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Date: May 11, 2021
To: Mayor and Council
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RE: By-Laws Pertaining to the Parking of Recreational Vehicles
Report No.: IED 2021 – 27

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That Council authorize revision of Section 14.(5) of Kingsville Traffic By-Law 21-2005 to:
No person shall park boats or recreational vehicles on any highway. On-street parking of commercial/personal utility trailers shall only be permitted from 7:00am to 7:00pm.
No person shall park or leave an unattached trailer of any kind on any highway;

And That Council approves By-Law 27-2021 being a by-law to regulate the outdoor parking or storage of recreational, commercial and motor vehicles on private property within the Town of Kingsville.

BACKGROUND

In 2019, during annual review of Kingsville Traffic By-Law 21-2005, the following recommendation was proposed to Council:

*Addition of the following provision in Kingsville Traffic By-Law 21-2005:
Parking of commercial/personal utility trailers, boats or recreational vehicles on any highway (roadway) shall only be permitted from 8:00am to 7:00pm daily.*

This recommendation was not adopted and discussion with Council resulted in the following motion:

603-2019

That Council directs Administration to review the recommendation (re: Section 14(5) of Kingsville Traffic By-Law 21-2005) regarding the parking of commercial/personal utility trailers, boats or recreational vehicles on any highway (roadway); and to bring back a Report to Council within six (6) months.

Council was hesitant to approve the above recommendation expressing concern over the current prohibition of recreational vehicles on residential driveways. Council requested Administration seek additional feedback and report back.

DISCUSSION

Collecting in-person feedback was not feasible due to COVID-19. Electronic feedback was collected through a survey advertised via social media, the Town website, and a local newspaper. There were 498 responses, which is a relatively high response rate when compared to previous Town surveys. The results are included in Appendix A for your reference.

On-Street Parking

Results of Question #3 (Do you support the parking of recreational vehicles on Kingsville roadways?) indicate 52.8% do not support on-street parking for recreational vehicles. Daytime parking is supported by 16.5% and 24 hour parking is supported by 30.7% of respondents. Question #4 (Do you think parking recreational vehicles on roadways creates a safety issue or obstructs sight lines for drivers?) indicates 76% agree that on-street parking creates a safety issue and obstructs sightlines for drivers. Considering the results of these two questions, it is fair to conclude that the majority of respondents support a prohibition of on-street parking for recreational vehicles, particularly from a traffic safety standpoint. These vehicles vary in size, can be quite large, and obstruct visibility for drivers creating a safety hazard. Further, roadways are intended to provide for safe vehicle passage, not for storage of recreational vehicles.

There is a greater need to provide for on-street parking of commercial/personal utility trailers, particularly from an economic and home construction and/or repair perspective. These trailers are often used by contractors and landscapers and are parked on roadways as driveways may not be adequate to unload equipment and materials. Allowing daytime parking for trailers will provide a balance of traffic safety and access for contractors.

Therefore, the following revision to Traffic By-Law 21-2005 is recommended:

Section 14.(5) as currently written:

No person shall park commercial/personal trailers, boats or recreational vehicles on any highway overnight and not more than five (5) hours during the day.

Be revised to:

No person shall park boats or recreational vehicles on any highway. On-street parking of commercial/personal utility trailers shall only be permitted from 7:00am to 7:00pm. No person shall park or leave an unattached trailer of any kind on the highway.

Parking on Residential Property

Section 5.15 of the Kingsville Comprehensive Zoning By-Law (attached in Appendix B) regulates the parking of recreational vehicles on private property. The current regulations allow one recreational vehicle to be parked in the rear yard or interior side yard. Driveway parking is limited to a maximum of five consecutive days for three separate occasions during the calendar year to allow for vehicle cleaning and maintenance.

Prior to purchasing a recreational vehicle, the buyer should give consideration to long term storage (and the associated costs) as the urban environment isn't designed and/or intended to facilitate such storage. That said, results of Question #5 (Do you support parking of recreational vehicles on residential driveways?) of the attached survey indicate the majority of respondents support year-round or seasonal parking of recreational vehicles on residential driveways.

Therefore, it is recommended that Section 5.15 of the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law be removed. Further, it is recommended that Council endorse a new by-law regulating the parking of recreational vehicles on private property to ensure such parking is performed in an orderly fashion. A dedicated by-law will also allow for improved enforcement as there are no penalty fees associated with the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law.

Private Property Parking By-Law

The Building / By-Law Enforcement Department has drafted a new by-law regulating parking on private property (attached in Appendix C). Further, this department has provided the following commentary supporting the proposed by-law:

"This by-law was the result of a request from the Manager of Engineering addressing a motion from Town Council with regards to parking Recreational Vehicles on the roadway. A survey was conducted for public input and consideration to the allowance of recreational vehicles to be parked on driveways during the summer months, it was positively received. Administration recommends the new by-law regulating the parking of recreational vehicles on private property be created as an independent standalone document and further be removed from the Zoning By-Law. It will give the residents the ability to park their recreational vehicles on their driveways during certain times of year allowing them more flexibility. Having the by-law as a standalone will allow Enforcement staff more flexibility in dealing with problem or habitual offenders. It will allow fines to be issued as well as a mechanism to remove any vehicles found in violation that do not comply."

Appendix D includes feedback from the public in response to this new proposed by-law.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

To promote a safe community.

Link to Council 2021-2022 Priorities

- ☐ COVID-19 and the health and safety of the community
- ☐ Customer Service: Training, Technology, Staff, Review Standards/Level of service
- ☐ Housing: Affordability (lot sizes, developer incentives, second dwellings, density, etc.)
- ☐ Greenhouse: lights & dark sky, odours (site plan compliance, bylaws, other tools)
- ☐ Programming Increase: Youth and Seniors
- ☐ A development plan for Downtown Kingsville / Main Street
- ☐ Financial savings: Schools closings, Migration Hall
- ☐ Economic Development: strengthen tourism/hospitality
- ☐ COVID - economic recovery
- ☐ Communications: Strategy – Policy (social media), Website refresh and other tools, Public engagement
- ☐ Housing: Migrant Worker Housing – Inspections (Building/Fire), regulate, reduce, or increase
- ☐ Committees / Boards: Review and Report
- ☐ Policy Update: Procedural Bylaw
- ☐ Economic Development: diversify the economy, create local jobs, industrial, Cottam
- ☐ Infrastructure (non-Municipal): Union Water expansion & governance
- ☐ Infrastructure (Municipal): Asset Management Plan update, the infrastructure funding deficit
- ☒ No direct link to Council priorities

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is no financial impact with endorsement of this report.

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