



**TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL
ACTION ITEM**

Committee: Council

Date: January 27, 2025

Department: Administration

Topic: 2025 Johnstown ATV Club – Special Event Exemption for Road Network Access

Purpose: To bring forward a special event exemption request from the Johnstown ATV Club to access an additional section of road network for an event on February 22.

Background: Staff received a request from the Johnstown ATV Club on January 20 for a special exemption to permit the ATV Club to use a portion of Rock St. to gain access to an existing, privately owned, farm road. The exemption would allow ATV's access to a local private business for a fundraising event scheduled for February 22.

The Johnstown ATV Club has requested that the section of Rock St., from Crowder Rd. north to the third bend on Rock St., where the road allowance meets the private farm road receive a special exemption to Bylaw 2021-09 road network restrictions for the one-day event. The area requested on Rock St. is approximately 860m in length and outlined in the attached GIS print.

Upon receipt of the Johnstown ATV Club request, staff contacted the property owner and it was confirmed that the February 22 event is scheduled and permission granted for the Club to access the portion of the private farm road allowance from the municipal road allowance.

Policy Implications: The current 2021-09 bylaw to regulate the operation of off-road vehicles/ATVs on municipal highways and unopened road allowances does not address special exemption requests for fundraising events/rides. Council may consider granting such special exemption, by resolution, one time for the event being held on February 22.

Strategic Plan Implications: N/A

Financial Considerations: Minimal financial impact as trail enforcement is primarily accomplished through the combined effort of the trail wardens and OPP.

Recommendation: THAT Municipal Council grant the Johnstown ATV Club a special exemption from the 2021-09 Bylaw to access the designated area on Rock St. on February 22 for the Club's event.



Clerk



Director of Operations