

Bylaw Regulations Regarding the Parking of Trailers - 2021-311

General Correspondence

I am strongly against not being able to park my boat trailer etc in My driveway at any point in the year.

Matt Rogerson

Dear Councillors and Mayor,

I write this to express my opposition to the proposed change in the enforcement of the parking bylaw.

As I understand it, current bylaws prohibit the parking of trailers but is only enforced if there are complaints by neighbours. The City proposes to notch up the enforcement by having the bylaw enforced on a steady basis by your officers. There may be areas within the city that have little road parking due to high housing density. That is not the case in my neighbourhood. Many in the neighbourhood are avid campers/boaters and get those units out in the Spring and take them to different weekend excursions until the Fall. During the weekdays, these trailers are parked in our driveways until the next excursion. In the 'off-season', they are normally stored somewhere...not in our driveways. In this new age, the popularity of families owning recreational vehicles/boats, etc has skyrocketed and throwing a parking permit wrench will only serve to disrupt residents attempts to reunite with nature and family.

If there are complaints by neighbours, you currently have a mechanism in place to deal with the situation. Normally these complaints stem from 'aesthetics' and should carry little weight in my opinion.

I'm happy to discuss.

Regards,

Jeff Rolph

Hi !

I wish to address the issue of residents of Guelph being allowed to have their "5 th wheels, campers , motor homes etc " parked in their driveways inside the City Limits of Guelph on a permanent bases

Guelph is a gorgeous City !!!!! I came here as a student in April 1966 for the first Summer Semester offered by the University of Guelph . After graduation and a year at University of Toronto , I taught at J F Ross CVI for 31 years , retired from full time teaching in June 2001 and then worked as a Supply Teacher for the Upper Grand School Board in 7 area Secondary Schools for an additional 9 years and a month . Since " Really Retiring " , I have continued to live here in Guelph . Yes, I am free to move anywhere I choose to live -- - I STILL CHOOSE GUELPH !!!!! There are so many "things " here in this beautiful city that are very difficult to find .Not only does Guelph offer so much to it's residents , it's very central for travelling and visiting other parts of this province / Country .

There are many reasons to have pride in our fantastic city -- 2 that are very important to me are #1 Campfires are not allowed inside the city . Some of us [yes , me too] have allergies , smoke of any type isn't healthy and also campfires increase the risk of causing much larger dangerous fires . #2 The city has made sure that our city is and stays beautiful through our tree canopy ,our parks ,& the facilities they offer , our various Cultural and Interest events to support ALL OF US , etc etc . i could fill this page with all Guelph has to offer .

I appreciate that many people enjoy camping and travelling during their holidays . I totally understand that these people need a certain amount of time to clean and pack up their trailer, campers etc before they go away and also time to unpack , clean and service their "campers " when they return . I think there should definitely be a PERMIT to have these recreational vehicles at their homes for a very limited time . Perhaps these PERMITS could be FREE of Charge -- or , if necessary , a very small fee . Allowing these large vehicles to sit in Residential areas for an extended length of time isn't attractive , and it blocks the views of the people living near them . The size of the property lots in Guelph aren't large enough to accommodate such large vehicles . As time has progressed and new neighbourhoods were made , the width of property lots has become smaller and smaller . The number of cars / trucks parked on City streets is increasing more and more . There isn't room for adding Recreational vehicles to this already congested parking issue in Guelph . Please DO NOT ALLOW RECREATIONAL ACCOMMODATION to be PERMANENTLY ALLOWED IN GUELPH !!!!! Looking at the sides or ends of a large recreational vehicle isn't attractive. It is so much nicer to look around our neighbourhoods and see gardens , trees , skyline , a glimpse of sunrise or sunsets etc

Thank you for taking your time to read this. I would be very happy to discuss this with you ,

Sylvia Thurston

Good evening, everyone. My name is Hy Ly and I am a resident of Guelph. Thank you very much for allowing me this time to express my concerns regarding tonight's debate on a propose by-law to addressing residents who own trailer and park them in their own driveway. The trailer that I am referring to include RV's, Boats, Seados, and Utility trailers.

Before I start, I want to acknowledge that I am aware that parking trailers on residential driveways is prohibited. However, like many municipalities, it is only enforced if a neighbour complains. In my opinion, the complaint will be based on safety if the trailer is too large that it creates a bind spot for vehicles or pedestrians. If the trailer is parked on the adjacent neighbour's property. If the trailer prohibits the neighbour from accessing their own driveway without causing damage to their own vehicle, or if the trailer is unkept and an eye sore bringing down the value of the home and neighbourhood.

I am not here to represent these residents who do not care about safety of others or have a disregard of respect for their neighbours. I am here to represent lawful, respectable residents of Guelph who feel that there is no concern with responsibly parking their trailers in their driveway. I am also here representing those who are contractors with utility trailer containing tools and equipment needed for their trade. These utility trailers are their office they trailer to and from their job site each day. It would not be fair to expect them to pay for off side storage or time needed to pick up and drop off their work trailer each day.

I understand that the by-law permits storage of trailers in the garage, side or back yard, but most residential house do not have access to these options. I also understand that counsel is proposing permits of 6 days within a year. 6 days within a year may be acceptable for those who already store their large RV offsite but not practical for those who store their boats, RV's or work trailers at home. What would be practical is a seasonal term from April 1 to October 31 each year.

I own a small boat which I keep on one half of the driveway. My boat is 16 ft long and 4 feet high. It is well kept and not a safety concern. I think I represent many residents of Guelph by saying that we have worked very hard in order to enjoy the boats and RV we own. We enjoy spending time with our families boating, fishing, and RVing on weekends and summer vacations. We have no intentions of violating vehicle or pedestrian safety. We have no intentions on offending our neighbors by parking our trailers in the driveway. As for those who's trade requires a utility trailer to store their tools and equipment. These trailers are part of their trade of work and it is needed for them to earn an income.

I strongly encourage counsel to reconsider my views and consider defining the term Trailer by its function and size. If the trailer if a utility trailer, boat, small RV, I don't see the safety concern or any other concern with it being parked in the driveway as long as it is done with the respect of all residents in the community.

Thank you very much for your time and I hope you consider my points in this matter.

Hy Ly

Good Afternoon Mayor Guthrie

My name is Joanne Hohenadel. My husband and I live in Ward 4 (█ Greenwich Drive). I am writing to express our support of seasonal parking of recreational vehicles. Thank you so much for putting this forward. We enjoy camping in the summer months and snowmobiling in the winter. I appreciate that the council is considering expanding the bi-laws around parking of recreational vehicles to having six, 48 hour exemptions per year. However there are challenges to this approach:

- Cost, time and inconvenience of:
 - year round storage (vs seasonal);
 - additional travel to pick up and return vehicles with every use;
 - packing and unpacking perishables, clothes, tools, etc. that are normally left in trailers
- Risk of not being able to get snowmobiles out of year round storage in winter months
- Inability to maintain vehicles e.g. winterize camper, change belts and oil on snowmobiles, wait for spare parts on order if longer than 48 hours from time of identifying problem and getting the parts to fix it
- Limited use of the recreational vehicles e.g. this policy would limit the number of camping trips (we take multiple short camping trips as opposed to 1 or 2 extended trips), as well as snowmobile trips that are often half day or single day excursions.

Seasonal parking would lessen the burden on City administrative and bi-law staff and increase the enjoyment of outdoor activities, especially in these times of a pandemic. It is proven to be an effective strategy in Kitchener and would ensure that trailers do not sit in driveways for years on end. It is also important to note that most neighbourhoods in Guelph do not have the luxury of large lots that would support parking at the side of the building. Significantly more homes have driveways that would support reasonably sized recreational vehicles without obstructing sidewalks or being parked on front lawns.

If you take a few minutes to walk or drive through Guelph neighbourhoods you will note that recreational vehicles are not a problem and that if it becomes unsightly, like any other maintenance bi-law such as grass cutting or snow removal, people have the right to complain and resolve it on an individual basis.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Joanne and Bob Hohenadel