



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: 2024 Golf Car Pilot Project Annual Report

Date: Jan. 13, 2025

Report Number: CLK-2025-03

Department: Legislative Services

File Number: C11 CLK 25

Prepared By: Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

Attachments: None

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receive for information Report CLK-2025-03 as prepared by Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk.

Background:

The Golf Car Pilot Project has been in effect since August 16, 2021 when Council approved participation in the Province of Ontario pilot project. The project is regulated under the Ontario Regulation 407/21 Pilot Project – Golf Cars. The regulation sets out the framework to allow for golf cars on roads in Pelee Island and the Township of Huron-Kinloss. The pilot project is a 10-year project.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

The Township of Huron-Kinloss completed the 4th year in the Golf Car Pilot Project in 2024. In 2024 there were 124 golf cars registered in the project with 37 new registrations and 87 renewal registrations.

The registration fee has increased from \$50 per year to \$60 per year for 2025. Each car registered in the project receives a decal to adhere to the car indicating that they are registered in the project with a validation sticker indicating the year that they are registered for. The participant also receives the rules and regulations to operate the golf car within the Township, a copy of By-law 2021-90 Regulate Golf Car Use within the Township of Huron-Kinloss, a copy of frequently asked questions and a brochure. All of this information can also be accessed on the [Township website](#).

Registration in the project is renewable annually and cars can be on roads from April 1 to November 30 each year.

Renewal letters for 2025 registration will go out in February.

Ongoing communication about the project will continue throughout the year using various channels including the Township website, newsletters and social media posts. The South Bruce O.P.P also provide public education regarding safety and regulations for operating a golf car under the Highway Traffic Act.

Comments are encouraged. 2024 staff received a call regarding safety, speed and a request for more police enforcement and a call regarding cars without permits,

careless driving and unlicensed youth drivers. Other comments received included multiple concerns about golf cars safety on Boiler Beach road, cars not yielding to pedestrians in neighbourhoods, youth drivers, alcohol on cars and over maximum passengers and golf cars on the beach.

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) requires data from the municipality to evaluate the project and determine any potential amendments that may be required. The Township of Huron-Kinloss is required to provide information annually to the Ministry by March 1st. The report will include all comments received and registrations.

Financial Impacts:

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

Performance Measurement:

N/A

Strategic Area:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for Inclusive Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Facilitate Community Well Being

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer