

Dear Arran Elderslie Council members,

Paisley June 13th 2025

Once again I am writing about the natural path connecting the rail trail to Church street in Paisley.

I am very saddened that since the motion to install barriers and a sign indicating the area being off limits to motorized vehicles/ATVs , the situation has worsened .

ATV users have mowed down the sign, no barriers have been installed and the ground has become so widely churned up , that even for a nimble bodied person the access has become hazardous.

I do understand that in an amalgamated municipality the area of oversight is vast, the issues endless and not every council member can possibly be familiar with a local situation , especially if it does not **seem** to have an economic impact. Additionally rhythms and movements are different for people who live on a farm or rural town.

Once again a natural pathway in and around town from point A to point B that requires little maintenance, is worth more than a dedicated rectangular park as it represents a connection , access to a different perspective, a shared sense of place and belonging and free movement on common ground.

This is especially true since we want to densify our communities, which will eliminate green space.

Our community has valued tolerance for diverse aesthetic expressions, different priorities and lifestyles, however I would submit that what is displayed on the Western path behind Paisley is a contempt for the common, a show of the need to dominate and the absence of social thinking. Do we not suffer enough of this kind of bullying already?

I respectfully ask the council to follow up on the motion, barring motorized vehicles from the rail trail - Church street connection by remounting the sign , putting up a barrier and fining infractions (There are "wild life " cameras). Thank you for your attention , Sibylle Walke

