

June 11, 2021

Dear Stakeholder:

I am very pleased to announce that Ontario has introduced a new pilot project for golf carts (legally referred to as “golf cars” in regulation) to operate on-road on Pelee Island and in Huron-Kinloss beginning June 3, 2021.

The pilot regulation 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. The pilot is intended to assess these vehicles over a period of ten years in order to examine their ability to safely integrate with other vehicle types and determine whether existing rules of the road are adequate. Now in force, by-laws will need to be passed to allow their use on municipal roads and to add any additional requirements.

Ontario’s objective is to create a viable framework for Pelee Island and Huron-Kinloss to allow golf cart use. It is the municipalities that know best how to safely integrate these vehicles in their communities. In addition, the ministry has also developed a best practices document to support the development of the golf cart pilot program. A copy of this document is attached for your reference.

Please note that the ministry is working on updating our website with information on the golf cart pilot and staff will let you know once this goes live.

For more information, you can view the pilot regulation at [Ontario Regulation 407/21: Pilot Project - Golf Cars](#).

Finally, as part of the pilot framework, the ministry will be requesting data by March 1st each year that will be used to evaluate this pilot and determine any potential amendments required. The data elements to be submitted may change over the course of the pilot but will begin with copies of any by-laws passed concerning golf carts. MTO will also require accurate and reliable data on all golf cart collisions to effectively evaluate the pilot. Police must remit incident/collision and injury-related data to the Province (within 10 days of a collision).

We recognize the critical role stakeholders have in providing important feedback to help inform our policies, and thank you for your ongoing participation in the development of this pilot.

If you have questions about this policy change, please contact Angela Litrenta, Manager, Road Safety Program Development Office, at Angela.Litrenta@Ontario.ca or 416-471-3437.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derek Lett', written in a cursive style.

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