

Report to Council

Date: 7/14/2025
From: Julia McCaugherty-Jansman, Clerk
Re: Status Update Report – ATV and Property Standards By-laws

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the status update report on the ATV and the Property Standards by-laws.

BACKGROUND

Staff previously brought forth a draft Property Standards By-law to the January 27th Regular Council Meeting. Staff have also been reviewing the ATV by-law in an effort to update the by-law for easier interpretation and clear provisions.

ANALYSIS

Below is the staff update on the updating process on these two by-laws.

Property Standards

This by-law is in a deferred state as of the January 27th Regular Council Meeting. Staff have evaluated other municipal property standards by-laws and safe properties by-laws following the discussions at the Council table. Staff have worked on drafting a Safe Properties By-law, along with the already drafted Property Standards by-law. This will be worked on over the summer months and staff will endeavour to bring both versions to the September 8th Committee of the Whole Meeting to get feedback on which by-law Council wishes to proceed with.

ATV By-law

Staff have reviewed the current ATV By-law that is in place and its amending by-laws. Other surrounding municipal ATV/ORV by-laws have been referenced when working on drafting a new by-law.

At the August 12th, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, the proposed access route for ATV's was approved to be sent to the Counties. In order to be in compliance with provisions and limitations on County Roads within the Village, staff have reached out to the Counties regarding a new draft ATV by-law. The details have not yet been finalized for this agenda, so staff will endeavour to bring a draft by-law to the September 8th Committee of the Whole Meeting for discussion and consideration.

BUDGET/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

CONCLUSION

This report is for information purposes only.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

Submitted by:

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Approved by:

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