

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Vogler regarding Recreational Vehicle Parking on Properties Abutting Canals

Whereas zoning bylaw 2-2012, Section 6.46 states:

"Recreational Vehicle and Utility Trailer Storage In any Residential zone, the owner or occupant of any lot may store, in any rear or side yard behind or beside the dwelling, a maximum of two (2) recreational vehicles or two (2) utility trailers or a combination of one (1) recreational vehicle and one (1) utility trailer, provided that they are the owner of such recreational vehicles or utility trailers. For clarity, the storage of recreational vehicles and utility trailers is prohibited in any front yard of any Residential zone.

For the purposes of this section, the temporary keeping of recreational vehicles and utility trailers for loading and unloading in a driveway for up to fourteen (14) days in the given calendar year shall not be considered storage.

Notwithstanding the above, the storage of any recreational vehicle and utility trailer may be permitted within the front yard on a lot abutting Lake St. Clair, Puce River, Ruscom River and Belle River, provided it is not located within the front yard setback.

Notwithstanding the above, where an existing lot abutting the water is bisected by a street, the storage of any recreational vehicle may be permitted on the lot abutting the water."

And whereas waterfront properties abutting canals are zoned "RW2 Lake St. Clair" and are therefore held to the same standards and requirements as those abutting Lake St. Clair with regards to set-backs and other property standards.

And whereas septic systems are not permitted on the waterfront side of properties abutting canals, thus limiting rear yard space.

And whereas maintaining "waterfront character" is a priority of the Municipality of Lakeshore.

And whereas residents whose properties abut canals enjoy the same lifestyle as those abutting Lake St. Clair, Puce River, Ruscom River and Belle River with regards to boats and on-site docks.

Therefore, direct Administration to bring forward an amendment to section 6.46 of Zoning By-law 2-2012 to permit the storage of any recreational vehicle and utility trailer within the front yard on a lot abutting a canal, provided it is not located within the front yard setback.