



Yukon Legislative Assembly

Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

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Hon. Sandy Silver
Premier
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Dear Premier Silver,

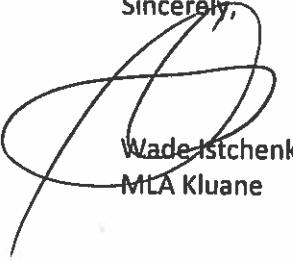
Last night I attended the public meeting in Haines Junction on the proposed regulations for Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) use. I was quite pleased with the turnout, which presented a great cross-section of our community with over 50 people in attendance.

The staff in attendance made great effort to explain the plan to regulate backcountry ORV use, but were met with a resounding majority of attendees who are in opposition to these regulations going forward. A number of concerns were shared by attendees, and I committed to sharing these concerns with you directly:

1. There is a level of skepticism among residents around the reasoning for these regulations being pushed through by government.
2. Recreational ORV users and resident hunters feel as though they are being unfairly targeted in a Yukon-wide approach. While there are specific areas that may require increased protection, regulations should be limited to those areas.
3. There was specific opposition to legislating registration, insurance and license plate requirements for ORVs.
4. There were questions raised around the creation of a management zone in the Whitehorse area and the pressures that will put on rural areas.
5. People are concerned that the government is taking away opportunities to hunt and play.
6. A key concern brought forward was the idea that instead of focusing on managing sustainable harvesting levels of animal and fish populations, the government is taking an approach to put all the burden on hunters and ORV users.

I have spoken with many Yukoners who have shared the same issues. They are very concerned about what these changes will mean to them and their families while reducing hunting and recreation opportunities in the Yukon. I urge your government to take these concerns very seriously, and to ensure any steps your government takes respect the voices of my constituents.

Sincerely,



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