



# VILLAGE OF LINDEN

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Unfortunately due to liability and misuse, the dirt bikes and ATV's are not allowed to be on municipal property (i.e. ball diamonds, race track, school grounds, area where the cardboard bins are, coulee). The Village and several of our Councillors have received numerous complaints with regards to this from both residents and the school. Additionally, these individuals have been spoken to on multiple occasions by Village staff and RCMP in attempt to resolve the issues surrounding the complaints.

The individuals abusing the privilege were on the school grounds, school field track, the ball diamonds and the Village green space doing wheelies and "burn out's" destroying the grass and tracks. The noise is also a concern for both the school and residents. A number of these individuals are not following safety protocols (i.e., too many on an ATV or dirt bike, no helmets, etc.). Therefore any permission, if it had been granted, has been rescinded including access to the race track.

In Village of Linden Bylaw 2023-09 an off-highway vehicle is considered any motorized mode of transportation built for cross country travel on land, water, snow, ice, marsh, or swamp land or on other natural terrain and, includes:

4-wheel drive vehicles, low pressure tire vehicles, motorcycles and relates 2-wheel vehicles, amphibious machines, all terrain vehicles, miniature motor vehicles, snow vehicles, mini bikes, and any other means of transportation that is propelled by and power other than muscular power or wind.

- Off-highway vehicles are not permitted within Linden unless the driver holds a valid operator's license or learner's permit and are abiding by the rules of that license or permit.
- No one under the age of 14 years shall operate an off-highway vehicle in a public place.
- Off-highway vehicles shall not be operated unless wearing a safety helmet securely attached to their head while in motion, including passenger(s).
- Off-highway vehicles shall not be operated when the number of persons on the off-highway vehicle is greater than the off-highway vehicle is designed to carry.
- Off-highway vehicles are not to be driven on: parkland areas, environmental sensitive areas (coulee), school grounds, developed or landscaped area, recreation area, private property without permission of the owner or occupant of the property, or on trail systems.

Fees (First Offence)

- Operate OHV without valid operator's license \$250.00
- Driver or passenger fail to wear seatbelt \$250.00
- Allow others to operate OHV without valid operator's license \$250.00
- Operate OHV in restricted area \$250.00
- Operate without due care or attention \$250.00
- Failure to wear helmet \$250.00
- Damage to street furniture \$250.00 plus cost of repair

Bylaw 2023-09 can be viewed in full on the Village of Linden [website](#).