

LITTLE BOW RESORT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

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TO: Little Bow Resort - Board of Directors
AND TO: Little Bow Resort Owners

FROM: Ron Girvitz, President

RCMP MEETING – ATV/GOLF CART ISSUES

I am writing to update you on a meeting held with the RCMP at the Vulcan attachment. Warren Lyckman, Richard Thomas and I met with Cst. Todd Olsen on August 25, 2011. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss upcoming RCMP enforcement activities at the Little Bow Resort concerning primarily contraventions of the *Off Highway Vehicle Act*. This act prohibits the use of off highway vehicles (ATV's, golf carts etc.) on public highways. Further, Cst. Olson also wanted to discuss other infractions concerning the use of the public roads throughout the Resort.

In point form, I will summarize the salient points of the meeting:

1. The roads throughout the Resort are considered by the RCMP to be of provincial jurisdiction and are subject to all provincial laws.
2. The RCMP have attended the Resort on a number of occasions throughout the summer in unmarked vehicles to assess the situation at the Resort concerning the use of the roads. The RCMP is very concerned with the increasing use of ATV's and golf carts particularly those that are unlicensed and uninsured (many apparently licensed ATV's have expired), lack of helmets, use of alcohol, operation by minors and dangerous or unsafe driving.
3. There is a major push province wide to enforce provincial laws concerning the use of ATV's and golf carts on provincial roads in response to a significant number of serious injuries and fatalities arising from their use.
4. The areas of significant concern are as follows: absence of license and insurance on ATV's and golf carts; lack of helmets; operation of vehicles by minors or unlicensed operators; and presence or consumption of alcohol during use of these vehicles. There are a number of minor issues arising such as lack of seat belts, riding in boats while towed to or from the boat launch. In the event of an RCMP enforcement operation at Little Bow Resort, no provincial laws will be exempted but there will be some discretion afforded as to which laws require enforcement and the enforcement action undertaken.
5. The RCMP have been advised that the Little Bow Resort Board has repeatedly informed and reminded all Unit Owners that the roads at the Resort are subject to Provincial jurisdiction and that all provincial laws apply. The method of communication is primarily through the use of newsletters and postings on the website. Copies of the recent newsletters advising of this were requested and subsequently provided.
6. The RCMP does understand and agree that the Little Bow Resort Board is unable to enforce provincial laws pertaining to roads subject to provincial jurisdiction. Enforcement of these laws rests solely with the RCMP. Any complaint received by the RCMP will be subject to the usual investigation activities.
7. Unit Owners can expect at some time in the future that a major enforcement campaign will be undertaken at the Resort by the RCMP. The enforcement campaign will likely include several RCMP officers, and trucks to remove seized vehicles. The RCMP will not disclose the timing of such campaign.
8. The Board representatives agreed to provide this meeting summary to all Unit Owners so to provide a final notice regarding an upcoming future enforcement campaign regarding ATV and golf cart usage. It is hoped that some Unit Owners and their guests will amend their behaviour so to avoid penalties (fines, property seizure, license suspensions, etc.) during an RCMP enforcement campaign.

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