

BYLAW AREAS OF MAIN CONCERN

There are a few areas of concern, however, minors driving golf carts, e-bikes, dirt bikes & ATVS continues to be a growing concern. We've had several reports & staff witnessing of motorized vehicles being operated recklessly by individuals who are too young to legally drive them. These types of vehicles must be operated responsibly & in accordance with local bylaws and, most importantly, provincial traffic laws. Parents & guardians are urged to ensure that youth are not operating these vehicles unsupervised or illegally. It is important for residents to understand that many of the rules governing these vehicles come from provincial traffic legislation. These are not simply Village rules that Council can choose to enforce differently. If you are operating a golf cart, ATV, e-bike, etc. on a public roadway, you are required to follow the applicable provincial traffic laws and regulations. That includes things such as age requirements, the number of occupants permitted, where and how the vehicle can be operated, licensing or registration requirements where applicable, and the rules of the road.

It is also important to recognize that people were already driving golf carts in the community before the Village's golf cart bylaw came into effect. The purpose of creating the bylaw was not to suddenly introduce golf carts into the community. They were already here. The goal was to provide some structure and awareness around their use and, most importantly, to make sure people understand the rules they are expected to follow. The bylaw is intended to provide clarity, establish expectations and encourage responsible use.

Without a bylaw, many residents may not even know what the requirements are. The hope was that the majority of people would follow the rules, and the majority of residents do. This isn't a situation where everyone operating a golf cart or other motorized vehicle is disobeying the rules. However, there are still people who choose not to follow the rules, and those situations create safety concerns for the whole community.

If you see a golf cart or ATV being operated in a way that you believe is unsafe or contrary to the law – for example:

- An underage person operating the vehicle where they are not permitted to do so;
- Too many people riding on a golf cart;
- Failing to follow traffic signs or other traffic laws;
- Unsafe or reckless operation; or
- Any other activity that appears to violate provincial traffic requirements

Please contact the RCMP and report it.

The RCMP are responsible for enforcing provincial traffic laws. If residents are seeing ongoing issues, the more information and reports the RCMP receive, the better they can understand where and when problems are occurring and determine where enforcement is needed.

Reporting isn't about trying to stop people from enjoying golf carts or ATVs. These vehicles can be part of our community, but they still need to be operated safely and legally.

We thank everyone for doing their part. By continuing to report issues, respecting bylaws & knowing which authority to contact, we can all contribute to a safer, well-managed community.