

Delegation Regarding Ripley Township Proposed Trailer By-law

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The following delegation is premised on my family’s enjoyment of a cottage in Point Clark since 1988. Point Clark is evolving and bylaws to ensure that the community meets the needs of it’s residents, businesses, and visitors is important. Since 1988 my family has enjoyed Point Clark as a recreational cottage community. To this end trailers have been a part of our property and community enjoyment the entire time. Utility trailers are often used for rubbish, firewood, and furniture/equipment transport. We currently own two utility trailers which are kept in good condition that are stored in the rear-yard.

We also have one 12 foot aluminum boat with a trailer used for fishing and recreation. This boat and trailer are kept in good condition and stored in the rear-yard.

Lastly, from time to time we visit the cottage with our 18 foot camping travel trailer. The trailer is maintained in good condition. The configuration of landscaping and building placement on our property does not allow for side-yard parking of the travel trailer. As such for family visits, the trailer has been historically parked in the front-yard, approximately 10 feet inward from the street facing property line.

Historically, there have not been any complaints in our experience in the utilization of trailers as described above. I recommend that the proposed trailer bylaw be structured to create a framework that allows for continued utilization of trailers in Point Clark reflective of the above historic narrative.

4 items for committee to consider for discussion and integration to the proposed trailer bylaw allowing for the ongoing enjoyment of our Point Clark cottage and respecting our neighbours and community members/visitors are summarized below:

1. A framework that allows for travel trailers that are in good condition to be parked and occupied in the front yard for the purpose of social visiting of property owners (but not for not for rental, campground, or commercial purposes) be included; and
2. Whereas an existing property’s landscaping and lot configuration that do not allow for side-yard or rear-yard access for some trailers, that a grandfathered exemption for visiting travel trailers be included; and
3. Where utility trailers that are kept in good condition, that the number of permitted utility trailers be increased to a maximum of two (2); and
4. Whereas the Point Clark Area has a demographic that includes recreational and cottage utilization, that a provision recognizing this difference specific to “Point Clark” be debated and a framework for a more generous trailer allowances commensurate with recreation be considered by committee.

Thank you for this opportunity to delegate my position on the proposed trailer by-law.

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