

Area of focus	Proposed Regulations in the Pilot	Comment
1. Vehicle registration Options	<p>Registration is not required however the MTO would need to track the vehicles e.g. by issuing business licences.</p> <p>Data must be remitted to the province annually</p>	<p>The registration process is a concern to staff as under the <i>Municipal Act</i>, we do not have the authority to register vehicles. Vehicle registration and associated safety requirements are under provincial jurisdiction. Staff will need to engage with our Solicitor to determine if there is an alternate method available.</p> <p>Staff is suggesting that we could request the public to voluntarily participate in the pilot and provide the details to the Township. Those participating will receive surveys and questionnaires in order for the Township to meet remittance requirements of the pilot.</p>
2. Licensing and operator requirements	<p>Driver must have a valid A, B, C, D, E, F or G licence</p> <p>Cannot carry passengers under the age of 8</p>	<p>Staff support this requirement as it ensures that the drivers are aware of the rules of the road and will reduce and safety concerns surrounding children travelling in golf carts.</p>
3. Allowed to Travel	<p>Permitted only on Roads with a maximum road speed limit of 50km/hr.</p> <p>Must be operated in the right-most lane</p>	<p>Staff supports allowing golf carts to travel on roads that have the speed limit of 50 km/hr or under and recommend that they travel in the right lane only or on the shoulder where shoulders are available.</p> <p>There are roads along the lakeshore that are gravel which does cause some concern as they can get extremely soft following heavy rain which may make the operation of golf carts unsafe.</p> <p>Crossing of roads that have a higher speed limit than 50 km/hr is being reviewed by the MTO. Staff recommends that we request comment from the County of Bruce regarding roads under their jurisdiction</p>
4. Maximum Speed	<p>Can not exceed 32 km/hr</p>	<p>Staff support this regulation</p>
5. Hours of Operation	<p>Can be operated during nighttime hours if adequate lighting requirements are met for nighttime operation</p>	<p>Staff recommends that golf carts not be permitted at night. Many of the roads along the Lakeshore have bends and curves which could obstruct noticing oncoming cars or additional hazards at night.</p>

6. Operation in inclement weather	Can only be operated if the roads are free of ice, snow, and slush	Staff support the regulation and recommend that the hours of operation be limited from May 1 to October 31.
7. Vehicle equipment and safety standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daytime running lights must be illuminated.</li> <li>• 2-6- seats</li> <li>• A steering wheel</li> <li>• Service brakes and parking or emergency brakes</li> <li>• A rear view mirror.</li> <li>• A horn</li> <li>• Good quality tires</li> <li>• Daytime running lights, turn signals and brake lights.</li> <li>• Reflectors</li> <li>• Seatbelts (if manufactured with a seatbelt, they must be worn)</li> <li>• Slow moving vehicle</li> </ul>	<p>Staff supports the inclusion of vehicle safety requirements; however, safety equipment is a provincial responsibility It will be the owner’s responsibility to ensure the vehicle equipment and safety standards are met.</p> <p>There were concerns raised by the OPP on the seating arrangements as some golf carts have rear facing seats and without the requirement for seatbelts (if cart not equipped) a person could be thrown from the vehicle.</p>
8. Insurance Requirements	Automobile Insurance not required.	<p>Staff understand that golf carts are not able to obtain automobile insurance as they are not considered a “vehicle” to insure. Owners of golf carts may be able to insure their golf carts under their homeowner insurance.</p> <p>Further investigation is required to understand insurance coverage for licenced automobiles that may be in an accident with a golf cart on Township Roads.</p> <p>Staff recommends that an opinion from our insurance company be requested to review any additional liability for the Township to participate in the pilot.</p>

<p>9. Provincial Enforcement Roles</p>	<p>All Highway Traffic Act (HTA) rules of the road and penalties will apply to the operation of golf carts on-road</p>	<p>The OPP will be responsible to enforce the HTA. Fines will be under a Part III under Section 228 which requires a court date and fines of \$250-\$2,500</p>
<p>10. Municipal Enforcement Roles</p>		<p>The Township of Huron-Kinloss By-Law Enforcement Officer does not have the authority to enforce the HTA.</p> <p>If additional regulations are proposed and passed by by-law in addition to the provincial framework the By-Law Officer could enforce, and a request could be made to the OPP to assist. Consideration will be required regarding staff capacity.</p>
<p>11 a)What is the municipal capacity to issue business licences and enforce on-road operation of golf carts?</p> <p>b) How would vehicles be tracked and monitored?</p> <p>c) How will law enforcement be able to identify golf carts that are eligible to operate on-road? What happens if someone drives it to another municipality?</p> <p>d) In the event of a collision, what procedure will be followed to report the collision to the province?</p> <p>e) How would a golf cart that has been involved in a collision be identified?</p>	<p>Questions from the MTO</p>	<p>As noted above the under the Municipal Act the Township does not have the authority to issue a licence for a “vehicle “or the authority to enforce the HTA.</p> <p>Golf Carts would have to be tracked and monitored on a volunteer basis.</p> <p>Enforcement would fall to the OPP</p> <p>Staff would request that any collisions be provided to the Township for reporting purposes.</p> <p>It would be up to the golf cart owner to report the collision to the Township.</p>
<p>f) Signage</p>	<p>Question from the MTO</p>	<p>Staff recommends that signage be erected to warn drivers that golf carts are permitted on Township Roads. However, staff does have concerns with signage on the</p>

		Lakeshore entrances as they may detract from drivers noticing the speed limit signs.
<p>12. a) How acquired and used</p> <p>b) What is the demand for golf cart operation on-road? How many golf carts are being used in the municipality currently? Are there existing vehicles ready to be used?</p> <p>c) Will vehicles be owned by individual consumers or be made available through a fleet rental model? Or both?</p> <p>d) What transportation challenges would golf carts assist with in the municipality?</p>	Question from the MTO	<p>a) b) c) The users of golf carts will be individuals for personal use. There are currently residents that own golf carts; however, staff can not confirm if they meet the safety requirements as proposed. There is not a proposal for a fleet of rental golf carts at this time; however, following the introduction of the pilot a business may come forward with a fleet rental model.</p> <p>d) The pilot will allow members of the public with mobility issues to move around freely where permitted.</p>
13. Other		