

Nov 4, 2021

Mayor Foster and Council Members

The Jury Lands Foundation would like to express our support for the motion before you Nov 8, 2021 at the General Governance meeting regarding ditching along the west side of Lambs Road adjacent to the Jury Lands/Camp 30/Training School for Boys property.

The impact of the ditch and berm as requested would be most impactful stretching from Concession Street in the south to the natural waterway north of the North Gate on the property along Lambs Road at a minimum. There has been increasing vehicular traffic on the site causing damage and potential liabilities due to injuries that could occur to legitimate trail users. Besides the physical damage caused, this is very worrisome behaviour.

We would propose that the better option would be a 24 hour security guard who can prevent trespassing and damage by their on-the-ground-presence, but the cheaper option is ditching which should prevent most stunt driving, racing and 4-wheeling.

We appreciate that the ditch and berm would be most helpful in limiting easy access by cars and trucks. We believe though that it would also make a visible and significant statement that unauthorized use of this private property is unwelcome. Any way of minimizing further damage, and destructive and disrespectful behaviour would be helpful so after much thought, the idea of ditching as a deterrent seemed the most effective and cost-effective way of making a difference. By creating a berm with the dirt, trucking it away would be a cost that would not have to be realized as is often the case when ditches are improved.

We appreciate your consideration on this matter and would be satisfied with deferring the use of boulders to the following year pending how effective the ditching was in reducing vehicle use on the property.

Respectfully,

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On behalf of the Jury Lands Foundation Board.