

<b>Agenda Reference &amp; Subject</b>	
<b>10.2.1 Policy for Restricted Access Vehicles (RAVs)</b>	
Location / Address	<b>Shire of Dundas Policy</b>
File Reference	LP.PO
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Disclosure of Interest	Nil

### Summary

This report is presented in accordance with the Western Australian Local Government Act to seek support from elected members for the adoption of a draft council policy related to the issuance of Shire Approval for Restricted Access Vehicles (RAVs) on Council's Road Network. The proposed policy aligns with the Traffic (Vehicles) Act 2012 and outlines the responsibilities and procedures to ensure compliance and safety in RAV operations.

### Background

1. Approved Vehicle Combination - any vehicle combination stipulated in the 'Prime Mover, Trailer Combination Operating Conditions' or the 'Truck, Trailer Combination Operating Conditions' issued by Main Roads WA (MRWA).
2. RAV Permits - Oversize Permits, Oversize Road Train Permits, Concessional Loading Permits, Tri Drive Road Train Permits, and Exceptional Circumstances Permits.

### Statutory Environment

Planning and Development Act 2005

Land Administration Act 1997

Land Administration Regulations 1998

### Policy Implications

Town Planning Scheme No 2

### Financial Implications

This will associated with managing RAV roads that is owned by the Council.

### Strategic Implications

Built environment – Goal 3

Planning and development of infrastructure supports liveable, sustainable, and connected communities.

3.1 Shire infrastructure and services meet the Community's needs.

3.1.2 Roads and drainage are appropriately managed according to their need and use.

### Consultation

Councillors, Senior Staff, Main Roads Western Australia,

### Comment

Policy Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure Council's compliance with the Traffic (Vehicles) Act 2012 when issuing Shire Approval for Restricted Access Vehicles (RAVs) on Council's Road Network.

Policy Statement:

1. The Commissioner of Main Roads WA is responsible for granting road access to Restricted Access Vehicles (RAVs).
2. RAVs can only operate on roads on the RAV Network and in accordance with any conditions applied by MRWA or the road owner (Shire) approving the use of the road.
3. When approval is required from the Shire of Dundas (as the road owner), a 'Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Approval Application Form must be submitted. This Application Form includes additional terms and conditions applied by the Shire of Dundas.
4. The Shire of Dundas will meet its obligations and responsibilities in accordance with the Traffic (Vehicles) Act 2012 when issuing Shire Approval for road users to use restricted access vehicles on Council's Road network.
5. Applications for RAV Permits are processed and approved by MRWA. Applicants should apply directly to MRWA.
6. MRWA is responsible for administering the RAV Network, and any requests to add or amend a road on the RAV Network shall be submitted directly to MRWA by the applicant.

Guidelines/Procedures:

When Shire approval is required for Restricted Access Vehicles (RAVs) to operate on Council's Road network, the following guidelines and procedures shall apply:

1. Complete a 'Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Approval Application Form' (Application Form) and submit it to the Shire of Dundas (Shire).
2. If the application is approved, a Letter of Approval (Approval) will be sent to the applicant. The Approval expires on 30th June each year, and it is the responsibility of the applicant to reapply. The Shire will not send reminder notices. The Approval is subject to the Shire's conditions and any other conditions deemed necessary.
3. The Shire reserves the right to request MRWA to remove any roads under the responsibility of the Shire from the RAV Network.
4. The Shire reserves the right to cancel or suspend any Approval if operators are not adhering to the Shire's terms and conditions listed on the Application Form.
5. Reporting potential breaches by RAV operators, sighting the registration number of the vehicle, should be made to Main Roads WA on 138 486.

#### Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

**Moved: Cr.**

**Seconded: Cr.**

#### Officer Recommendation

**That the Shire of Dundas Councillors adopt the proposed "Road Use Approval for Restricted Access Vehicles (RAVs) on Council's Road Network" policy this will ensure the responsible and safe use of RAVs on Council's roads, in accordance with the Traffic (Vehicles) Act 2012.**

**Carried (       /       )**

**For:**

**Against:**

#### Resolution