

## **MOTORIZED VEHICLES ON THE GREEN SPACE**

### **1. BACKGROUND**

The Resort Village of Mistusinne was laid out in the 1960s by community planners working for the Department of Natural Resources. These planners planned the village so as to respect the resort nature of the community, by:

**1) Keeping the three residential areas of the village separate from the other areas, namely:**

- Residents of Sakuhikan Drive have direct access to the village entrance and to the boat launch along Sakuhikan Avenue without passing through the other two residential loops.
- Resident of Mistusinne Crescent and Chekepak Crescent each have direct access to the village entrance along Mistusinne Street and to the boat launch along Sakuhikan Avenue without passing through either of the other two residential loops.
- Only the residents of the 100 block of Mistusinne Street are an exception.<sup>1</sup>

**2) Laying a large tract of green space (grass and trees) behind each lot, such that no residents look out the back of their lots into the backs of other lots or onto a roadway.**

- The original plan did not call for back alleys behind these lots.
- Over the years, a few cottage owners built their cottages with garage doors facing the back of their lots or with sewage holding tanks in the back of their lots.
- The current Zoning Bylaw does not permit either of the above practices.
- However, in recognition of these early “back yard decisions”, when the new paved streets were built in 2007, 12 access ramps were constructed to permit occasional access to the rear of lots.

Policy 3.0 describes the **commitment of the Resort Village of Mistusinne to protecting and preserving our green spaces and our forests.**

### **2. QUADS, ATVS AND MOTORBIKES**

These vehicles are covered by Bylaw 11-07 (Non-licensed motorized vehicles) and are only permitted on paved or main access roads. They are not allowed on roadway ditches or on green spaces. They are also prohibited from the beach between Douglas Park and the boat launch from April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **3. LICENSED MOTORIZED VEHICLES (Cars, truck, motorhomes)**

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<sup>1</sup> The residents of the 100 Block of Mistusinne Street suffer encroachment from residents from other loops. This has happened because of the decision made by the first Village Council to re-zone this block from commercial to residential.

The Official Community Plan for the Resort Village of Mistusinne states that Council shall "Limit permanent vehicular and service access to the front of the lot . . . from the street." (Section 2.1.3)

The Resort Village of Mistusinne believes that vehicle traffic on the green space:

- Should not be the norm,
- Should be restricted to rare occasions (example removing a boat from the back of the lot at the beginning of the season and replacing it to the back of the lot at the end of the season – after which the boat is kept on the front driveway or in the Village storage yard.)
  - In such cases, vehicles leaving the back of residential lots should use a paved ramp to access the paved streets.
- In almost all instances, vehicles should travel to and from their lots by way the paved streets.

Council reserves the right to limit travel on the green space by erecting barricades. Such barricades would attempt to prevent vehicle travel on the green space from the back of one loop onto the back of another loop.