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## Community reminded that motorized vehicles are not permitted on public parks and trails

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**Welland, ON** – The City of Welland reminds all residents that using motorized vehicles on public parks and trails is strictly prohibited. Those violating by-law 2000-175 face a \$500 fine for the first offence; subsequent offences carry a \$1,000 fine.

City parks and trails are meant for passive use, and motorized vehicles, such as ATVs, can cause damage to the natural state of the areas and pose dangers to those using these areas on foot.

“Use of motorized vehicles in our parks and on our trails creates a safety risk for everyone,” said Rob Axiak, director of community services. “Our parks and trails are critical pieces of social infrastructure, and motorized vehicles cause damage to the landscape. The City will not tolerate the sense of unease motorized vehicles create on trails for the rest of the community.”

The by-law states that vehicle means the following: automobile, motorcycle, motor-assisted bicycle, scooter, trail bike, dune buggy, mini-bike, go-cart, trailer, traction engine, farm tractor, all-terrain vehicle (ATV), motorized snow vehicle, and any other vehicle drawn, propelled, or driven by a power whatsoever.

Signage indicating the improper use of the parks and trails is on-site, and city staff continue to monitor areas where unlawful motorized vehicle usage is reported.

Anyone with questions or who would like to report a concern should contact the Niagara Regional Police.

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