

Community Update: Springdale is Now an ATV-Friendly Community!

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Dear Residents,

We are excited to announce that our community is officially becoming ATV-friendly! After careful consideration and feedback from residents, the decision has been made to allow the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) within our community boundaries, effective Tuesday, August 5, 2025. **This initiative will be a trial running until November 30, 2025.**

As we make this transition, please note the following guidelines summary to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment. **Please take the time to review the attached Town regulation relating to this initiative:**

- All ATV's operators must have a valid drivers license, proof of insurance and the ATV must be registered.
- Speed Limits: ATVs must adhere to the posted speed limits and be driven responsibly at all times.
- Designated Areas: ATVs are permitted on highlighted streets. Please avoid driving through prohibited areas such as sidewalks, parks, green spaces or private property.
- Hours of Operation: ATV use is permitted between 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM.
- Noise Consideration: Please be respectful of neighbors and avoid unnecessary noise.
- Safety Gear: Riders are strongly encouraged to wear helmets and proper safety gear.

How to Register Your ATV for the ATV-Friendly Community Initiative

As part of our ATV-Friendly Community Initiative, all ATV operators are required to register their vehicles with the Town Office. Registration is **free of charge** and helps ensure responsible and safe use of ATVs within our community.

To register your ATV, please visit the **Town Office** during regular business hours:
Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

When registering, you must provide the following:

- **Proof of current ATV registration**
- **Proof of valid insurance coverage**
- **A valid driver's license**

Upon successful registration, you will receive an official **ATV-Friendly Community sticker**, which must be placed on your ATV in a **visible location at the front of the vehicle**.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping to make our community safe and accessible for all ATV users. For more information, contact the Town Office during office hours.

Respecting Designated ATV Routes and Residential Access

We ask all ATV riders to respect designated ATV-friendly routes and to use residential streets only as direct access to these routes and the connected trail systems. Staying on approved paths helps ensure the safety of all residents, preserves neighborhood peace, and supports continued community access to trail networks. Let's work together to protect our riding privileges by following established guidelines and being respectful neighbors.

See ATV Friendly Routes in Map below:

We ask all ATV users to operate their vehicles safely and courteously, keeping in mind that we share this space as neighbors. Let's work together to make this a fun and respectful environment for everyone.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Town Office at (709) 673-3439 or email the Chief Administrative Officer at cao@townofspringdale.ca.





REGULATION GOVERNING THE USE OF ATV's INSIDE THE BOUNDARY OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE, NL

Pursuant to powers conferred by Section 10. (a)(b) of the TOWNS AND LOCAL SERVICE DISTRICTS ACT

The Town of Springdale has made the following regulations.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Town of Springdale All-Terrain Vehicles Regulations, 2025. These regulations will give owners/operators of All Terrain Vehicles, the privilege to travel on roads inside the town's boundary.

2. In these regulations:

a. "all –terrain vehicle means a wheeled or tracked motorized vehicle designed or adapted for off road use;

- b. "council" means the council governing the Town of Springdale, NL.
- c. "highway" means a highway as defined by the Highway Traffic Act; and includes a way that has been considered a highway under section 2015 of that Act;
- d. "motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle registered under the Highway Traffic Act;
- e. "owner" means

(i) The person who holds the legal title to a vehicle or all-terrain vehicle but, in the case of a vehicle which is subject of a mortgage, the mortgagor if the mortgagor is entitled to possession of the vehicle,

(ii) In the case of a vehicle or an all-terrain which is registered under this Act, the person in whose name it is registered,

h. "peace officer" means a peace officer as defined by the Highway Traffic Act and includes person or class of persons designated in the regulations as a peace officer for the purposes of these regulations;

j. "vehicle" means a device in, upon or by which a person or thing may be transported or drawn upon a highway

Prohibition on driving unregistered vehicles

3.(a) A person shall not drive, cause, allow or permit to be driven a vehicle unless that vehicle is registered according to this section, and insurance requirements, as required by this Act and the regulations, are complied with.

(b) The registrar may, upon payment of the fee prescribed by the minister, register a vehicle by issuing a numbered permit describing the vehicle, together with a numbered plate or, and the registrar shall keep the name of the owner, his or her address, permit number and plate in a suitable file or index and that file or index shall indicate each registration which has been suspended or cancelled.

(c) A person shall not drive a vehicle unless there is affixed to and clearly exposed on the vehicle the numbered plate issued under subsection 3(b)

Number plates to be kept clean

4. When a vehicle is being driven, the driver shall keep the numbered plate on it free of mud, dust and other obstructing material, and the driver shall ensure that the view of the plate shall not be obscured or obstructed by a part of the vehicle or equipment or attachment on the vehicle or by the load carried on the vehicle.

Driving on a Road

(a) The driver of an all-terrain vehicle shall at all times yield the right of way to drivers of all classes of motor vehicles on a highway.

(b) It shall be the duty of an owner of an all-terrain vehicle, who

(i) drives an all –terrain vehicle on a highway when under the age of 17; or

(ii) knowingly permits a person under the age of 17 to drive an all-terrain vehicle on a highway, to acquire the insurance referred to in subsection (1), and upon the request of a Peace Officer to produce true and proper evidence that the driver or all –terrain vehicle is insured in the manner provided in the regulations.

(c) No person will operate an All-Terrain Vehicle within the town:

(i) without due care and attention;

(ii) without reasonable consideration for other persons or property

(iii) while under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or habit-forming drugs;

(iv) which has defective headlights, or headlights which are not in operation after sundown;

(v) at a speed greater than the posted speed limits;

(vi) in such a manner as to constitute a danger or hazard to the operators or passengers of other vehicles being operated within the same area;

(vii) where persons are engaged in any outdoor recreational activity, so as to create a hazard to or endanger these persons or property;

(viii) without wearing a helmet and having it properly fastened;

(ix) without having the ATV insured with an insurance company licensed to do business in Newfoundland and Labrador;

(x) without operating the ATV on the right side of the road;

(xi) with having brake lights and tail lights that are in operation

(d) All all-terrain vehicles operating inside the town boundary shall be equipped with a noise muffler or other noise-reducing equipment which shall be in good working condition and which shall prevent excessive or unusual noise. No person shall equip an all-terrain vehicle with a muffler cut off, straight exhaust, or other device which has the effect of by-passing or reducing the efficiency of such noise-reducing equipment.

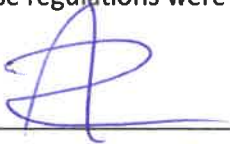
(e) While driving ATV's on the road inside the boundary of the town the operator must obey all the rules of the highway act governing the use of other motor vehicles on the roads of this province as well as the provincial All Terrain Vehicle safety regulations.

Enforcement


5. Where a peace officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that any all-terrain vehicle has been used in contravention of these regulations, he may fine the operator of the ATV, he may even seize and detain the ATV.

Adoption

6. These regulations were adopted and passed by Council on the 2nd day of July, 2025.



Mayor – Alex Goudie



Chief Administrative Officer – Jason Sparkes