

Staff Report

Report Title: Golf Car Pilot Update (7) Prepared By: Emily Dance, Clerk Department: Clerk Date: Aug. 16, 2021 Report Number: CLK-2021-08-101

Ministry of Transportation Golf Car Pilot

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Attachments: Draft By-Law

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby approves Report No. CLK-2021-08-90 prepared by Emily Dance, Clerk AND authorizes commencement of the Golf Car Pilot on September 7, 2021.

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 9, 2021, Council approved participation in the Golf Car Pilot with a registration fee of \$50.00 and authorized the appropriate By-Laws coming forward.

Discussion:

Commencement of Pilot

As part of the pilot the Township must provide signage and submit data to the Township to address any aspect of the use of golf cars that has been specified by the Ministry of Transportation and the Township of Huron-Kinloss.

Staff has ordered the signage and materials necessary with an expected delivery date of the end of August.

To be prepared to participate in the pilot, staff recommends commencement of the pilot of September 7, 2021.

Communications

Staff is creating a dedicated webpage on the Township website to allow participants to access the regulations, the registration form and details on the pilot on a dedicated page.

Information will be included on the Township website and communicated through various channels including social media posts, direct mail-outs and electronic newsletters.

Public Comment Forms will be available on the website for residents to provide feedback on the pilot.

Enforcement

All Highway Traffic Act rules of the road apply to golf carts allowed under the pilot program. In addition, federal penalties for impaired driving under the Criminal Code will apply. A copy of the draft By-Law has been forwarded to the OPP.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

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

Respectfully Submitted By:

Emily Dance, Clerk

Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer