

Hi Leanne and Cathy,

I wanted to be in touch on the issue of driveway and street parking of all types of vehicle trailers. I live in Ward 5 on Waterloo Ave. I observed that the city was looking for feedback on trailer parking this summer. I participated in the survey. In advance of completing the survey I was trying to find information on the origin of the "problem" with driveway and street parking - it appears that council requested more information. When I reached out to the leads who are employed with the city (Scott Green & Tracy Suerich) they had no knowledge of how this had become an issue beyond telling me that "*4 years ago, the Mayor and Council requested a review of the bylaw.*". I remain very curious why this is being reviewed and what prompted this review and now proposed changes? Was there a problem related to safety?

Having now reviewed the results of the survey and the proposed "*recommendation being presented to Council is to provide six temporary exemptions at no cost to residents to allow driveway parking for up to 48 consecutive hours.*" I'm deeply troubled.

I use trailers for both leisure and employment. Being in a downtown ward such as ours I have very little actual area to park my trailers. I literally need use of these trailers all year as a part of my job and do not have the luxury of storing them in a side yard, garage or back yard. I use a driveway. It seems based on the survey that a lot of other people do too. Beyond sightline issues, which should be respected, how are trailers in a private driveway impacting the community negatively? I'm very nervous that the suggestion of 6 temporary exemptions for 48 hrs each will be approved leaving me in a very difficult position.

I'd love your thoughts on this.

Thanks,

Cary Gates