



To: Mayor and Council
 From: Paul McMunn, Director of Public Works and Utilities
 Date: April 22, 2026
 Committee of the Whole Date: April 27, 2026
 Title: Rideau Lakes ATV Club request to amend ATV Bylaw

- For Direction
- For Information
- For Adoption
- Attachment (11 pages)

Recommendation: That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls amend Bylaw 10625-2025 to authorize Rideau Lakes All-Terrain Vehicle Club access on Town streets and municipal lands that currently prohibit access;

AND FURTHER that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute an applicable amending agreement with the Rideau Lakes All-Terrain Vehicle Club as presented in Committee of the Whole report 2026-055.

Purpose: The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Council to amend the applicable existing All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Bylaw and agreement with the Rideau Lakes ATV Club (RLATVC) to accommodate the ability for ATV users to temporarily traverse through the south end of Town on Jasper Avenue between Old Slys Road and Broadview Avenue until RLATVC can secure a permanent solution with other land owners to reinstate unencumbered trail continuity through the broader trail network.

Background: On June 18, 2025, Council received Committee of the Whole report 2025-066 (Attachment 1) which outlined provisions to permit the RLATVC, specifically their membership, access to prescribed Town streets and municipal lands that were previously prohibited access..

Schedule A to Bylaw 10625-2025 lists streets in Town that are prohibited from ATV use, other than crossing the street/road. See Schedule A below.

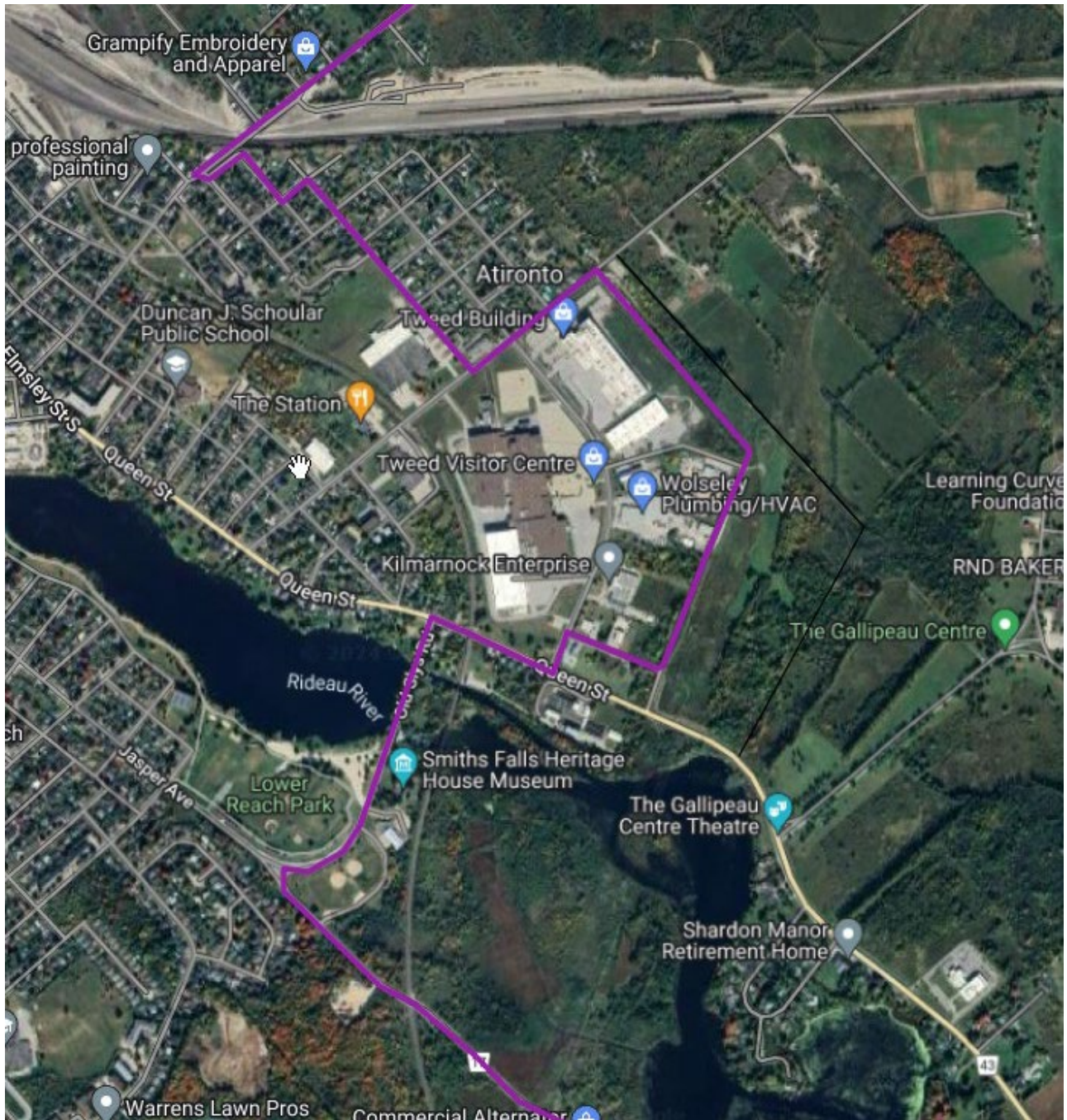
SCHEDULE A TO BYLAW 10625-2025

Street Name	From	To
Cornelia Street West	Elmsley Street North	Westerly Town Limits
Cornelia Street West	Elmsley Street North	Beckwith Street North
Cornelia Street East	Beckwith Street North	Easterly Town Limits
Union Street	Cornelia Street East	Northerly Town Limits
Elmsley Street	Cornelia Street West Intersection	Queen Street
Queen Street	Elmsley Street South	Old Slys Road
Queen Street	Hershey Drive	South Easterly Town Limit
Brockville Street	Brockville/Beckwith./Jasper/Lombard Intersection	Southerly Town Limit
Beckwith Street	Brockville/Beckwith/Jasper/Lombard Intersection	Elmsley Street North
Lombard Street	Brockville/Beckwith/Jasper/Lombard Intersection	South Westerly Town Limit
Jasper Avenue	Brockville/Beckwith/Jasper/Lombard Intersection	Old Slys Road

At that time, RLATVC was also seeking permanent access to the following streets;

- Queen Street (between Hershey Drive and Old Slys Road)
- Old Slys Road (between Queen Street and Jasper Avenue)
- Jasper Avenue (between Old Slys Road and the Town Southerly limit where County Road 17 begins)

Bylaw 10625-2025 also accounted for this permanent access. See image below.



Analysis and Options: The history of recent ATV bylaw amendments (since 2021) is relevant, as the current request from RLATVC is aligned with previous Town permissions. As per RLATVC's presentation, their preferred Option 1 simply extends the use of the roadway on Jasper Avenue from the Jasper Avenue/Old Slys intersection to Broadview Avenue East which is approximately 550 m.

Option #1 (recommended) – Amend Schedule A of Bylaw 10625-2025 to include the approximate 550 m section of Jasper Avenue from Old Sys Road to Broadview Avenue on a permanent basis. The RLATVC is seeking a temporary provision of use of the subject section of Jasper Avenue, however, considering ATV use on Broadview Avenue East is permitted, it makes sense to allow for access on Jasper Avenue from Old Slys Road to Broadview Avenue East . Broadview Avenue East is also a straight alignment from Jasper Avenue to south of Wood Avenue, which potentially would limit traversing of ATV's through more densely populated residential neighborhoods in that area.

Option #2 (not recommended) – Do not support the RLATVC's request and maintain the current provisions of Bylaw 10625-2025.

Budget/Financial Implications: NA

Link to Strategic Plan (2023-2026): NA

Existing Policy: Bylaw # 10278-2021, Bylaw #10279-2021, Bylaw 10625-2025

Consultation: President and Vice president of RLATVC

Attachment: Attachment 1 – COW Report #2025-066
Attachment 2 – RLATVC Proposal

Notes/Action (space for Council Member's notes):

Respectfully Submitted:

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