

## **ATV Licencing FAQ**

The District of Lakeland and RM of Paddockwood are now licencing ATVs. This licencing system includes restricted use motorcycles, mini-bikes, all terrain cycles. Golf carts (which are not permitted), snowmobiles (which are provincially legislated), or other vehicles registered through SGI are not included.

Please refer to the application and bylaw for full requirements for licencing your ATV.

Upon approval of your application, you will be given a plate that must be affixed to the rear of the ATV, and must be easily visible.

### **Is \_\_\_\_\_ a violation?**

Please refer to the full bylaw under “Rules of the Road” and “General Violations”.

### **What do I require to apply?**

The application has a checklist for the things needed to operate an ATV, but for the application to be approved:

- You must have a valid driver’s license to operate on the highways.
- You must maintain liability insurance in amount of no less than \$200,000.

### **Golf-carts aren’t covered?**

Golf carts have never been permitted on the District of Lakeland’s public roads, and we have no current bylaw covering them. Provincially they do not require registration and are not defined as ATVs. **SGI’s regulations regarding golf carts:**

New bylaws need to comply with best practices and must be approved by SGI before they’re deemed in force. A golf cart bylaw isn’t required if a municipality chooses not to allow golf carts on public roads.

Bylaws will only be approved if specific conditions are met:

- Golf carts can be used for transport only to and from a golf course, and drivers must access the golf course using the most direct route.
- All drivers must carry a minimum of a valid Class 7 driver's licence.
- Owners must carry a minimum of \$200,000 in 3rd-party liability insurance.
- Golf carts are driven during the day only.

[\(SGI: Recreational Vehicles\)](#)

### **Can I operate within the Great Blue Heron Park?**

Yes, but you will need to acknowledge the park’s rules on operating an ATV, and fill out an additional form. Here is the 2020 form.

### **What If I’m Selling my ATV?**

Plates are non-transferable. You will have to return the plate to the office and make a new application for a new ATV.

### **Can my kids ride my licenced ATV?**

Someone aged 14-17 can operate an ATV if:

- The ATV is not operated on highways except for the sole purpose of crossing the highway by the shortest route possible; and
- They must be supervised by a person who has held a continuous/valid license for one year, and have taken a course, however are prohibited from operating on a highway.

This is by no means a comprehensive list of what is allowed or not allowed, nor is it the exact language of the bylaw. Please refer to the bylaw when determining if you are in violation or not.