

Resort Village of Shields Communique – July 2020

Operation of Golf Carts and ATVs

Bylaws are in place to enable the operation of golf carts and ATVs on our Village streets in a safe and responsible manner so all residents may enjoy being at the lake. The bylaws provide the following:

Shields Bylaws	Who can operate?	Where can they be operated?
ATV Bylaw 2020 #05-20 <i>Enacted under Section 9 – All Terrain Vehicles Act</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • individuals with a valid driver’s license and • have obtained insurance on the ATV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any roadway and/or alley • Lake access to get to your boat <u>dock</u>
Golf Cart Bylaw 1995 #01-95 <i>(permits operation of golf carts within village)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals with a valid driver’s license 	To and from the golf course during daylight hours (sunrise & 1/2 hour after sunset)

Bylaw Infractions: The Village office is receiving a growing number of complaints from residents about ATV and golf cart operation which include:

- children too young to have driver’s license
- driving in unsafe manner, too many people in golf cart, hanging outside cart
- driving on parks and playground
- driving on public reserve lands along the lakeside

How can you help? Do not allow your children or grandchildren who do not have driver licenses to operate golf carts on municipal road. Be familiar with where ATV and golf carts are permitted to operate. Tell your family members, friends, neighbors and visitors so they are aware of the bylaws.

Vehicles on Public Reserve Land

For the most part, Shields has Public Reserve area between the surveyed lots and the lake. These reserves are intended to provide recreation space or public access for all residents. Most of these areas are very wide but erosion has narrowed some areas.

Bylaw Infractions of [Shields Traffic Bylaw 2018 #6-18 Section 50 - Driving on Playgrounds, Parks & Golf Course](#): Vehicles have been observed driving across parks and public reserve to get to the lake, parking along lakeshore, or as a “shortcut” within the Village. Such use is not permitted by the Traffic Bylaw since it is damaging to public green spaces and for the safety of the users of these areas.

How can you help? Tell your family members, friends, neighbors and visitors so they are aware of the bylaw.

What is the Village doing to address these concerns? Following up on complaints, advising parents of children’s actions and taking steps to strengthen bylaw enforcement.

If you have any questions regarding these bylaws, please contact the Village Office at 306-492-2258.