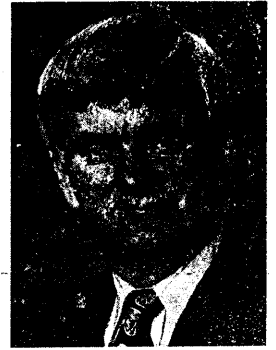


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August 25, 1997

H.C. Aird,
89 Pirates Lane
Protection Island BC V9R 6C1

Dear H.C. Aird::

Thank you for your recent letter to our office inquiring about the status of golf cart licensing for Protection Island.

I am pleased to enclose an ICBC *Registrar's Circular* that I think will bring some joy to the residents of Protection Island.

I know this has been a long and somewhat frustrating experience for many on Protection Island. Thank you for your patience and your willingness to work together to bring about a mutually acceptable solution.

Yours sincerely,

Dale Lovick, MLA
Nanaimo


REGISTRAR'S CIRCULAR

 No: 24/97
 August 7, 1997

SUBJECT: GOLF CART USE IN ISOLATED ISLAND COMMUNITIES

Senior VP, Insurance & Licensing	Superintendent	Executive Director
Senior VP, Operations	Provincial Managers	Managers - Head Office
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Commercial Transport Inspectors	Motor Vehicle Inspectors	Driver Examiners
Government Agencies (Authorized)	Law Enforcement Agencies	Motor Carrier Department
Chair, Motor Carrier Commission	Dangerous Goods Inspectors	

Purpose of Circular:

To inform that effective September 1, 1997, golf carts are allowed to travel on public roadways within isolated island communities.

Background:

An amendment to the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations*, effective September 1, 1997, redefines a golf cart as a vehicle designed to carry not more than four persons, and their golf equipment, for use on a golf course and only incidentally on a highway, or as general transportation on an island that is not accessible by scheduled vehicle ferry service or by a bridge.

The effect of the new regulation is that licensed and insured golf carts may be operated on highways in two circumstances:

- As before, golf carts may cross a highway in order to go from one part of a golf course to another part of the same course; these golf carts must be registered, insured and licensed;
- Golf carts may be operated on isolated islands that are not accessible by scheduled vehicle ferry service or by a bridge. These golf carts must:
 - be registered, insured and licensed;
 - weigh less than 815 kg GVW;
 - be equipped with at least three wheels, reflectors, a horn, a rear view mirror and turn signals;

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- not be operated with more than four persons, including the operator, in the vehicle;
- not be used for general transportation on an island with a posted speed limit greater than 20 km per hour, and
- be capable of stopping within 10 m when travelling at a speed of 20 km/h.

Any questions regarding the new regulations may be directed to Robert Miller, Vehicle Policy Analyst, at (250) 387-6647.



for
Craig J. Morris
Registrar of Drivers
and Vehicles

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Amended Requirements for Golf Carts

MP

Effective September 1, 1997, the Motor Vehicle Act Regulation, B.C. Reg. 26/58, will be amended by an Order in Council to make provision for the use of golf carts for general transportation purposes. This general use applies **only on islands**, such as Protection Island, which do not have regularly scheduled ferry service or a bridge.

The amendments include an expanded definition of a golf cart, and an additional list of safety requirements. The safety requirements apply to golf carts used for general transportation purposes. If your client will be using a golf cart for general transportation purposes, you **must** ensure these safety requirements are met **before** you issue a licence and insurance.

These amendments do not affect the way you process a transaction for your client. Use Rate Class 030 whether the golf cart is used on a golf course, or for general transportation purposes on an island. Coverage for unlicensed golf carts operated off highway for pleasure use only is still available under the Unlicensed Vehicle Policy (APV45).

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- As before, golf carts may cross a highway in order to go from one part of a golf course to another part of the same golf course. **These golf carts must be registered, insured and licensed;**
- Golf carts may also be operated on isolated islands that are not accessible by scheduled ferry service or by a bridge. These golf carts must:
 - ⇒ be registered, insured and licensed,
 - ⇒ weigh less than 815 kg GVW,
 - ⇒ be equipped with at least 3 wheels, reflectors, a horn, a rear view mirror, and turn signals,
 - ⇒ not be operated with more than 4 persons, including the operator, in the vehicle,
 - ⇒ not be used for general transportation on an island with a posted speed limit greater than 20 km per hour, and
 - ⇒ be capable of stopping within 10 metres when travelling at a speed of 20 km per hour.

J.M. Hancock
 Manager
 Autoplan Field Operations



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Mr. Fraser Lee
President
Protection Island Ratepayers Association
1135 Pirates Lane
Nanaimo, BC
V9R 6R1

Dear Mr. Lee:

Re: Notice for Golf Cart Users on Protection Island

The Public Affairs Department of the B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Highways has requested our assistance in advising residents of Protection Island that it is now legal to drive golf carts on the island. The ministry have provided a large package of notices and I have asked our Bylaw Services personnel to distribute as many as possible during the next trip to Protection.

Additionally, I enclose more of the notices which I am sure will be of interest to your Association and anyone else who may wish to have one or two. Should you desire more, I would be pleased to arrange for them.

Yours truly,

K.B. Davis, F.C.I.S., P.Adm
Deputy City Administrator/
General Manager of Operations

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cc: Gerald Berry, Administrator
Supt. Bechdholt, RCMP
Sgt. Kraeling, RCMP
Jeff Ritchie, Financial Administration Officer, Public Works Dept.
Derek Sidenius, Public Affairs, MOTH

Golf Cart Use On a Public Road

Use of golf carts on public roads is permitted only under the following strict conditions:

- 1. For incidental use crossing from one part of a golf course to another part of the same course; or**
- 2. on an island not accessible by scheduled vehicle ferry service or bridge;**
 - where posted speed limit is no greater than 20 kilometres per hour;**
 - golf cart must be registered, insured and licensed; and**
 - equipped with specific safety features, (i.e., horn, rear view mirror, head and tail lamps, turn signals and reflectors).**

Police will continue to enforce regulations governing the use of golf carts and ticket anyone who fails to meet all safety requirements.



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