

Town of Georgetown

Bylaw Number 2004-04

Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPALITIES ACT, R.S.P.E.I.

PART I: TITLE

1. 1.1 This Bylaw shall be cited as the Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw.

PART II: SCOPE

2. 2.1 This Bylaw shall apply to all property within the boundaries of the Town of Georgetown.

PART III: DEFINITIONS

3. 3.1 **"All Terrain Vehicle"** means a wheeled or tracked motor vehicle designed for travel primarily on unprepared surfaces such as open country and marshland, but does not include a snow vehicle, implement of husbandry or construction machinery;
- 3.2 **"Enforcement Officer"** means a person(s) duly authorized to act on behalf of the Town of Georgetown as an enforcement officer, or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- 3.3 **"Confederation Trail"** means the trail designated as the Confederation Trail under the *Trails Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. T-4.1*;
- 3.4 **"Helmet"** means a CSA safety approved helmet;
- 3.5 **"Highway"** means a highway as defined in the Highway Traffic Act.
- 3.6 **"Miniature Motor Vehicle"** means a motor vehicle other than a motor cycle, having specifications prescribed by regulations under the Off-Highway Vehicle Act..
- 3.7 **"Minibike"** means a motor cycle having specifications as prescribed by regulations under the Off-Highway Vehicle Act.
- 3.8 **"Motorcycle"** means a motor vehicle as defined in the Highway Traffic Act.
- 3.9 **"Motor Vehicle"** means a motor vehicle as defined in the Highway Traffic Act.
- 3.10 **"Off-Highway Vehicle"** means any motorized vehicle designed for cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice, marsh, or swampland or on any other natural terrain and without limiting the generality of the foregoing includes, when designed for such travel;
- (a) four wheel drive or low pressure tire vehicles;
 - (b) power motor cycles and related two wheeled vehicles;
 - (c) amphibious machines;

- (d) all terrain vehicles;
 - (e) miniature motor vehicles;
 - (f) snow vehicles;
 - (g) minibikes, and
 - (h) any other means of transportation which is propelled by any power other than muscular power or wind, but does not include;
 - (i) motor boats, or
 - (j) any other vehicle exempted from all the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 3.11 **“Operator”** means a person who drives or is in actual physical control of a vehicle;
- 3.12 **“Owner”** includes a person renting an off- ay vehicle, or having the exclusive use thereof under a lease or otherwise for a period of more than (30) thirty-days;
- 3.13 **“Power Motor Cycle”** means a motor vehicle mounted on two or three wheels and includes those motor vehicles known to the trade as scooters and power bicycles, but does not include motor cycles;
- 3.14 **“Roadway”** means a roadway as defined in the Highway Traffic Act.
- 3.15 **“Snow Vehicle”** means a motor vehicle designed or intended to be driven exclusively or chiefly upon snow or ice or both, and includes motor vehicles known to the trade as snowmobiles;
- 3.16 **“Permit”** means a permit issued for the exclusive use of that portion of the Confederation Trail for which a lease authorizing the holder of such lease to operate Off-Highway vehicles on the Confederation Trail, or Town sanctioned events.
- 3.18 **“Town”** means any area contained within the boundaries of the Town of Georgetown.

PART IV: GENERAL PROVISIONS

4. 4.1 Subject to a permit that may be issued no person shall, operate an off – highway vehicle in the Town.
- 4.2 No person under the age of fourteen (14) years of age shall, within the Town operate an off-highway vehicle in a public place unless accompanied by an adult person in possession of a valid drivers license and an assigned permit. Such person shall be seated next to operator on the off-highway vehicle.
- 4.3 No person shall, within the Town operate an off-highway vehicle without displaying a valid registration for that off-highway vehicle.
- 4.4 No person shall, within the Town operate an off-highway vehicle at a speed greater than twenty (20) kilometers per hour within the Town, unless a special permit is issued to an Off-Highway Vehicle Club to hold races or rallies at a designated place and time by the Town

- 4.5 No person shall, within the Town operate an off-highway vehicle without the use of a CSA approved safety helmet.
- 4.6 Section 4.1 and section 4.4 does not apply to an officer while engaged in the enforcement of this Bylaw.
- 4.7 No person shall, within the Town operate an off-highway vehicle on private property other than their own without the expressed or written permission of the owner of that property.
- 4.8 No person shall, operate an off-highway vehicle on any park or playfield or other prohibited areas within the Town unless a permit has been issued..
- 4.9 No person shall, operate an off-highway vehicle within one-hundred (100) meters of a Senior Citizens Complex within the Town.
- 4.10 No person shall, operate an off-highway vehicle on any highway or road within the Town except;
- (a) If a permit has been issued, an off-highway vehicle may cross any highway, roadway, lane, or sidewalk portion thereof if;
 - (i) if the operator stops the off-highway vehicle before entering onto the highway or portion thereof to be crossed;
 - (ii) the operator yields the right of way to all other vehicles and person(s) on the highway: and
 - (iii) the operator crosses at right angle the portion of highway to be crossed;
- 4.11 No person shall, within the Town operate an off-highway vehicle without due care and attention; or without reasonable consideration for other persons or property.
- 4.12 No person shall, within the Town tow behind an off-highway vehicle any trailer, sleigh, or other vehicle unless a hitch or attachment is employed; and
- (a) is so designed as to control the vehicle being towed so that it will substantially follow in the tracks of the towing vehicle;
 - (b) is of sufficient strength to safely control the vehicle being towed;
 - (c) does no exceed one (1) meter in length; and
 - (d) adequately prevents the towed vehicle from colliding with the towing vehicle in the case of downhill travel or a stop.
- 4.13 No person shall, within the Town operate an off-highway vehicle without a valid drivers license unless on the owners property.
- 4.14 The onus will be on the operator of the off-highway vehicle to prove he/she is on their own property.

- 4.15 A permit may be revoked by the Town Council if the applicant violates any provision of this Bylaw.

PART V: INTERPRETATION

5. 5.1 In this Bylaw words importing the singular shall include the plural and words importing the masculine gender shall include the female gender and vice versa.

PART VI: SEVERABILITY

6. 6.1 It is the intention of the Town Council that each separate provision of this Bylaw shall be deemed independent from all other provisions of this Bylaw, such that, if any provision of this Bylaw is declared invalid, all other provisions of this Bylaw shall remain valid and enforceable.

PART VII: PENALTY

7. 7.1 Every person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction;
- (a) for first offence, to a fine of not less than Fifty dollars (\$50.00), and not more than One-hundred dollars (\$100.00); and
 - (b) for a second or subsequent offence, to a fine of not less than One-hundred dollars (\$100.00), and not more than Two-hundred dollars (\$200.00).

PART VIII: REPEAL

8. 8.1 All previous Bylaws of the Town of Georgetown pertaining to Off-Highway Vehicles are hereby repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of the Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw is the date on which the bylaw was adopted by Town Council.

FIRST READING

This Bylaw was read a first time by a majority of Councillors present at the Council meeting held on the 21st day of June 2004.

This Bylaw was approved by a majority of the Councillors present at the Council meeting held on the 21st day of June 2004.


SECOND READING

This Bylaw was read a second time by a majority of Councillors present at the Council meeting held on the 14th day of July 2004.

This Bylaw was approved by a majority of the Councillors present at the Council meeting held on the 14th day of July 2004.

ADOPTION AND APPROVAL

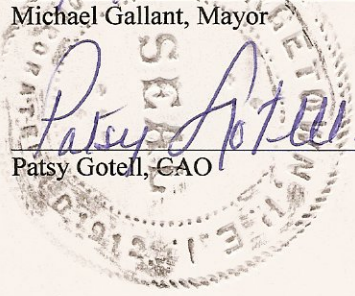
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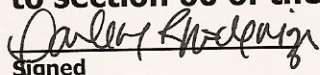


Michael Gallant, Mayor



Patsy Gotell, CAO



**Filed on behalf of the Minister of
Community and Cultural Affairs according
to section 60 of the Municipalities Act**
 22/07/04
Signed Date