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# HALDIMAND COUNTY

## Report ENG-12-2024 Parking Control By-law Amendment, Recreational Vehicles



For Consideration by Council in Committee on October 8, 2024

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### OBJECTIVE:

To provide Council with a recommendation to amend the current parking by-law as it applies to the parking of recreational vehicles on County roads.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report ENG-12-2024 Parking Control By-law Amendment, Recreational Vehicles be received;
2. AND THAT Haldimand County Parking Control By-law 307/02, Section 9 Parking Prohibited, be amended as outlined in Report ENG-12-2024;
3. AND THAT the by-law attached to Report Eng-12-2024 be approved at a future Council meeting.

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Parking Control By-law 307/02 was amended in 2021 to address the issue of recreational vehicles parking on County roads. The by-law currently contains the following non-consecutive sections related to the parking of recreational vehicles:

*9) Unless otherwise permitted in this by-law, no person shall at any time park a vehicle in any of the following places:*

*g) For a period longer than 48 consecutive hours, with the exception of recreational vehicles.*

*p) No person shall park a recreational vehicle on a street more than two (2) occasions, each for a period no longer than 48 consecutive hours, within a 7-day period.*

Having recreational vehicles exempt from the 48-hour limit in Clause 9(g) while restricted under Clause 9(p) creates ambiguity in enforcement because recreational vehicles are treated differently in these sections. In order to clarify the time restriction related to the 48 hour period, a modification to Clause 9(g) is recommended.

With the proposed change, all vehicles, including recreational vehicles, will be restricted from parking for longer than 48 consecutive hours and further restricted with a limit of two 48-hour parking occurrences within a 7-day period. This change aligns with the intent of the 2021 parking bylaw amendment by clarifying enforcement regulations.

## **BACKGROUND:**

At the November 17, 2020, Council-in-Committee meeting, staff were directed by the following resolution:

*“THAT staff be directed to report back to a future Council-in-Committee meeting on options for restricting on-street parking of recreational vehicles.”*

This directive stemmed from ongoing concerns, including obstructed sightlines caused by larger vehicles, objections to the prolonged presence of recreational vehicles on streets, and issues with on-street parking spaces being occupied by larger vehicles.

In October 2021, Report ECW-09-2021 Regulation of Recreational Vehicles Parked on County Roads was presented to Council and several options for restricting on-street parking of recreational vehicles were considered, and the following recommendation was made:

Amend Section 9 (Prohibited Parking) of the Parking By-law to include the following clause:

*“No person shall park a recreational vehicle on a street more than twice, each time for a period of no longer than 48 consecutive hours, within a 7-day period.”*

This option was recommended as it strikes a balance between allowing residents adequate time to load, unload, clean, and winterize their recreational vehicles, while also establishing clear enforcement guidelines for vehicles parked beyond the 48-hour limit. It also addressed a common issue where individuals would move their vehicle slightly to restart the 48-hour time frame.

Since this modification was implemented in 2021, an inconsistency has been identified, leading to enforcement ambiguity. The by-law currently includes the following sections related to the parking of recreational vehicles:

9) *Unless otherwise permitted in this by-law, no person shall at any time park a vehicle in any of the following places:*

*g) For a period longer than 48 consecutive hours, with the exception of recreational vehicles.*

*p) No person shall park a recreational vehicle on a street more than two (2) occasions, each for a period no longer than 48 consecutive hours, within a 7-day period.*

The exemption for recreational vehicles from the 48-hour limit in Clause 9(g), while restricted under Clause 9(p), creates ambiguity in enforcement where a recreational vehicle is exempt in one Clause and not in another. To clarify the restriction, it is recommended that Clause 9(g) be amended to remove the reference to recreational vehicles.

## **ANALYSIS:**

Parking Control By-law 307/02, Section 9 Parking Prohibited currently has Recreational Vehicles exempt from the 48 hour limit in Clause 9(g) and restricted in Clause 9(p) creating ambiguity in enforcement where recreational vehicles are exempt in one section and not in another.

To clarify the restriction the following amendment to Parking Control By-law 307/02, Section 9 Parking Prohibited Clause 9(g) is recommended:

**Parking Control By-law 307/02 to delete**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Language</b>
9 g)	For a period of longer than 48 consecutive hours with the exception of Recreational Vehicles.”

**By-law 307/02 to add**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Language</b>
9 g)	For a period of longer than 48 consecutive hours

With this change, all vehicles will be restricted from parking for longer than 48 consecutive hours, while recreational vehicles are further restricted by limiting the number of occurrences to twice in a seven day period.

**FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Modifying the Parking Control By-law to clarify the parking restrictions related to recreational vehicles in Clauses 9(g) and (p) will allow bylaw officers to effectively enforce the parking violation of recreational vehicles exceeding the identified time restrictions.

**STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:**

Not applicable.

**REPORT IMPACTS:**

Agreement: No

By-law: Yes

Budget Amendment: No

Policy: No

**REFERENCES:**

1. [Consolidated Parking Bylaw 307/02](#)
2. [Report ECW-09-2021 Regulation of Recreational Vehicles Parked on County Roads](#)

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Draft Amending By-law