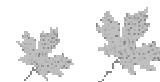

BEAVER VALLEY RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE BY-LAW

On September 27th the Grey Highlands Council gave final approval to its By-law Number 2004-23, a By-law that defines an ATV, indicates hours of use, and lists the roads where ATV use is prohibited.

From the first day when a member alerted the Directors that the Council intended to pass this By-Law, the BVRA have been involved. The turn-around time between news of Council's intentions and our opportunity to make notification and presentations to Council was very short, indeed there was not time to poll our members or send out a newsletter.

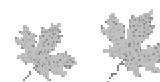
The Directors realized that to ask for a complete ban of ATVs on municipal roads was totally unrealistic, and instead opted for asking that the vehicles be prohibited on the fragile, twisty gravel roads that run over the Escarpment and down into the Valley. We approached the Council on reasons of safety, cost of road repairs, and hardship on the environment. As we were progressing with our presentations, other interested groups, in particular an ATV Club, were also petitioning Council. Two of our Directors attended an ATV Club meeting in order to diffuse the tensions that were rapidly escalating. They were successful in this regard, and at the public meeting held on the issue were able to inform Council that our group and the ATV Club were not at loggerheads. All this facilitated the passing of a By-law that prohibits ATVs from using Graham's Hill, Campbell's Hill, Side roads 7B (East), 7A (West), 10B, and 16C, the roads we had asked for. It is interesting that the OPP petitioned the Council for a total ban of the vehicles on the municipal roads, but this did not happen.

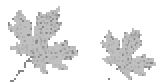
This is not the last we will see of ATV municipal road use. Once all the municipalities have their By-laws in place, Grey County will then formulate theirs!

Your Directors will have a copy of the By-law at the Applefest in Kimberley on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend should you wish to see it.

FIRE DEPARTMENT AND INSURANCE RATES

One of our members discovered that several insurance companies have lower residential insurance rates if the servicing fire department has certain equipment and trained personnel to use it. The BVRA is researching this and will keep you posted as we progress.





BVRA MOVES INTO CYBER SPACE

The Communications Director is in the process of securing a web page for the BVRA. This certainly will facilitate getting important news out to our members. We hope to be up and running by the end of the year.

COALITION OF THE NIAGARA ESCARPMENT (CONE)

The BVRA is now a member of this organization and a Director attends their Directors' Meeting. The organization consists of some 31 organizations, such as the Bruce Trail, Caledon Countryside Alliance, and the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy, to name a few. The organization examines and responds to all government papers relating to the Niagara Escarpment. They are currently contesting the Dufferin Aggregate expansion in the Halton region before the OMB. This group is responsible for the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere signs you see in Halton and Peel Counties and the BVRA is researching installation of these signs in the Beaver Valley area.

MEMBERSHIP

The BVRA now has some 80 plus family members. Please recruit your neighbours! AND, if you join now, or pay your dues after Thanksgiving, your membership will be valid through until the AGM in 2006! The 2005 AGM will be on Saturday, January 29th. Membership forms are available from any Director.

KIMBERLEY APPLEFEST

Saturday, October 9th
10 o'clock till 2 o'clock

slice of pie and coffee
barbecued hot dogs, etc.

PIE, JAM & JELLIES FOR SALE

VISIT WITH BVRA DIRECTORS

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US

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