

Area of focus	Proposed Regulations in the Pilot	Township Comments – April 7, 2021	Ministry of Transportation Response – April 27, 2021
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 as under the Municipal Act, we do not have the authority to register vehicles. Vehicle registration and associated safety requirements are under provincial jurisdiction.</p> <p>The Township of Huron-Kinloss is suggesting the public 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>	<p>The Ministry understood that the Township does not have the authority to register vehicles and would not be pursuing registration at this time.</p> <p>They have agreed to the voluntary participation in the pilot in order to provide data on the pilot. A “Best Practices Document” will be made available to the Township which will be ready for implementation.</p> <p>The Ministry also noted that they will be providing a definition of a golf cart using the ANSI standard regarding safety and performance.</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>The Township of Huron-Kinloss requests that drivers over the age of 16 without a suspended licence be permitted to operate a golf cart.</p>	<p>The Ministry did not support the request and the pilot will be as originally proposed. Driver must have a valid A, B, C, D, E, F or G licence and cannot carry passengers under the age of 8.</p> <p>The Ministry explained that this aligns with other pilots and recognize that golf carts do not have the same safety</p>

			features therefore require drivers to be licenced.
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>The Township of Huron-Kinloss requests that golf carts be permitted to operate on roads with a maximum speed limit of 80 km/hr similar to agriculture vehicles.</p> <p>The Township supports that they travel in the right lane only or on the shoulder where shoulders are available</p>	<p>The Ministry did not support the request, noting that however golf carts will be permitted to cross higher speed intersections up to 80 km/hr where traffic is controlled in all directions.</p> <p>They felt that this was in keeping with current pilots and would help improve accessibility and strike a balance.</p>
4. Maximum Speed	Can not exceed 32 km/hr	The Township supports this regulation	No change
5. Hours of Operation	Can be operated during nighttime hours if adequate lighting requirements are met for nighttime operation	The Township supports this regulation	No change
6. Operation in inclement weather	Can only be operated if the roads are free of ice, snow, and slush	The Township supports this regulation.	No change
7. Vehicle equipment and safety standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daytime running lights must be illuminated. • 2-6- seats • A steering wheel • Service brakes and parking or emergency brakes 	The Township supports this regulation.	No change

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A rear view mirror. • A horn • Good quality tires • Daytime running lights, turn signals and brake lights. • Reflectors • Seatbelts (if manufactured with a seatbelt, they must be worn) • Slow moving vehicle 		
8. Insurance Requirements	Automobile Insurance not required.	The Township supports this regulation.	No change
9. Provincial Enforcement Roles	All Highway Traffic Act (HTA) rules of the road and penalties will apply to the operation of golf carts on-road	The OPP will be responsible to enforce the HTA.	The OPP will be responsible to enforce the HTA and fines of \$250-\$2,500
10. Municipal Enforcement Roles		The Township of Huron-Kinloss By-Law Enforcement Officer does not have the authority to enforce the HTA, enforcement will be the full responsibility of the OPP.	The OPP will be responsible to enforce the HTA and fines of \$250-\$2,500

<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>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>All comments noted by the Ministry</p>
<p>f) Signage</p>	<p>Question from the MTO</p>	<p>Signage to be erected to warn drivers that golf carts are permitted on Township Roads. However, there are concerns with signage on the Lakeshore entrances as they may detract from drivers noticing the speed limit signs.</p>	<p>Signage would be a requirement of the pilot. It will be up to the Township to design and designate where the signs will be located.</p>

<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>	<p>Question from the MTO</p>	<p>a) b) c) The users of golf carts will be individuals for personal use. There are currently residents that own golf carts; however, we 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>	<p>All comments noted by the Ministry</p>
<p>13. Other</p>		<p>The Township notes that there might be an opportunity for user groups such as ATV clubs and Snowmobile clubs that could participate and be involved in the process and create a trail system.</p>	<p>All comments noted by the Ministry.</p>