



Are Golf Carts Legal on Ontario Roads?

The Short Answer:

Generally, NO.

Golf carts are **not permitted** on Ontario highways unless they are operating under Ontario's Golf Car Pilot Project established by **O. Reg. 407/21** under the Highway Traffic Act. **The Municipality of Shuniah does not participate in this project.**

Golf Cart = Motor Vehicle

Under the Highway Traffic Act (HTA):

- A golf cart is considered a **motor vehicle**.
- Motor vehicles generally require:
 - Registration
 - Licence plates

- Insurance
- Compliance with HTA equipment standards

Golf carts do **not** meet these requirements unless exempted under the pilot project.

Drivers must:

- Hold a valid Class A, B, C, D, E, F or G licence
- Follow all Rules of the Road
- Obey police directions
- Report collisions

The Criminal Code impaired driving provisions also apply.

Common Misconceptions

✗ "It's electric, so it's legal."

False.

✗ "It's just a golf cart."

It is still a motor vehicle.

✗ "I'm only driving a few blocks."

Distance does not matter.

✗ "It's okay on quiet roads."

Not unless authorized under the pilot project.

Key Takeaways

✓ Golf carts are generally **not legal** on Ontario public roads.

✓ Only authorized under **Ontario Regulation 407/21** and only in participating municipalities with an enabling by-law.

✓ Drivers require a valid driver's licence.

✓ All Rules of the Road apply.

✓ Impaired driving laws apply exactly the same as any other motor vehicle.