



## External Briefing Note

**GEORGINA**

**Subject:** Off-Road Vehicle By-law Amendment

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Mike Hutchinson, Manager, Municipal Law Enforcement

**Date:** August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Briefing:**

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Council passed a resolution for the Off-Road Vehicle Pilot Project to become permanent. Fully licensed and insured Off-Road Vehicles (excluding dirt bikes) will be permitted on Town roads each year between December 15<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year within the Waterfront Park Buffer Zone and the Ward 5 Catchment Area.

At this time, Council also passed a resolution for the commencement of a new Pilot Project within the Ward 5 Catchment Area only. During the Pilot Project, which will last for a period of one year, fully licensed and insured Off-Road Vehicles (excluding dirt bikes), will be permitted to operate on Town roads all year round within the Ward 5 Catchment Area only.

The necessary bylaw amendment to the Off-Road Vehicle Bylaw is before Council today and will be in effect upon Council's approval. Several communication tools will be used to share this information with the public. At the end of the Pilot Project, staff will report the results back to Council.

The Waterfront Park Buffer Zone includes the entire shoreline area of Lake Simcoe and Town roads in lakeside neighbourhoods.

The Ward 5 Catchment area includes all Town roadways, excluding regional roads and provincial highways, within that area, which is enclosed by Park Road, Old Homestead Road, Weir's Sideroad, Ravenshoe Road, Lakeridge Road and Highway 48.

Dirt bikes remain prohibited on all Town, Regional, and Provincial roads and in Town parks and on Town trails.