

ATV trail on south edge of town opposed

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The divisive issue of ATV and snowmobile use in town raised its head at the Town of St. Paul council meeting on Sept. 10, based on one resident's concerns that town council was allowing a mechanized trail to run parallel to the walking trail on the south side of town.

Town council is currently working on paving a new part of the walking trail on the closed east/west road allowance, along the south edge of the golf course and past Kendal Stick

Park.

Doug Zarowny presented a letter to council expressing his fears about the new walking trail running parallel to a mechanized trail for ATV and snowmobile users, who currently use the road to get in and out of town.

Although Zarowny is in favour of the walking trail itself, he's worried about the possibility of off-highway vehicles sharing the 35-foot corridor with walkers and bicyclists.

If an ATV was to come speeding up the corridor, Zarowny said he didn't think there was enough room or time

for other trail users, such as a walker, to get out of the way.

"I think there's a lot of potential risk for you guys," he warned town council.

David Shankowski, who attended the meeting, backed up Zarowny's complaints, saying he and his family have seen for themselves the danger of the multi-purpose track lying next to a walking trail in the north part of town, where the Iron Horse Trail and the walking trail share a broader, 90-foot corridor.

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