

Information Report



Service Area	Public Services
Date	Friday, March 18, 2022
Subject	Parking of Recreational Vehicles Update

Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

To provide an update and communicate next steps regarding By-law Regulations related to the Parking of Recreational Vehicles (RVs) (see below definition) within residential driveways.

For the purpose of this report, Recreational Vehicle (RV) is defined as: recreational vehicle, camper, non-commercial/working trailer of various types including but not limited to boat and personal watercraft trailers.

Key Findings

Staff is advising that while considering RV parking and Council's requests, enforcement of RV parking will continue to be complaint-driven with a temporary process, as outlined in this report. Starting April 1 to November 30, 2022, should a complaint be received, residents will be permitted to use a recreational vehicle parking exemption to park their RV within their driveway. Each residence will be given 15 exemptions, with each exemption being valid for two consecutive days. All other by-law regulations would remain in effect.

This temporary measure will allow flexibility for residents and time for staff to complete a comprehensive analysis, review best practices, and develop a public consultation plan.

Financial Implications

None

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Details

On November 22, 2021, Council reviewed the parking of RVs within residential driveways as presented in Staff Report [By-law Regulations Regarding the Parking of Trailers, 2021-311](#). Following this review, Council directed staff to explore more alternatives. Staff have concluded that to address Council's request, they will require the necessary time to conduct a comprehensive analysis, review best practices and develop a public consultation plan.

Staff recognize that a temporary process will be required to address the needs of residents until a permanent solution can be found. The temporary process outlined in this report is to accommodate the parking of RVs in driveways should a complaint be received.

Temporary process

Starting, April 1 until November 30, 2022*, should a complaint be received, residents will have the option to utilize an exemption that they may use to offset the complaint. Each residence will be provided 15 exemptions with each exemption being valid for two consecutive days.

Upon receipt of an initial complaint, Bylaw staff will provide notice to the property owner that they have 21 days to find alternative parking for the RV or to utilize their exemptions.

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To address safety concerns, all other by-law regulations will remain in effect, including sightline restrictions under the Zoning By-law and any restrictions for working/commercial trailers. For a valid exemption, it should be noted that the RV:

- must be parked on a driveway
- must not pose a safety/visibility hazard
- must not overhang a sidewalk or curb
- must not occupy or obstruct any access to or from the required off-street parking space of a residential unit
- must not be used for living, sleeping, or housekeeping purposes when located on a lot within any zone.

In addition, a driveway cannot be widened to accommodate RV parking unless in compliance with present zoning regulations.

*This temporary solution will remain in effect annually between April 1 and November 30 until staff are in a position to report back to Council in 2023 with permanent options for their consideration and approval.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications with this report. The cost for inspections and enforcement, along with any registration requirements, will be funded through the Operations Department's existing budget.

Consultations

Planning and Building Services

Strategic Plan Alignment

The report ties to the "Navigating Our Future" pillar and improving the safety, efficiency, and connectivity of the whole transportation system.

Attachments

None

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