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NEWS RELEASE

Council to consider request to permit All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) on certain County Roads

Picton ON – In response to submissions from a local ATV group and a petition with approximately 700 signatures, the County of Prince Edward is considering passing a by-law which will regulate and permit ATVs to travel on specified County roads. A Special Council Meeting will be held to obtain public input to the proposal on:

Monday, April 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Prince Edward County Community Centre
375 Main Street, Picton, Ontario

Under the proposed by-law, ATVs would be permitted on County roads with the following exceptions:

Year Round Restriction

- All Ministry of Transportation Connecting Links in Picton – Loyalist Parkway, and Bloomfield – Loyalist Parkway and Highway 62
- Wellington Main St - Belleville St to Consecon St
- Picton Main St – from Bridge St to Spencer St
- County Road 3
- County Road 4 - Picton Main St to the Millennium Trail
- County Road 5 - Picton Main St to MacSteven Dr
- County Road 8/Union St – Bridge St to County Rd 22/Church St
- County Road 10 – Picton Main St to County Rd 11
- County Road 22 – Union St to London Ave
- All municipal parks and properties.

Seasonal Restriction – May 1 to October 1 any year

- Loyalist Parkway - from County Rd 64 Carrying Place to Highway 62 Bloomfield
- County Rd 1 – from Loyalist Parkway to Loyalist parkway
- County Highway 11
- County Road 12
- County Road 18 – from Salmon Point Rd to County Road 12 at West lake
- County Highway 49 – from Picton Main St at Spencer St to County Rd 15

The by-law would also regulate such matters as speed limits, times of operation and penalties for contraventions. The by-law, if in effect, would be enforceable by the Ontario Provincial Police and not municipal by-law enforcement staff. A copy of the draft by-law is available on the County website at www.pecounty.on.ca or the Clerk's Office at 332 Main Street, Picton.

"Permitting ATVs on public roads is a controversial topic and we have been receiving comments and inquiries from people on both sides of the issue," said Mayor Leo P. Finnegan. "We want to make sure all interested parties are given an opportunity to make their viewpoints known prior to Council making a decision on this subject."