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Dear Mayor Caul & Council

As a citizen of this town for over seventy years, I think it is time we start taking a different approach to providing activities within the town limits.

As stated in an article in the Fort Frances Times, the Rainy River District OPP and the town of Fort Frances advise the public that the operation of off-road vehicles within the town of Fort Frances is illegal as per by-law #46/15. It's evident that we are one of very few communities in Northwestern Ontario and possibly Ontario in general, where this condition exists.

I believe it's important, if we wish to call ourselves a tourist destination, we must offer people who would come here the chance to enjoy an activity that is available in so many other communities in Northwestern Ontario.

ATV and side-by-side operations are family oriented activities and are not restricted by age or physical ability. If the by-law were changed to allow riders access to the streets within the city limits, it could also provide a less-expensive alternative for transportation to some members of our aging population.

I would be more than willing to discuss this issue in person should you wish further input. Let's work together to create a more tourist-friendly vacation destination.

Sincerely

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