As a homeowner with a trailer in my driveway for several years, I oppose any changes to the trailer bylaw that would make it more restrictive.

I have been talking with people in my neighborhood that also have trailers, a lot of them didn't know they could not have a trailer under the current bylaw. And none of them have received any complaints, privately from neighbours or officially from bylaw.

I don't think a single person in the city with a trailer would want their trailer blocking sightlines or encroaching on sidewalks. Those arguments are nonsense and people are hiding behind them as excuses for not allowing trailers in driveways.

Many in my 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. Why do you wish to cause grief where there is no issue and things are running smoothly without a conflict?

Most properties built in the last 30 years do not provide enough side yard width to store a trailer or get a trailer through it to the rear yard.

There are many families that use campers/boats for recreation and getaways as conventional vacations are too cost prohibitive. During the pandemic, even more folks went out and bought boats, campers, etc., because they could not travel out of the province. This trend is going to continue for many years.

Off site storage would also likely lead to more vandalism and theft. Boats don't have lockable covers. Thieves are less likely to rummage through my boat in my driveway versus if it was parked in a storage lot with nobody around. The same is likely true about RVs and campers.

The idea of having to basically ask permission to deal with your own property, on your own property, is far reaching at best.

Please leave the trailer parking alone especially when it does not create any hazard/danger or visual blind spots for pedestrians, traffic, emergency vehicles or city service vehicles and respects neighbouring boundaries. And if they create an issue address them on a cases by case basis.

Thanks,

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