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Good Evening,

My name is Erin Verellen, and I am one of many property owners in Point Clark who would be effected by the proposed trailer by-law.

My husband, two kids and I have been blessed to call Point Clark our weekend paradise for the past seven years.

I am sending this letter today, to explain how this proposed by-law to Regulate the Parking of Trailers in Residential Areas would negatively affect my family and I.

My family enjoys towing our fifth wheel trailer to camp throughout the summer, when we are not towing it, it is parked in front of our cottage. We have beautiful trees that offer a visual obstruction of view from the street. I can assure you that the area surrounding our trailer is always well maintained. It is tidy, well-kept and free of all debris.

For us, it would be nearly impossible to abide by the proposed by-law. We only have access to one of our side yards and taking into account the grade of that side yard, it would be dangerous for us to put our trailer in this area. We do not have adequate access to put the trailer into our rear yard due to trees and a shed. If you were to drive through Point Clark you would observe that this is the case for a large majority of the properties.

I have neighbours who have owned their property for many years, he and his wife recently decided to retired to Point Clark. They are active in our community and enjoy spending time with family and friends on their pontoon boat. In the winter months their boat is trailered and stored in their driveway. They keep it clear of leaves and snow. Like us, our neighbour has no access to his rear yard, and his side yard is fenced. What does this proposed bylaw mean for him? Is he expected to accrue additional costs for storing it elsewhere?. What is he expected to do in the spring when he is doing maintenance work on his boat in preparation for the upcoming season?

I have another neighbour who has owned his property for decades. He keeps a small utility trailer in his front yard. He uses it often for removing brush and tree limbs in the maintenance of his yard. He too does not have access to side or rear yard storage for this trailer.

Furthermore, when my family and I come to our cottage in the winter months, we will occasionally bring our snowmobiles in a utility trailer. Again, while abiding by the proposed by-law, are we expected to unload our snowmobiles onto our driveway and then presumably park the trailer on the street? Are we expected to tow it to a public parking lot?

While I can respect that some individuals may find our trailers “unsightly”, you can see that we truly have few options. These trailers add value to the lives of the residents. Allowing family and friends to truly enjoy all that Point Clark has to offer, including gorgeous sunsets over lake huron as well as beautiful walking and hiking paths. Our trailers do not impact the greater pleasures of our community.

Perhaps with such a proposed rigid by-law, there will be variances issued to residents with no access to side or rear yards while obeying the 1m distance from property lines.

Upon a quick review of current by-laws, it would appear that a majority of the concerns listed would be adequately handled under existing by-laws.

Multiple recreational trailers being stored on a property is unsightly.

-Although not covered under a by-law. Perhaps limiting the duration of time that a property owner can legally have multiple recreational trailers on their property (ie: three months)

Use of multiple camper trailers on a property have led to gatherings with excessive noise and the trailers being used for habitation.

-Excessive noise is covered under section 2.2 of by-law 2005-101 where it states “No person shall emit, cause, permit or encourage noise which is likely to disturb and actually disturbs the quiet, peace, rest, comfort, or convenience of the neighbourhood.

Safety concerns of multiple trailers located in the same space.

-I am unsure of what safety concerns specifically might be referred to here.

Hard to maintain property to multiple trailers in close proximity to one another.

-this concern would fall under Article 3, section 3.1 (a) where it states that

“All yards and vacant land shall be maintained in a neat and tidy condition so as not to present a hazard to any person.”

Trailers being used for storage of items that may become soiled.

-This seems like an issue that would be the sole concern of the owner.

Concern of trailers being used for illegal activity.

-The ‘Illegal activity’ mentioned would presumably be dealt with under the various laws that make those actions ‘illegal’

In closing, it would appear that many of the concerns listed in this proposal would be easily dealt with by using existing by-laws and in the event that there are further problems then they could be dealt with on an individual basis. These are not concerns that need to be solved with this “blanket by-law”. It seems unfair and unjust to punish many for the wrong doings of a few. This by-law proposal is in desperate need of further review.

Thank you for your time.

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