

# **ATV Advisory Panel**

**Presentation to Priorities Committee**

**February 18, 2009**

**By Dave Bolton, Chair**



# ATV Advisory Panel

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- **The Priorities Committee of Council at its August 8, 2007 meeting recommended the creation of an ATV Advisory Panel to review issues and options related to a potential all terrain vehicle by-law for the City of Greater Sudbury.**
- **The Panel was mandated to host a series of public meetings to gather broad community input and report key findings and recommendations back to City Council.**

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# Panel Members

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- **Councillor Jacques Barbeau**
- **Councillor Russ Thompson**
- **Dave Bolton, Chair**
- **Robert Hanson**
- **Rob Jones**
- **Jean Roy**
- **Cory Smith**
- **Bryan Gutjahr (By-law Enforcement)**
- **David Kivi (Traffic & Transportation)**
- **Sgt Gary Lavoie (Greater Sudbury Police Services)**
- **Eleethea Marson (Greater Sudbury Development Corporation)**
- **Jeff Pafford (Community Development Department)**

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# Summary of Community Meetings

Location	Date	Attendance
Onaping Community Centre (Onaping)	September 8, 2008	50
Lionel E. Lalonde Centre (Azilda)	September 11, 2008	45
Capreol Community Centre (Capreol)	September 15, 2008	35
Tom Davies Square (Sudbury)	September 18, 2008	3
Coniston Community Centre (Coniston)	September 25, 2008	30
Centennial Community Centre (Hanmer)	September 29, 2008	50
T.M. Davies Community Centre (Lively)	October 2, 2008	10

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# Stakeholder Meetings

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- **Sudbury Trail Plan**
- **Rainbow Routes Association**
- **Community Action Networks**
- **Sudbury Tourism Partners**

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# Community Meeting Overview

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- **Review of Highway Traffic Act and legislation**
- **Overview of ATV developments to date in Greater Sudbury**
- **Potential benefits of an ATV by-law**
- **Building a case for an ATV by-law**
- **Completing questionnaires**
- **Identifying streets that could or shouldn't allow ATVs**
- **Identifying potential trail opportunities and destinations**

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# Questionnaires

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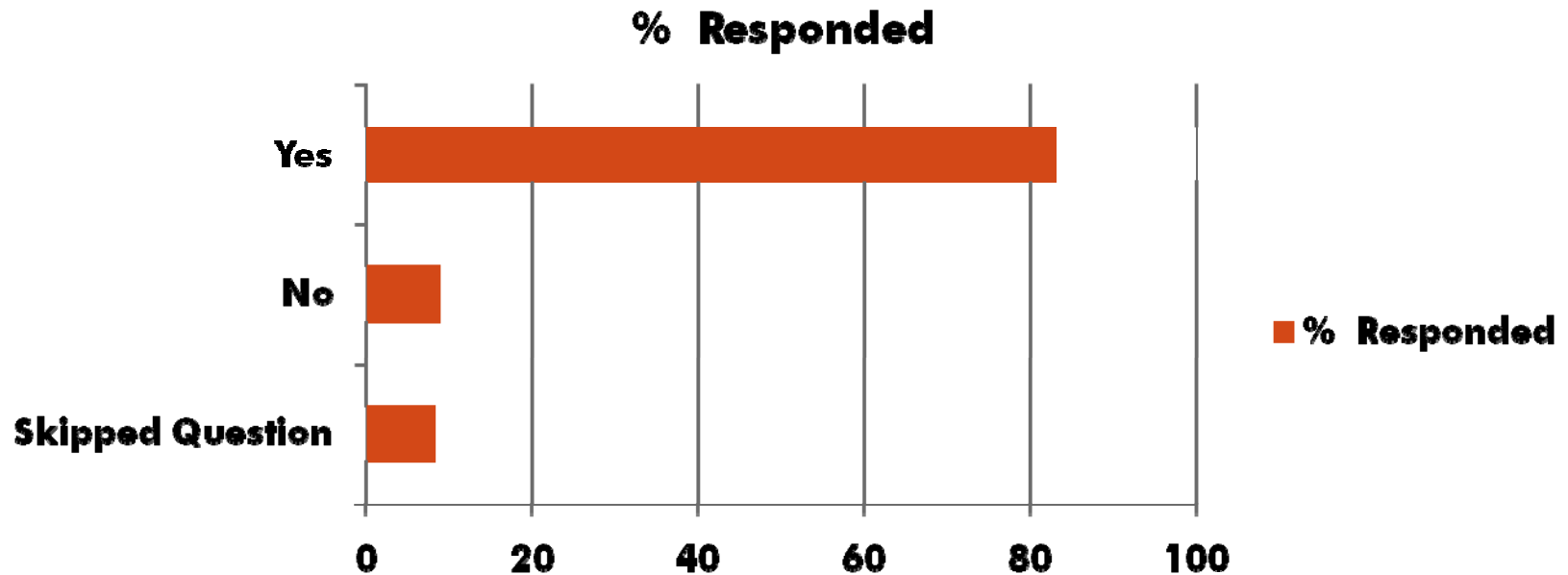
- **Options to complete following meetings and online**
- **272 total respondents**
- **Approximately 120 questionnaires completed online**

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# Highlights of Questionnaire Results

**Do you support the use of public roads by ATVs?**



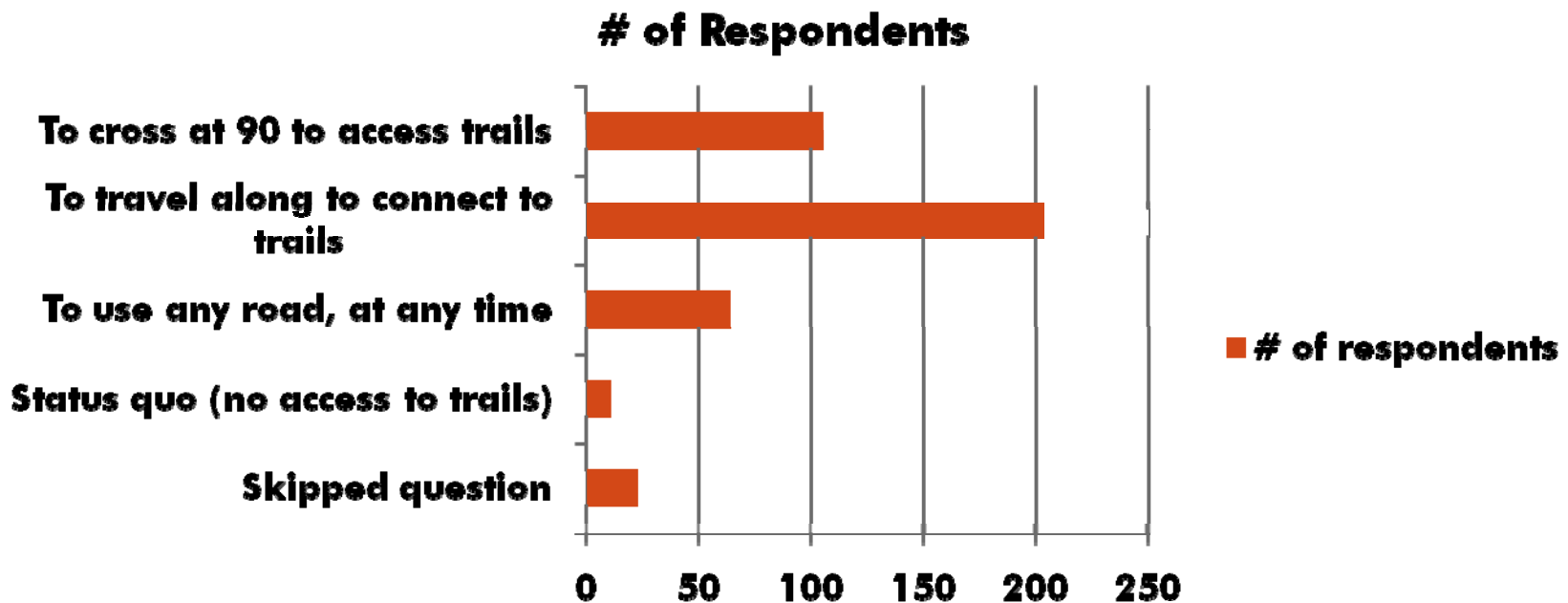
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# Highlights of Questionnaire Results

**Under what circumstances would you support the use of public roads by ATVs?**

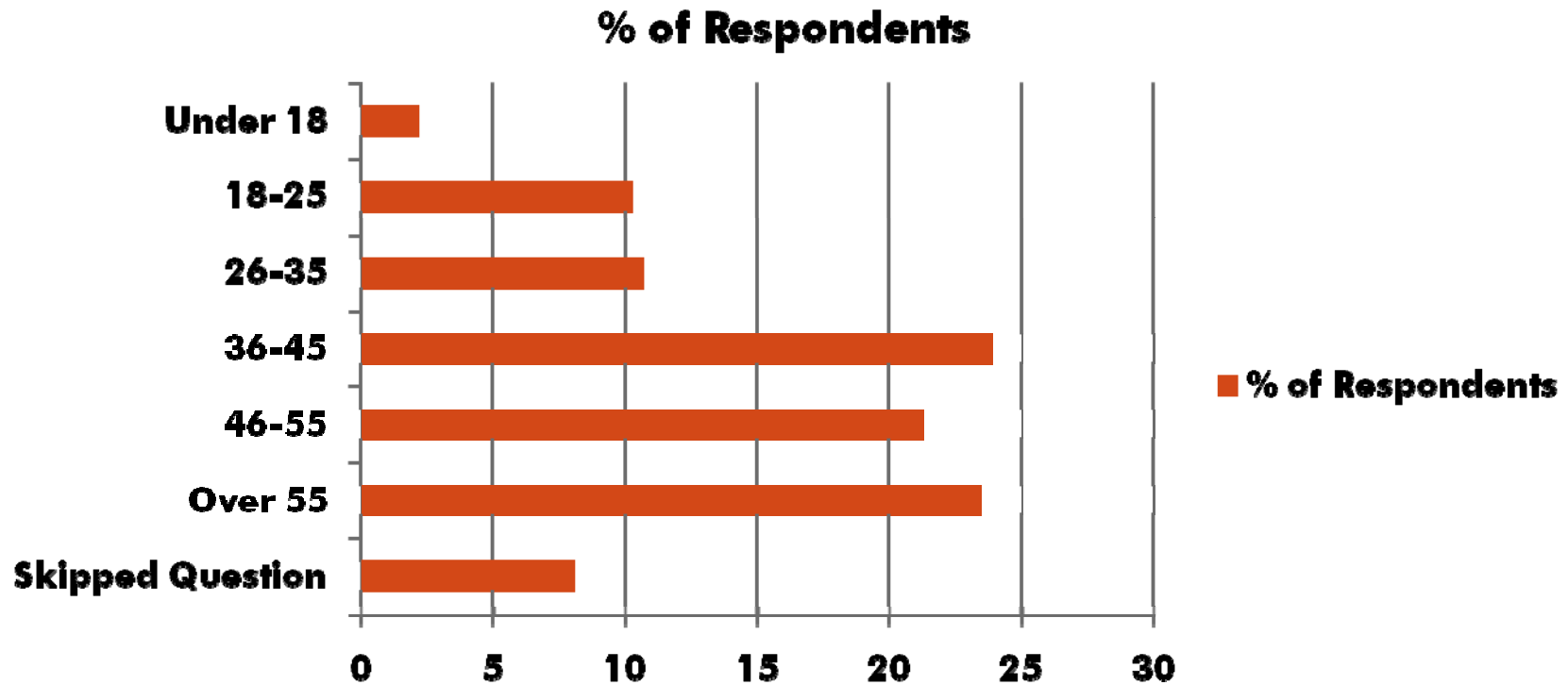


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# Highlights of Questionnaire Results

## Age of respondents



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# Main Issues Identified

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- **speed of ATV's using roads**
- **noise of ATV's**
- **drivers without proper license or insurance**
- **unauthorized use of private land**

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# Elements of an ATV By-Law

- **Limit the time of day in which an ATV can legally ride along municipal roads.**
- **Limit the season (time of year) in which an ATV can legally ride along municipal roads.**
- **Prohibit operation of ATVs on any municipal property (parks, playgrounds, arenas, etc.)**
- **Prohibit operation of ATVs on sidewalks, boulevards, bicycle lanes, etc.**
- **Prohibit operation of ATVs on any school, university, college properties.**
- **Prohibit operation of ATVs on any non-motorized trails.**
- **Owner of the ATV would be convicted for any offences.**

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# The Case for an ATV By-Law

- **In January 2007, the Constellation City Report, called for the development of a comprehensive by-law to govern the use of ATVs within the City of Greater Sudbury. It also stated that:**
  - **The by-law should be flexible enough to reflect differences between communities within the city**
  - **The by-law should respect the principles of community safety and environmental protection**
  - **The by-law should discourage unauthorized use of private property.**
  - **The by-law should consider and facilitate potential tourism development.**

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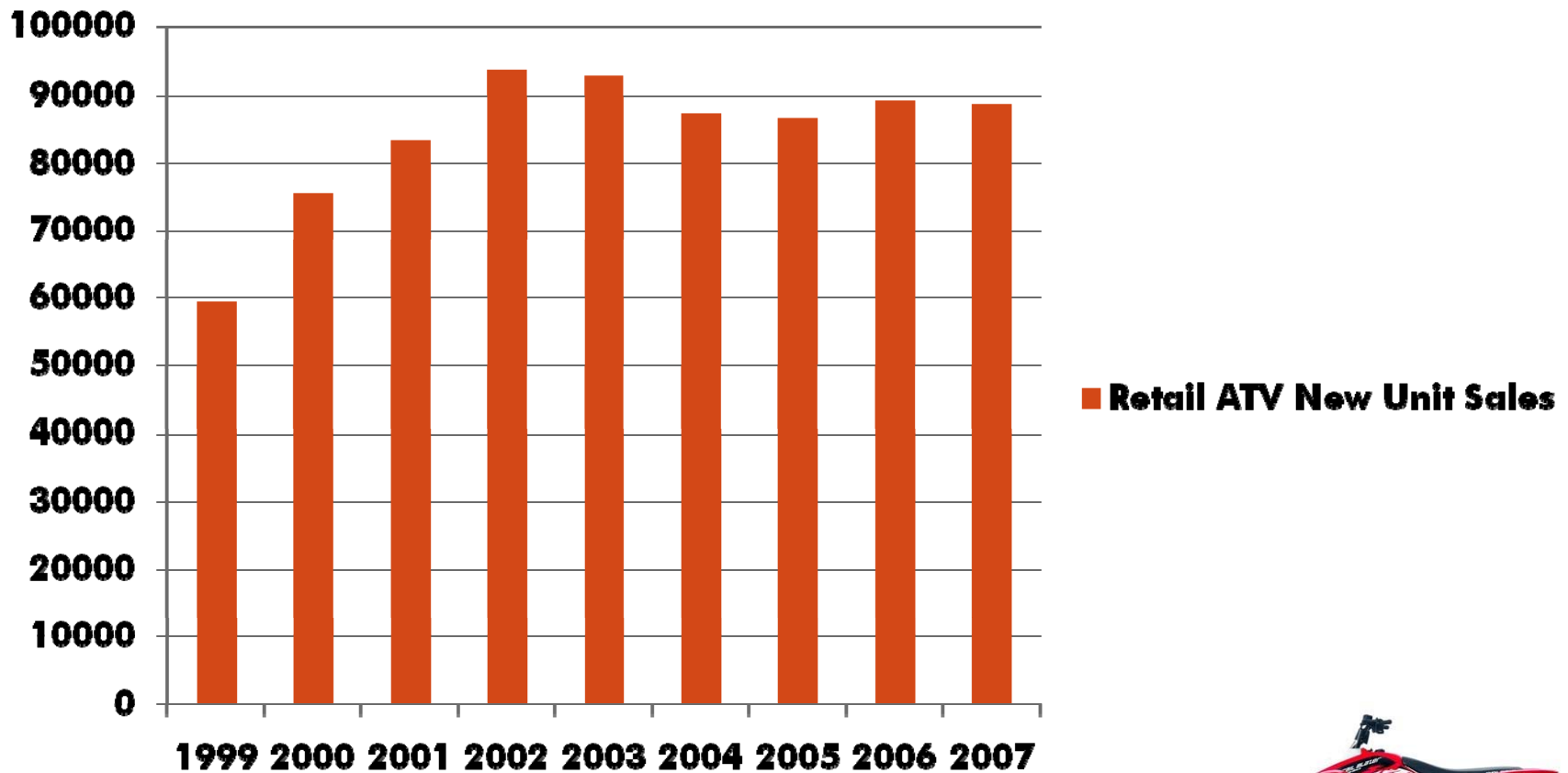
- **In 2005 Canadians Spent \$3.3 billion on ATV activities**
- **24.9% was spent on accommodations / meals**
- **25.4% of expenditures was for new ATV's**
- **24,000 Canadians are involved serving ATV user**
- **Total ATV sales 2006 were 89,006 units**
- **Total number of ATV's currently in Canada is in excess of 1 million**
- **Total ATV sales in 2007 were 88,477 units**

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# Retail ATV Sales

## Retail ATV New Unit Sales

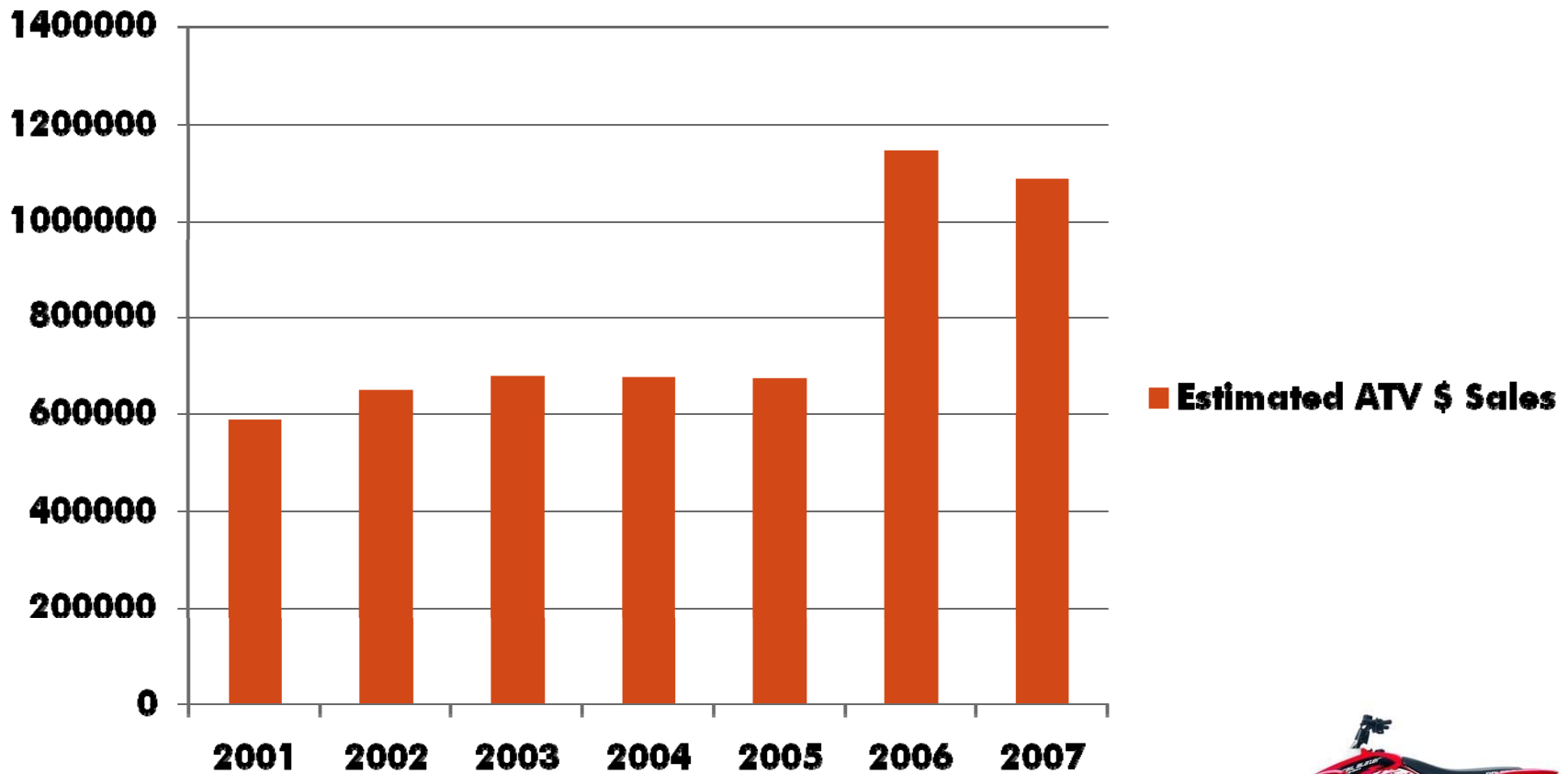


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# Estimated ATV Retail Dollar Sales

**Estimated ATV \$ Sales**



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# The Case for an ATV By-Law

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- **In a 2008 poll by Q92, CIGM and Easy Rock asked 2 questions. They had a total of 2352 respondents.**
- **Question 1) I think Sudbury should create an ATV trail system – 82.6% Agreed.**
- **Question 2) I think Sudbury should pass a by-law allowing limited road access to trails – 71.8% Agreed**

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# OFATV Developments

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- **Member of All Terrain Quad Council of Canada (AQCC)**
- **Canadian Off-Highway Vehicle Distributors Council (COHV)**
- **Effective January 1, 2009 OFATV entered into a reciprocation agreement with the Province of Quebec's ATV Federation (FQCQ). OFATV members with a valid permit on their ATV will have access to all of FQCQ trails. Valid FQCQ permits holders will be allowed on all OFATV trails.**
- **The OFATV signed a memorandum of understanding between the Canadian off Highway Vehicle Distributors Council (COHV) and the National off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) its USA counterparts**

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# Next Steps

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- **The Highway Traffic Act (Ontario Regulation 316-03, Section 191.8) states that the Council of any municipality may pass by-laws permitting the operation of off-road vehicles with three or more wheels and low pressure bearing tires on any highway within the jurisdiction of the municipality, or any part or parts of any such highway.**
- **The Highway Traffic Act also allows individual municipalities to prescribe lower rates of speed and to specify the season ATVs are permitted, as well as the hours of day ATVs are permitted through the development of a by-law.**

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# Next Steps

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- **The ATV Advisory Panel is requesting to work with City of Greater Sudbury staff, the Greater Sudbury Police Services and other key stakeholders to draft an ATV by-law to be brought to City Council for review and consideration at a later date.**

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**Thank you.**

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