From:
To: Emily Dance

Subject: Fwd: Concerns Re: Bylaw to regulate parking of trailers in residential areas

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(Emily, please give me a quick reply to confirm you received this email)

Dear Council

I recently read the report titled "By-Law to regulate the parking of trailers in residential areas". After reading the report I have several legitimate concerns.

I understand the intent of the by-law is to curb those that abuse the system and have no regard for their neighbours with respect to multiple trailers parked in residential areas (many in front yards, many living in said trailers). However, the by-law brings unintended consequences to those of us that are respectful and not bothering anyone.

I wish to use myself as an example:

I own a 1 acre property in Point Clark. I own a snowmobile trailer, an RV, 2 boats, and a utility trailer. I also have 2 driveways and "loads" of room to park all of my trailers without bothering anyone. They aren't stored in the front yard and are mostly out of sight.

All this is fine except that if someone (anyone) decides to lodge a complaint against me I would no longer be able to store all of my stuff on my property despite having tons of room to do so. In my opinion, this infringes on my rights as a tax paying property owner.

My other concern is that according to the by-law, friends visiting for the weekend with an RV or motorhome would not be able to camp on my property. This also does not seem right to me, since my property is large and an extra trailer for the weekend or even a week would not bother anyone.

One of the greatest things about living in Canada/ Ontario is travelling around visiting friends and relatives with your RV for short term stays.

If I read the by-law correctly, my interpretation is that I can't even camp in my own RV on my own property with my own kids if it's connected to water. Again this does not seem right. I understand that if no complaints are received then enforcement is not likely. However if these rules are passed through as written, the door is always open for someone to complain (even if it's simply out of spite for some reason unrelated to trailers) and a respectful citizen such as myself is open to large fines.

Some people enjoy spending their spare time indoors. Others like my family enjoy being outdoors with many different forms of recreational vehicles and we should have the right to store them on our own property as long as we have room to do so without causing inconvenience to our neighbors.

Please carefully consider your bylaw as written before passing anything through. Perhaps some other language should be included to address the concerns of people like me with larger properties and lots of space that could be impacted by such restrictive language.

Perhaps I am way off base here and I would welcome your thoughts as well. Thanks for listening.

Sincerely Justin Cepek Point Clark