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THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

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Being a By-law to repeal the By-Law to regulate the operation of All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) and Off-road Vehicles (ORV's) within the Township of Blandford-Blenheim. (Number 2278-2021),

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim passed By-law No. 2278-2021 to regulate the operation of All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) and Off-road Vehicles (ORV's) within the Township of Blandford-Blenheim;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim enacts as follows:

1. That By-law Number 2278-2021 enacted the 15th day of December, 2021, is hereby repealed.

By-law **READ** a **FIRST** and **SECOND** time this 21st day of June, 2023.

By-law **READ** a **THIRD** time and **ENACTED** in Open Council this 21st day of June, 2023

Mark Peterson, Mayor

Rodger Mordue, CAO/Clerk

Now what does
this mean ?

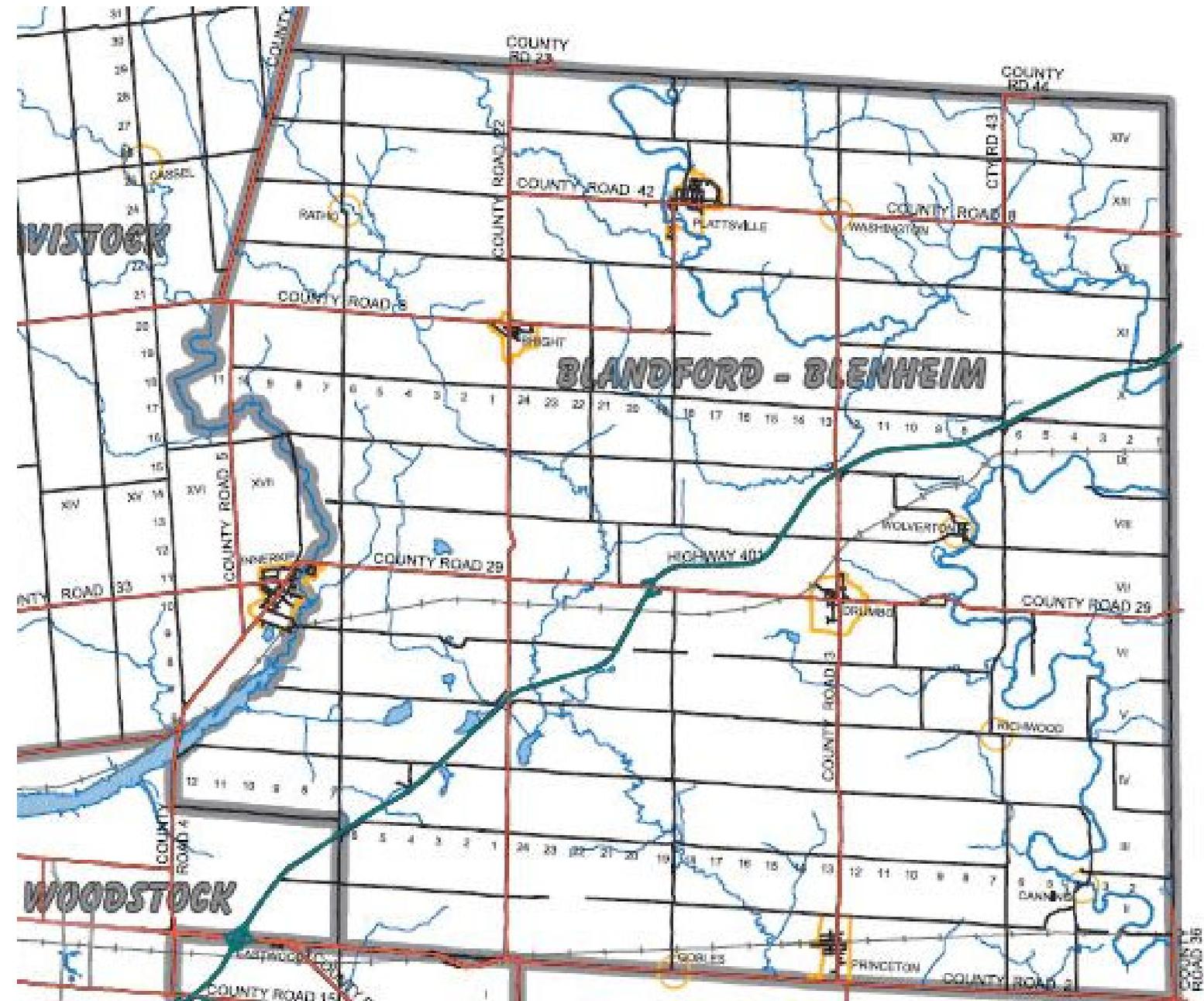


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OR HIGHWAYS**



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**BLANDFORD
BLENHEIM
TOWNSHIP ROADS**



**Blandford-
Blenheim
Township
Roads
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- Where you can ride
- Rules and regulations
 - Safety

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What you need to know to operate an ORV in Ontario

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Off-road vehicles (ORVs) are popular year-round vehicles for outdoor enthusiasts. Before riding, it is important to be aware of the applicable laws and safety precautions.

This guide outlines the legal requirements for ORVs in Ontario and promotes safe and responsible riding practices.

For more information on legal requirements, go to the Off-Road Vehicles Act (ORVA) and the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) by visiting: ontario.ca/laws.

In Ontario:

- No passengers under the age of 8 allowed when travelling on-road
- Drivers and passengers must wear an approved motorcycle helmet
- Seat belt and foot rests, where provided, must be used when on-road

1 Permitted Vehicles

Specific types of off-road vehicles that are permitted to travel on certain roads in Ontario

Single-rider All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV)

A type of ORV that has:

- Four wheels
- Steering handlebars
- A seat that is straddled by the driver to carry only a driver

No passengers are allowed.

Two-up All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV)

A type of ORV that has:

- Four wheels
- Steering handlebars
- A seat that is straddled by the driver
- A passenger seat directly behind the driver
- Separate foot rests for the passenger

May carry a passenger who is at least 8 years old and able to reach the foot rests when on-road.



A single-rider ATV that has been modified to carry a passenger by installing an after-market seat and foot rests is not considered a two-up ATV.

1 Permitted Vehicles

Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle (ROV)

A type of ORV that has:

- Four or more wheels
- Steering wheel
- A driver's seat
- Seating for passengers beside/behind the driver
- Seat belts for each seating position
- Roll-over protective structure
- Maximum engine displacement of 1,000 cubic centimetres



Utility-Terrain Vehicle (UTV)

A type of ORV that is similar to a ROV that has:

- Four or more wheels
- Steering wheel
- A driver's seat
- Seating for a passenger beside/behind the driver
- Seat belts for each seating position
- Occupant protective structure
- A cargo box with a minimum cargo capacity of 159 kilograms



**May carry passengers who are at least 8 years old when on-road.
Passengers must wear a seat belt properly.**

1 Permitted Vehicles

Off-Road Motorcycle (ORM)

A type of ORV that has:

- Two wheels with minimum diameter of 250 millimeters
- Steering handlebars
- A seat that is designed to be straddled by the driver to carry the driver only
- No sidecar

No passenger allowed while on-road.



Extreme-Terrain Vehicle (XTV)

A type of ORV that has:

- Six or eight wheels
- No tracks
- A driver's seat
- Seating for a passengers beside/behind the driver
- Seat belts for each seating position

May carry passengers who are at least 8 years old when on-road.

Passengers must wear a seat belt properly.



2 On-Road

On-Road Riding

Driver/Passenger Requirements

- Driver must be at least 16 years of age and hold a valid G2, M2 licence or greater
- Driver must carry the registration permit of the ORV or a true copy
- No passengers under the age of 8
- Driver and passengers must wear an approved motorcycle helmet securely fastened under the chin by the chin strap
- Drivers and passengers on ORVs must occupy a seating position with a seat belt which must be worn properly
- Passengers on two-up ATVs must be able to reach and use the foot rests provided

ORVs that have a compliance label on the machine are allowed to operate on roads where permitted.

Speed limits for ORVs

If posted speed limit of 50km/h or less then **maximum speed is 20km/h**

If posted speed limit is more than 50km/h then **maximum speed is 50km/h**



On-Road Riding

ORV Requirements

- ORV must be registered, have a licence plate and must be insured under a motor vehicle liability policy
- ATVs cannot exceed the manufacturer's overloading warning label when travelling on-road
- Side-by-sides and UTVs must not exceed the width and weight requirements of the manufacturer
- Must be driven in the same direction of traffic on the shoulder of the road with all lights on. If the shoulder is unsafe, impassable or not wide enough so all tires can be completely on the shoulder, then the travelled portion of the road may be used
- Can travel on Highways 500 to 899, many 7000 series and low traffic highways
- Prohibited from the 400 series highways, the Queen Elizabeth Way and sections of the Trans-Canada Highway

For a completed list, refer to the Ontario Highway Traffic Act Regulation 316/03, Schedules A and B.

Municipal Roads

In Ontario, municipalities have the authority and the responsibility to either permit or prohibit ORVs on their roads.

It is the responsibility of the rider to check with the municipality to verify if ORVs are allowed.



Step	Qualification	Result	
Check with the municipality for a by-law	If the municipality has a by-law in place then follow the by-law	By-law may prohibit or restrict the types of ORVs that can be used on-road, time of day or the roads that can be accessed	
If no by-law is in place for the municipality, then check Ontario Regulation 8/03	If the municipality is found in Ontario Regulation 8/03, then ORVs may access their roads	ORVs that meet the required standards can access municipal roads throughout the listed municipality	
IF there is NO by-law in place and the municipality is not listed under Ontario Regulation 8/03	No access is granted	No ORVs are allowed on-road within the municipality	

3 Off-Road

Off-Road Riding

Driver/Passenger Requirements

- Driver must be at least 12 years of age unless they are under direct supervision of an adult. It is highly recommended that young riders are always supervised by an adult
- Cannot directly cross a highway until they are at least 16 years old and have a valid driver's licence, e.g. G1, M1 or greater
- Driver must carry the registration permit of the ORV or a true copy
- Driver and passengers must wear an approved motorcycle helmet securely fastened under the chin by the chin strap

Be a Responsible Rider

- Ride according to trail, road and weather conditions
- Use extreme caution when turning, crossing, climbing and descending hills and when crossing obstacles
- Ride in designated areas only
- Preserve the environment and keep noise levels low

Off-Road Riding

ORV Requirements

- ORV must be registered, have a licence plate except in exempt areas such as far Northern Ontario
- Must be insured under a motor vehicle liability



4 Rules and Enforcement

Private Property

ORVs that are driven on the vehicle owner's land are exempt from the following:

- Insurance
- Driver must be at least 12 years of age unless they are under direct supervision of an adult. It is strongly recommended that young riders are always supervised by an adult
- Wearing a helmet, although it is strongly recommended that drivers and passengers wear a helmet when they ride

Liability

The owner of an ORV is liable for injury or damage that may occur when someone else is operating their vehicle. The owner may also be charged and convicted of an offence under the Off-Road Vehicles Act (ORVA), its regulations or a municipal bylaw if the driver of the vehicle is not complying with the Act.

Enforcement

When stopped by police or a conservation officer, you must produce the following when requested:

- Driver's licence
- Registration permit
- Proof of insurance

Remember, when riding on private property, you must stop when signaled by a land owner and provide your name and address if requested.



5 Impairment

Impaired is Impaired

Driving a vehicle while you're impaired by drugs or alcohol is illegal and dangerous. This includes cars, trucks, boats snowmobiles and off-road vehicles.

It is the responsibility of the driver to ensure they do not drive or ride while their ability is impaired, regardless of the substance.

Off-Road

Drivers operating an ORV along a roadway, on Crown Land, private property, or a trail system while impaired will face impaired driving charges under the Criminal Code of Canada.

On-Road

In addition to the impaired driving laws under the Criminal Code, drivers operating an ORV along a roadway, on Crown Land, private property, or a trail system, must also obey Ontario's drinking and driving laws under the Highway Traffic Act (HTA).

Drivers caught with a Blood Alcohol Concentration above the legal levels or who fail/refuse to comply with a demand of alcohol/drug testing may face the following:

- Roadside driver's licence suspension
- Roadside vehicle impoundment
- Fines and penalties
- Education and/or treatment programs
- Ignition-interlock



Novice and Young drivers (age 21 or under)

- If caught with any amount of alcohol or the presence of cannabis in their system, they face an immediate driver's licence suspension.

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Young Riders



Age

- 12 years of age or older to ride off-road, e.g. trails, private property, or Crown Land. If under age 12 must be under direct supervision of an adult. No licence required
- 16 years of age or older with a valid G1, M1 or greater driver's licence to directly cross a permitted road
- 16 years of age or older with a valid G2, M2 driver's licence or greater to drive along a permitted road
- Must be at least 8 years old to be a passenger on an ORV, and also be able to reach and use the foot rests on a two-up ATV when on-road

Ability

- Manufacturers strongly recommend that adult sized ORVs not to be driven by anyone under the age of 16
- Young riders should only drive ORVs that are designed for their size, strength and ability
- Young riders should always be supervised by an experienced adult and take an ORV training course

Safety Gear

- Riders and passengers must wear an approved motorcycle helmet that is securely fastened under the chin by the chin strap
- Goggles, boots, pants, gloves and a long sleeved shirt are recommended

7 Be Prepared

Be Prepared

- Take an ORV safety course. Learn to ride from an expert.
- Know your machine. Read the operator's manual.
- Ride within your ability and skill level. Always stay in control.
- Always check your machine and keep it in good working condition. Check oil, gas, other fluid levels, lights, brakes, tires and air pressure.
- Ride with others if possible. Always let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Carry an emergency kit, and a mobile phone.
- Be courteous and responsible when riding.

Legislation Information Sources

Visit: ontario.ca/laws

Off-Road Vehicles Act

Highway Traffic Act Ontario Regulation 316/03

- Part 1 Definitions
- Part III Equipment Requirements
- Part IV Exemptions
- Schedule A: Prohibited Highways
- Schedule B: Permitted Highways

Scan QR code for more safety and legal information on ORVs

