



Staff Report

Report Title: 2023 Golf Car Pilot Project Annual Report

Prepared By: Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

Department: Legislative Services

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Attachments: None

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CLK-2024-02 prepared by Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk.

Background:

Ontario Regulation 407/21 Pilot Project – Golf Cars sets out the broad regulatory framework to allow golf carts on roads on Pelee island and in Huron-Kinloss and includes operator and vehicle requirements.

On August 16, 2021, Council approved participation in the Golf Car Pilot and passed By-Law No. 2021-90 being a By-Law to Regulate Golf Car use within the Township of Huron-Kinloss.

Discussion:

Golf car registration officially opened on September 7, 2021. The annual fee to obtain a golf car permit is \$50.00. Once registered each person receives a decal to adhere to their golf car indicating that they are currently registered in the pilot project with a sticker of the current year of registration, the rules and regulations to operate a golf car in the Township, a copy of By-Law 2021-90 and a frequently asked questions brochure. Residents can access all the information on a dedicated page on the [Township webpage](#).

2023 registrations totalled 99 with 30 new registrations and 69 renewal registrations. As in previous years, we anticipate that registrations will increase for 2024 as more residents become aware of the pilot and can register for an entire season.

Registration in the Golf Car Pilot Project is renewable annually and golf cars can be on the roads from April 1 to November 30 each year.

Comments on the project were down in 2023 with only two emailed comments. One concerned about the safety of the carts on Boiler Beach Road and one in support of the project.

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) requires data from the municipality to evaluate and determine any potential amendments that may be required to the project. The Township of Huron-Kinloss is required to provide any information annually by March 1 of each year of the pilot to the Ministry. The report on the pilot project will be submitted prior to March 1, 2024 and will include the number of registrations and any comments and feedback we received about the project.

Renewal letters regarding registering for the 2024 Golf Car pilot project will go out in February. Ongoing communications regarding the project will continue throughout the year using various channels including the Township website, social media posts, direct mail-outs and electronic newsletters. The South Bruce O.P.P also provide education to the public on safety and regulations for operating a golf car under the Highway Traffic Act.

Financial Impacts:

The fee for the golf car permit covers the cost of the administration fees to offer the program.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone by being accessible for those with disabilities.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer