Council is straightforward. I respectfully ask that Council maintain the current designated routes and not proceed with opening all roads and streets within the Town of Oxford to off-highway vehicles through By-law No. 06-2026.

Before Council votes on the second reading, I would appreciate answers to three questions that I believe many residents are asking.

First, how will amending this by-law to allow off-highway vehicles on all streets and roads within Oxford benefit the citizens of Oxford who do not own an ATV?

Second, has the Town considered whether additional enforcement resources will be required to address increased ATV traffic, speeding, noise complaints, and compliance if this amendment is approved? If so, will additional enforcement officers be available to deal with these issues, particularly in our residential neighbourhoods?

Third, does ATVANS Nova Scotia contribute any funding to the Town of Oxford for the maintenance of the trailhead in South Oxford or toward the maintenance and repair of the municipal streets that would experience additional ATV traffic?

I believe these are reasonable questions that deserve clear answers before Council makes a decision that could have long-term impacts on our community.

Thank you for your time, for considering the information I have presented this evening, and for listening to the voices of the residents and businesses who participated in this process. I would be pleased to answer any questions Council may have.

Regarding the change in the Road Trails Designation By-law to designate each road and street within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Oxford. This will allow the legal use of all Off-Highway Vehicles on your residential roads and streets.

I am in favour of the amendment	I am not in favour of the amendment
Gerald Chapman	Raele Mattinson
Shirley Beaton	Harriet Mattinson
Arthur Riley	Robert W. W. W.
Tim Brown	Judy Mackay
Dad M.	Ruth Rolf
Cecil Hannah	Margaret Rolf
Tracy Sence	Charlotte Little
Kevin Tolson	Eileen L. L.
Wes Prince	Shirley W. W.
Wes Prince	D. W.
	V. W.
	Laurie Dane
	Rebecca Kool
	Ken Fische
	Olin Hatfield
	Mr. Carrick
	Shirley Barock
	Dinesh Bhat

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I am in favour of the amendment	I am not in favour of the amendment
Borgy Phipps	McAlister
Chris Phipps	Wanda S. Taylor
Morgan Phipps	Roman Fortune
Bob M	Lee Fortune
Devin Colpitts	Heather MacDermid
Sam Hill	Angela Phipps
Amanda Weir	James MacDermid
Dan Hill	Barbara Bell
Brad Phipps	Kenn Matheson
Karen Colpitts	R. MacDermid
Bob Hill	Paul Matheson
Andrew S. Knecht	Maurice Smith
Kelly Simpson	Jay A
Kevin MacDermid	Bob
Kevin Patriguin	Mike Bell
Jenny Patriguin	Chal. Bell
Bob Patriguin	David MacDermid
Norma Stalmoors	Nancy MacDermid
Wood	Wood

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I am in favour of the amendment	I am not in favour of the amendment
Keith Baker	Jenna Simpson
Jacy Baker	Carol Benjamin
Allie Clarke	Ayodeji Oshinwa
Marianne Clark	S. Piccirilli
Wendy Chapman	Krista Warwick
Brandon Beaumont	Colin Matthews
Jane Pinner	Dionizio Ching
Mark D.L.	Angela Ching
	Cordrey Wood
	Linda McEneaney
	M. Spencer
	Bonnie Kagan
	Rebecka White
	Sharon White
	Michael Bristol MB
	Charlene C.
	Michelle Perreault
	Mary Lou Phelan
	J. Phelan

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		Shirley Reid
		Charles Munn
		Dail Matheson
		Berndt Ahlberg
		Donna Hebert
		Roy Warham
		Kim Hill
		Lynn Brown
		Margorie A. West
		Bill Biers
		Donna Searle
		Gordon Dobson
		D. Scapellato
		Lucy Gray
		Jack McMan
		John Armstrong
		Conny Harrison
		Marshall Poulton
		Kentley Ratzfisch

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I am in favour of the amendment	I am not in favour of the amendment
David King	Don Smith
Mike C.	Be. Dwyer
J. Brown	R. Pigeon
	C. Grant
	Phyllis O'Hara
	Marilyn Langille
	B. Lapping
	Maime Jenkins
	Jennell C.
	W. C.
	Cathy Fulton
	Don
	Patrick J. Down
	Cheryl Carruthers
	David Reid
	Robin Millard
	David Millard
	John A. Bontor
	Eugene C.

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K. Hines	Tracy Legere
	Brenda Hines
	Shelly Diebren
	Kelen Markenig
	Bruce Bergant
	Jennifer Keirul
	Nicole Anderson
	Jill [Signature]
	Stephen Bray
	[Signature]
	Rachel Hym
	Dale Housley
	[Signature]
	Valerie Gilbert
	Michelle Dean
	Stephanie [Signature]
	Christine [Signature]
	Caren Spruce
	Manuela Spruce

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I am in favour of the amendment

I am not in favour of the amendment

Carrigan Bulmer

Tim Ward

Maggie Lusk

Pythian

Alas Alvar

Alan Heslop

Sharon Black

Beverly Mills

Christopher Mills

Wesley

Sharon Vandenberg

Larry McKee

Don Funn

Bill O'Neill

Shirley Lonsdale

Ranjit Singh

Leanne Roberts

208 Brysons

Debbie Roberts

Greg Roberts

Paul & M. Minney

Carter & Bette

Heather Matheson

John Mottley

Shal Khadka

Manisha Khadka

Radhika Rimal

Lizalyn

Nancy Brown

A. Birt

Edna Birt

Jim Mott

Colin Mott

Sharon Rogers

Paul Rogers

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Dylan Moffat	D. Moffat
Mushka	Alfred King
De	Caleb Dule
P.A. / B.	Climax B.
Hugh A. Fraser	Therese
Mike Wood	Nick Battiste
Donna Miller	J. Purdy
Adam Gabriel	M. / F.
Kristen Maryn Bail	Betsy Hard
Bill Chapman	B. Bell
	Lynn Thompson
	Debbie Thompson
	Dennis
	A.
	Angela
	John
	Stephano
	Linda Lockhart
	Sharon Little

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I am in favour of the amendment	I am not in favour of the amendment
Pat Debnick	Franklin Bell
	Sarena Chopra
	S. Sharma
	K. Sharma
	R. Ryan
	P. Ryan
	Ron Segre
	Brian S. Smith
	Ross Maynard
	Deanna Coory
	Sharon H. H. H.
	Tim Jones
	Janice Lombard
	Gregg S. S.
	Myra Allen
	Stephen Murray
	Randall MacDonnell
	Robert Van Horn
	Lucia Perez Melendez

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I am in favour of the amendment		I am not in favour of the amendment
H.S. Helene Gordon		Matthew Fugate Matthew Fugate
Stephane Ward AS		Dorothy McDonald
Stephane Ward		Helene Gordon
		Liane Reid
		Dorothy McDonald
		Liane Reid
		Patricia White
		M. M.
		Bridget
		Marie McRae
		M. M.
		M. M.
		M. M.
		M. M.
		K. Smith
		Mike Anderson
		Brenda Macneil
		A. McNeill
		Lillian Fugate
		George Fugate

From: Glenn Pettigrew <nascar.junky@hotmail.com>
Sent: July 16, 2026 9:51 PM
To: cfs98@eastlink.ca
Subject: Fw: ATV's

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From: Susan Rector <susanrector1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 16 July 2026 21:00:37
To: nascar.junky@hotmail.com <nascar.junky@hotmail.com>
Subject: ATV's

Sent from my iPhone

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> Hello Glenn,

> I appreciated your comment on Facebook last week regarding the new ATV bylaw that allows access to all streets.

> My first concern is safety & also noise. Many of the streets in Oxford are narrow and don't have sidewalks. Pedestrians will feel unsafe when they hear an engine coming up behind them.

> I wish for a public debate that follows debate guidelines with no name calling allowed. I feel everyone has a right to be heard and Facebook is not the platform for that. Last week I read a comment calling those not in favor of ATVs on the street "haters." But name calling seems to be the norm these days when watching the political events of today.

> Unfortunately I am not able to attend the council meeting on July 29 as we're in Newfoundland. I encourage your group to make a presentation to the council. I have a link re. research regarding ATV use in town limits I'll attach. I think if someone wrote the author he would write a letter regarding the statistics of accidents in a rural area. (My daughter suggested that idea.)

> Best of luck to your group.

> Susan Rector

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Link attached (print out)

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> Sent from my iPhone

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All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) on the Road: A Serious Traffic Safety and Public Health Concern

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Abstract

Objectives: On-road all-terrain vehicle (ATV) crashes are frequent occurrences that disproportionately impact rural communities. These crashes occur despite most states having laws restricting on-road ATV use. A number of overall risk factors for ATV-related injuries have been identified (e.g., lack of helmet, carrying passengers). However, few studies have determined the relative contribution of these and other factors to on-road

Methods: Data were derived from our statewide ATV injury surveillance database (2002–2009). Crash location and crash and injury mechanisms were coded using a modification of the Department of Transportation (DOT) coding system. Descriptive analyses and statistical comparisons (chi-square test) of variables were performed. Multivariate logistic regression analysis was used to determine relative risk.

Results: 976 records were included in the final analysis, with 38 percent of the injured individuals from on-road crashes. Demographics were similar for crashes at each location, with approximately 80 percent males, 30 percent under the age of 16, and 15 percent passengers. However, females and youths under 16 were over 4 times more likely to be passengers ($P \leq 0.0001$), regardless of crash location. Compared to those off-road, on-road crash victims were approximately 10 times more likely to be involved in a vehicle–vehicle collision ($P < 0.001$), 3 times more likely to have a severe brain injury ($P < 0.001$), and twice as likely to have suffered major trauma ($P < 0.001$). Adult operators in on-road crashes were also twice as likely to test positive for alcohol as those off-road ($P < 0.05$). Helmet use significantly reduced the odds of sustaining a brain injury and on-road victims were only half as likely to be helmeted ($P < 0.01$).

Conclusions: More than 1 in 3 on-road crashes involved a collision with another vehicle, suggesting that ATVs on the road represent a potential traffic safety concern. Of note, helmets were associated with reduced risk for the number and severity of brain injuries, providing further support for the importance of helmet use. Finally, even controlling for helmet use, on-road crash victims suffered more major trauma and severe brain injuries than those off-road. Overall, our data reinforce the importance of laws restricting ATV road use and the need for effective enforcement, as well as the need to increase user education about ATV road-use laws and the dangers of riding on the roads.

Keywords:

Acknowledgments

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1:50
Tuesday July 7

Talked to a gentleman at Home Hardware, would not let me leave my (flyer, bulletion) ^(NIC) told me I would have to talk to the owner about whether or not Home Hardware has seen an increase in commerce, whenever he comes in.

July 7 - 2:30.

Four wheel traffic through town has not personally affected my business in any great way, however the noise at night, has affected my personal life. The battery scooter is starting to be a problem on side walks. too fast.

Eric Mosler.

Pizza

Tuesday July 7 3:00 P.M. at Pizza L'Amore owner not present to talk to, gone on vacation for 45 days

Tuesday July 7 3:05 left flyer could not talk to owner at the Drug Store

Scott
Independent
Grocery
Store

Would not comment on paper, but tell me he has one customer that comes to his store about once or twice a week. Did not say where he lived.

Sunset
THRIFT
Store

July 7/26

I Patti Beaton work on the corner of main and water street at the local thrift store in Oxford and do not notice any extra business gained by ATV's being allowed to drive through the town of Oxford

~~Patti~~ Beaton

I have not witnessed any increase in business at my pharmacy as a result of ATVs being allowed on the streets in Oxford

Sara Burckhardt, owner
Oxford Pharmacy

~~Sara~~ July 10/26

I spoke to the owner of Big B Variety. Owner has only been in business for 1 year, could not definitely say if the ATV has helped his business or not. Did not have anything to compare it to.

From: cfs98@eastlink.ca
To: lcloney@oxfordns.ca
Subject: FW: Road Trails Designation Bylaw
Date: July 17, 2026 5:24:30 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Linda, you spoke to Glenn today and said you didn't remember any complaints. Here is one email I sent and I have another one I will forward you after this one.

*Thank you,
Connie Pettigrew*

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Fax 902-447-2814



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From: cfs98@eastlink.ca <cfs98@eastlink.ca>
Sent: June 4, 2024 11:04 AM
To: 'Linda Cloney' <lycloney@gmail.com>
Subject: Road Trails Designation Bylaw

Linda, I am writing in response to the possible passing of this Bylaw. I understand the motivation behind the Bylaw but wonder if Council has given this enough consideration. We have 4 wheelers and dirt bike on our roads now, illegally, and the RCMP are not able to do anything about it. I had a dirt bike pass me a couple Saturdays ago between Home Hardware and Duke street. It was dusk and was a very unsafe thing to do. The bylaw states licensed and insured vehicles will be allowed to travel on designated streets. Who will be policing that? How will you know they are licensed and insured? ATV drivers drink while out on their runs, not all but many, so who will police that. Do we really want these impaired drivers on our roads with our kids and seniors? They will be permitted to drive to Lower Main Market, past our school, where our kids are walking? How does Council possibly think this is a good idea? I personally will hold Council responsible if anyone is injured or killed by an ATV on our streets. I believe this needs serious consideration.

*Thank you,
Connie Pettigrew*

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From: cfs98@eastlink.ca
To: lcloney@oxfordns.ca
Subject: FW: Waverly Street yesterday
Date: July 17, 2026 5:24:58 PM
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[IMG_1236.jpg](#)
[Untitled attachment 01478.txt](#)

Linda here is the second one

Thank you,
Connie Pettigrew

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-----Original Message-----

From: cfs98@eastlink.ca <cfs98@eastlink.ca>
Sent: July 5, 2024 10:21 AM
To: 'Linda Cloney' <lycloney@gmail.com>
Subject: Waverly Street yesterday

Linda, Glenn was working out in the yard yesterday and these two young men were racing up and down Waverly Street. You can see one is only wearing a straw hat. We have lived there for 24 years and have never witnessed this kind of behaviour before. Yes, there are 4wheelers driving past but never this brazen, mid day and racing.

This is most likely the result of the Town's decision to open the roads to these vehicles.

Thank you,
Connie Pettigrew

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From: cfs98@eastlink.ca
To: lcloney@oxfordns.ca
Subject: FW: Waverly Street yesterday
Date: July 17, 2026 5:26:45 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Here is your reply, and you stated you would take it to council. According to the last meeting, June 24, 2026, council was unaware of any complaints and you confirmed there weren't any.

Thank you,
Connie Pettigrew

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From: cfs98@eastlink.ca <cfs98@eastlink.ca>
Sent: July 5, 2024 10:42 AM
To: 'Linda Cloney' <lycloney@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Waverly Street yesterday

Absolutely, I just typed in your name and the email address came up. I didn't even notice. I am so sorry.

Thank you,
Connie Pettigrew

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From: Linda Cloney <lycloney@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, July 5, 2024 10:27 AM

To: cfs98@eastlink.ca

Subject: Re: Waverly Street yesterday

Hi Connie,

I received your email, thank you and will share with council.

For future emails regarding town matters, please use my work email, which is lcloney@oxfordns.ca, just so emails like this don't get lost.

Thank you kindly,

Linda

On Fri, Jul 5, 2024, 10:21 a.m. <cfs98@eastlink.ca> wrote:

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From: [Linda Cloney](#)
To: [Linda Cloney](#)
Subject: Atvs -Glen Pettigrew
Date: June 26, 2026 3:14:23 PM

After listening to tonight's town council meeting I have a few questions regarding the reading of the new proposal to open up all the town streets for atv use. How much commerce has the downtown businesses received since the town council approved the first designated routes through the town of Oxford in October 2024? Are we just playing follow the leader with Pictou ? Has the town of Oxford acquired more policing and are going to make regular patrols on the streets? Does this mean that you need to own an atv in order to drive on the streets of Oxford? Will Oxford become redneck central of Cumberland County? I know this is the 21 century but councils should never pass some laws or bylaws without adequate enforcement and approval from the taxpayers. I own a sxs that is registered in my name, licensed and insured; plus have valid trail passes for N.S. And N.B. not like some of these dirt bikes and atvs that run up and down Waverly Street. Please feel free to reach out to me on this subject while I wait.

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Good evening, Mayor and Council,

My name is Connie Pettigrew, and I am a concerned citizen of Oxford.

I stand before you today alongside the voices of 207 concerned residents of our community. While only a few of us are here in person tonight, we represent many others who share these same concerns.

We elected each of you to represent all residents of Oxford. Tonight, we ask that you take our concerns seriously and make your decision based on the wishes and interests of the community as a whole—not on personal opinions or the views of a particular group of friends or supporters.

Many residents have expressed a growing lack of trust and confidence in Town Hall and Council. This meeting is an opportunity to demonstrate that every resident's voice matters and that you are willing to listen to all perspectives before making your decision.

Many people in our community feel that the decision to proceed with this amendment has already been made. I sincerely hope that is not the case. I understand that not everyone on Council follows Facebook, so I would like to share a few comments that have been posted by residents to help illustrate the concerns that so many people have expressed.

Sarah Devereaux

This was well written and I actually agree with him!! This town does not need to be 100% ATV friendly! Why? The trail literally goes through town and the streets currently approved go from one end of the trail to the other! I don't live in town but I listen to the Yahoo's on my road go up and down it and the trail all night long and all day long. It's disruptive and prevents a peaceful neighborhood. I too have watched people do wheelies and run the 3 way stop almost getting hit and just shake my head because those people aren't "shopping" in town they are taking advantage of not having to be on the trail, and that there's no one enforcing that they are doing said wheelies and screeching through town on their machines!

Council needs to take more time and focus on what's actually wrong in this town, the roads, the lack of businesses and dare I say the increased crime that has been happening! Get your priorities straight, ATVs on all the streets isn't one of them. We don't need to be peer pressured by the cool kids in Pictou we need to focus on making our roads safe and not full of potholes so visitors and tourists want to come and see our town and shop here. If you can't safely drive a car through town why would you want to come back or recommend someone else come here? You don't. I have family visiting this week and they come 1-2 times a year - even they have remarked about the fact that the roads are still not done and they've been coming to visit since 2019 watched as they got worse - now isn't that sad! But yes, let's make our entire town ATV friendly because pretty soon that will be the only thing you can drive on our roads that is safe and doesn't cause damage to the vehicle or health issues to the person!

Kelly Simpson

Like I told Glen, when he stopped in, He is wasting his time, sorry to say, but the town is going to do what they want.

Brenda Arseneault

Kelly Simpson I hear these guys at night revving their engines and speeding down my street it's crazy

Patti O'Neill

The Public Hearing part of it may have arisen from a group of citizens that has met, formed a committee and have a petition to present. 280 Oxford citizens are going to submit. They will have their opportunity to have concerns acknowledged. Go to the meeting. Originally posted July 6. Sadly, if you don't hang out at the post office bulletin board or do FB, we are ill informed people. The town could do better communicating, maybe put that newsletter we are forced to dispose of in some manner to better use. Allow polite public interaction. Shared views.

Toni Anthony

We were just saying how convenient that they decide to do a public hearing with what? 48 hours notice? Also, not everyone has fb or social media

Wyne Beckenhem

Here's what I see, the ATV riders will have their way and the citizens of Oxford will have to suffer, because of the biased position of the Town will side with the loud vocals of the ATV drivers who couldn't care less about their senior neighbours just that they got their own way.

Nancy G Arsenault

I don't think it's kids out at 3 and 4 am.

It's one thing for kids to be out 4wheeling.

But it's a safety issue, when they are doing the speeds on Main and Lower Main Street.

There are other residents in town, who drive, bike, use skateboards, etc.

The skate park is by the bridge.

Lots of kids on bikes there.

Just because the 4wheelers are racing on the streets, doesn't make it right.

I am afraid one of the kids will get hit.

I have lived in the same spot for 47 years

The 4wheelers never drove on the streets, especially at the speeds they are doing now, in the past years.

Jo MacDonald

July 27 at 7:28 AM ·

Glen, some of the Road Trails Act Review committee have a vested interest in this convenience by-law. It will appease their ATV friends for sure.

I've been there trying to indicate to council how their constituents feel. Our council members have probably already made up their minds without even a door knock on the doors of the voters that put them in office.

How does it feel driving through potholes in an ATV, I wonder?

I have personally given up on this town and lost complete faith in the majority of our elected officials and some staff members. Their build it, they will come, spend money to make money philosophy and giving large amounts to a non profit organization, and god knows what else, has left the taxpayers holding the bag.

I truly hope we will see numerous new candidates for Mayor and council in the next election that will interact and be transparent and honest with their constituents

July 27, 2026

To: The Oxford Town Council

RE: BY-LAW No. 06-2026 ROAD TRAILS Designation By-Law

This letter is to inform you, that we are opposed to the new bylaw.

Our reasons are as follows:

1. Noise, no enforcement.
2. We feel the existing laws we have in place now are appropriate. Just not enforced.
3. We cannot enforce the bylaw we have in place now; therefore, we don't understand why we would broaden the access and noise to every street in Oxford.
4. Our roads are for legally licensed drivers, not people who don't hold a valid licence, registration and insurance. Again, **Not** enforced.

Respectfully,

Oxfords Concerned Citizens

Glenn Pettigrew

Connie Pettigrew

Eleanor Mattinson

Peter Maltby

Teresa Simpson

Nancy Arsenault

David Arsenault

Linda Forrington

From: [Brendon Boyd](#)
To: info@oxfordns.ca
Subject: By-law No. 06-2026
Date: July 7, 2026 10:28:31 AM

Mayor and Members of Council,

We are writing as the owners of **Big B's Variety** to express our support for the proposed **Road Trails Designation By-law No. 06-2026**.

As a locally owned business on Lower Main Street, we recognize the importance of creating a community that is safe, welcoming, and accessible for residents and visitors alike. Designating our streets as road trails helps promote active transportation, encourages people to walk and cycle through our community, and supports the continued growth of Oxford as a place where people want to live, visit, and do business.

Oxford has made significant investments in trails and outdoor recreation in recent years. Connecting those amenities through safer, more accessible streets is a logical next step and demonstrates the Town's commitment to healthy, active communities.

We encourage Council to adopt the Road Trails Designation By-law.

Thank you for considering our comments and for your continued work to improve our community.

Sincerely,

Ann and Brendon

Owners

Big B's Variety

460 Lower Main Street

Oxford, NS

Brendon Boyd

460 Lower Main Street

Oxford NS

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Eastlink <emadshade@eastlink.ca>

Date: July 27, 2026 at 9:20:25 PM ADT

To: cmcnutt@oxfordns.ca

Subject: Proposed Bylaw (ATV's)

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed bylaw that would allow all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) to operate on all streets within the Town of Oxford.

I believe this bylaw would be a positive step forward for our community. Allowing ATVs on town streets would provide safe and convenient access to our outstanding trail system, making it easier for both residents and visitors to enjoy everything our area has to offer. It would also benefit local businesses by encouraging trail users to stop in town for fuel, meals, shopping, and other services, helping to support our local economy.

In addition to the economic benefits, I believe this bylaw would make Oxford an even more attractive destination for outdoor recreation. Many communities across Nova Scotia have successfully embraced responsible ATV access, and I believe Oxford has the opportunity to do the same.

ATVs have been part of my life for as long as I can remember. I was raised to respect both the machines and the rules that come with operating them safely and responsibly. The vast majority of riders understand the importance of following the law, respecting private property, and sharing the roads safely with others. This proposed bylaw recognizes responsible riders while providing a practical connection between our community and its trail network.

I respectfully encourage Council to support this bylaw. I believe it will strengthen our community, support local businesses, promote tourism, and improve access to one of Oxford's greatest recreational assets.

Thank you for your time, and consideration.

Emily Adshade

Resident of Oxford, Nova Scotia

Begin forwarded message:

From: Chrystal McNutt <cmcnutt@oxfordns.ca>

Date: July 27, 2026 at 9:48:54 AM ADT

To: Chrystal McNutt <chrystal.mcnutt@gmail.com>

Subject: Fwd: Off Road Vehicle Access to the Town of Oxford

Letter of Support for ATV and Side-by-Side Access on All Streets Within the Town of Oxford

To the Mayor and Members of Oxford Town Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for permitting licensed and insured all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and side-by-side utility vehicles (UTVs) to operate on all municipal streets within the Town of Oxford.

Providing access throughout the entire town would allow residents and visitors to travel safely and conveniently between the trail system and local businesses, services, restaurants, accommodations, gas stations, and recreational facilities without unnecessary restrictions. Full street access would also eliminate confusion over which roads are permitted, making the rules easier to understand and enforce.

Oxford is well positioned to become a destination for ATV and side-by-side enthusiasts from across Nova Scotia and neighbouring provinces. Thousands of riders travel throughout the province each year, and communities that welcome them often benefit from increased spending at local businesses. By allowing access on all municipal streets, Oxford would encourage visitors to stop, shop, dine, and stay in our community, providing a valuable boost to our local economy.

This change would also benefit residents who own ATVs and side-by-sides by allowing them to travel directly from their homes to the trail system, local businesses, or community events without the need to trailer their vehicles. It would improve accessibility while supporting a safe and practical transportation option for recreational users.

I recognize that safety must remain a priority. I encourage Council to adopt reasonable regulations requiring operators to comply with all provincial legislation, maintain appropriate licensing, registration, insurance, and safety equipment where applicable, obey posted speed limits, and operate their vehicles in a courteous and responsible manner. With these safeguards in place, ATVs and side-by-sides can safely coexist with other traffic on municipal streets.

Allowing access on all streets within the town limits would demonstrate that Oxford is a welcoming, forward-thinking community that supports outdoor recreation, tourism, and local economic development. It would provide residents and visitors with the freedom to enjoy our trail network while contributing to the success of local businesses.

I respectfully ask Oxford Town Council to consider adopting a bylaw permitting licensed and insured ATVs and side-by-sides to travel on all municipal streets within the Town of Oxford. I believe this change would benefit our community economically, recreationally, and socially for many years to come.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued service to the residents of Oxford.

Respectfully,

Wade Adshade

Oxford, Nova Scotia

July 16,2026

Dear Mayor Henley and Councillors,

I am writing to express my strong support for the updated Road Trails Designation By-law aimed at expanding off-highway vehicle access to all streets within the Town of Oxford.

As a resident and local rider, a complete opening of town streets is highly practical for me, as I want to be able to legally leave directly from my house to access the trail network. Requiring residents to trailer their machines just to travel a short distance to a designated entry point is an unnecessary barrier. Complete street access allows local owners to enjoy our recreation system responsibly right from our own driveways.

I regularly travel to other provinces where municipal roads are integrated directly into regional trail systems. In my travels, I have seen firsthand how these connections allow riders to safely navigate off the main trails and directly into small towns. These communities successfully balance shared road use, creating a welcoming environment that draws in visitors while keeping safety a top priority.

Transitioning Oxford into a fully ATV-friendly community provides a similar, meaningful boost to our own local economy. Allowing licensed, registered, and insured machines to travel safely from our local trail networks into the downtown core lets riders easily access our local restaurants, gas stations, and shops without unnecessary hassle.

Thank you for your time, leadership, and continued work to support economic growth and smart infrastructure in Oxford. I respectfully urge Council to pass the second reading of this by-law.

Sincerely,

Kelly Milner

From: [Chrystal McNutt](#)
To: [Linda Cloney](#)
Subject: Fwd: Open more street in Oxford
Date: July 28, 2026 11:15:30 AM

Begin forwarded message:

From: lawrence <lawrence_briggs@hotmail.com>
Date: July 26, 2026 at 9:12:35 AM ADT
To: Chrystal.mcnutt@gmail.com
Subject: **Open more street in Oxford**

To Whom it may Concern

I have heard the Town of Oxford is putting forward a motion to open more street for legal ATV use, I strongly support this. Being a former convenience store owner/operator in Oxford and presently one in Springhill I see the very positive financial advantages to business in town. I have been told by many riders, many times they plan their trips on where they can easily access businesses and services.

Regards,

Lawrence Briggs

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From: [Chrystal McNutt](#)
To: [Linda Cloney](#)
Subject: Fwd: Motion To Open More Streets
Date: July 28, 2026 11:15:51 AM

Begin forwarded message:

From: Steven McLelan <stevenmclelan@gmail.com>
Date: July 26, 2026 at 9:11:40 AM ADT
To: Chrystal.mcnutt@gmail.com
Subject: **Motion To Open More Streets**

Attention Mayor and Council,

I understand there has been a motion put forward to open more of the Town streets to ATV/OHV legal use. I believe this is a very positive and progressive move for the Town of Oxford. As an avid rider I put several thousand kilometers on a Side by Side every season in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Quebec. Some of these are day trips leaving from right here in town going to local communities. Other trips are multi day adventures. The common theme for both trips: gas, snack, restaurant, and motel stops are planned around places that have easy and legal ATV routes. Many communities in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Quebec have done this and have reaped the economic benefits.

The second reason I support this motion is that today, I can not legally leave my home on Elm street and ride 200m to Main Street to start my ride. I have to load my side by side on a trailer in my yard and truck to a trail head.

I believe the opening of Main and Water Streets for legal use has been a success, with no official complaints. I think opening the other streets will bring the same positive results. When you go by the Parkview Motel on the weekend and see several ATVs parked outside the rooms for a weekend of local trail riding, that tells you the positive, progressive, by-law already in place is working. Oxford is in the center of the largest completely connected trail system in the Maritimes.

Regards,

Steven McLelan

It just makes sense to me to open them up! People are driving on them anyway. There's ALWAYS going to be someone that'll break a law whether it's there or not, so let's do this and deal with the very select few that break them. It doesn't make sense that I'm a few feet down the road and I have to load a full-size trailer, take a full-size truck just to go that far. We found to unload over south, gets so crowded and that's an accident waiting to happen.

Wendy Chapman

I think it's a good thing. It hasn't really affected the business but there have been no negative effects from what I see. We do have some locals coming to the store. I feel like there is less of the crazy's trying to be illegal. I feel like there is less negative impact since it is legal.

Michelle Redmond

Quebec is widely regarded as one of the most proactive and highly organized regions in North America for off-road vehicle tourism. Driven by provincial law changes under the 1996 *Off-Highway Vehicle Act* and aggressive municipality-led initiatives, hundreds of towns have legally adapted their infrastructure to become "ATV friendly."

The statistics demonstrate how integrating ATVs directly into town networks shapes local economies.

The overarching scale of the quad industry across the province reflects its deep integration into rural communities:

- **Economic Impact:** The quad industry generates an estimated **\$1.5 billion** in total economic impact across Quebec annually.
- **Annual Economic Fallout:** Direct regional economic spinoffs from trail riding account for roughly **\$600 million**.

Why Towns Shift to "ATV Friendly" Bylaws

High Daily Tourist Spend: According to national data, specialized trail tourism acts as a powerful economic engine. Riders spend heavily on immediate requirements—with a notable average of \$179 per day spent on fuel, food, and lodging while touring local communities.

Provincial Support Funding: Becoming an integrated hub allows local non-profit rider clubs to tap into substantial government support. For instance, the Quebec Ministry of Transport distributes over \$7.4 million annually via programs to maintain safety, signage, and trail quality across provincial towns.

NB Communities started this process in 2019. The NB off-highway vehicle and motorcycle sector contributes \$679.7 million in total economic impact to New Brunswick, with \$374.5 million directly tied to tourism output.

Tracadie, Miramichi, Salisbury, Sussex, Bathurst, Sackville, Nackawic and Shediac.

NS Tourism & Economic Impact: Nova Scotia has **34,576 registered 4-wheel ATVs**. The local ATV footprint drives **\$502 million in tourism spending**. This money flows directly into rural gas stations, restaurants, motels, and repair shops.

Our province is 27 years behind Quebec and already 7 years behind NB in this growing trend.

Town of Oxford By-law No. 06-2026

Road Trails Designation By-law

WHEREAS the *Road Trails Act*, SNS 2023, c.4, s. 5(2), permits a municipality to designate a highway or part of a highway that is not owned by the Crown in right of the province as a road trail.

1. SHORT TITLE

This By-law is entitled Road Trails Designation By-law.

2. DEFINITIONS

In this By-law:

2.1 “Act” means the Road Trails Act, SNS 2023, c.4 and any amendments thereto;

2.2 “Highway” means:

- (a) a public highway, street, lane, road, alley, park, beach or place including the bridges therein; and
- (b) private property that is designated to be and is accessible to the general public for the operation of the motor vehicle;

2.3 “Municipality” means the Municipality of the Town of Oxford; and

2.4 “Road Trail” means the shoulder and travelled portion of a highway designated by the municipality pursuant to section 5 (2) of the Act, but does not include a ditch.

3. OPERATION ON ROAD TRAIL

Notwithstanding section 11 of the *Motor Vehicle Act*, a driver may operate an all-terrain vehicle, a dirt bike, or another off-highway vehicle of a class prescribed by the regulations made pursuant to the Act, on a highway or part of a highway that is designated as a Road Trail under this By-law if the driver meets all requirements of the Act and the *Off-Highway Vehicles Act*.

4. DESIGNATION

The Municipality hereby designated each and every road and street within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Oxford as a Road Trail, all pursuant to section 5(2) of the Act.

5. REPEAL OF FORMER BYLAWS

The Road Trails Designation Bylaw 05-2024-2 enacted effective October 10, 2024, is hereby repealed.

Clerk's Annotation for Official Bylaw Book

Date of First Reading: June 24, 2026

Date of Notice of Intent to Consider: June 25, 2026

Date of Second Reading: _____

Date of Advertisement/Notice of Publication _____

Date of mailing to Minister a certified copy: _____

I certify that this Road Trails Designation Bylaw was adopted by Council and published as indicated above.

Linda Cloney,
Chief Administrative Officer

Date

*Effective Date of the Bylaw unless otherwise specified in the text of the Bylaw.