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Attention: Vanessa Robicheau

I wish to express my concerns regarding the proposed changes to Stoney Creek zoning by-law to include new rules for parking RVs at residential properties.

My first concern is regarding "...a definition for Major Recreational Equipment." What constitutes major recreational equipment? Is a major recreational vehicle determined by its height, length, weight, number of wheels/axles, use on land, water or in the air? Or is there another criteria?

Secondly, I question whether the proposed changes are needed. If the reason for the proposed change is to address idling concerns, a by-law (07-160) is all ready in place. We do not need more by-laws, we need to enforce the ones we have. If the concerns are safety issues i.e. obstruction of visibility and/or obstruction of traffic flow, the highway traffic act all ready addresses these concerns.

Third, Stoney Creek is a unique community with by-laws that were developed over the years to suit the needs of this community. In spite of amalgamation, that was forced upon the community, and the explosive growth of upper Stoney Creek (Binbrook), the village of Stoney Creek has been able to maintain a distinctive small town atmosphere. By-laws that are needed in other parts of the city are not successful in Stoney Creek i.e. parking meters.

If the proposed by-law is to resolve a feud between neighbours, in all likelihood, it will not necessarily provide a solution, as these neighbours will find something else to feud over.

Under the existing federal grandfather's clause, the home owners who presently own a RV should be able to park at their residence. In many cases, the resident's decision to purchase the RV was based on the convenience of being able to park it at home so that the RV could be packed and maintained properly.

Yours sincerely,
Carl Hendershot