

OFF ROAD VEHICLES AND OUR ROADS



ATVs (all-terrain vehicles) and UTVs (Utility Terrain Vehicles or side by sides) are regulated and governed by two provincial statutes, The Highway Traffic Act and Off-Road Vehicles Act.

The Highway Traffic Act regulates ATV/UTV use on highways whereas the Off-Road Vehicles Act governs ATV's and off-road vehicles when they are not operated on a highway. A highway is defined as any highway, street, avenue, parkway, driveway, square, place, bridge, viaduct or trestle, any part of which is intended for or used by the general public for the passage of vehicles and includes the area between the lateral property lines.

Section 191.8(1) of the Highway Traffic Act states that no person shall drive an off-road vehicle on a highway except in accordance with the regulations and any applicable municipal by-laws. The Town of Deep River does not have any by-laws regulating the use of ATVs on any Highway in town and therefore are not permitted. ATVs are also not permitted on any town owned property and park.

If one wishes to operate an ATV, they must transport the ATV outside of Deep River town property. All ATV drivers must still conform to Regulation 316/03 of the Highway Traffic Act and stipulations under the Off-Road Vehicles Act regarding the wearing of a proper helmet, having a valid driver license, having valid insurance, and wearing required safety equipment while operating.

If you have any questions about the lawful use of ATVs in Deep River, you can contact the Deep River Police Service at 613 584 3500.

