

## **Frequently Asked Questions Trailers and Recreational Vehicles**

### ***What problem are we trying to solve with the Trailer By-law?***

More effectively deal with the issues and complaints related to trailers while allowing residents to use them on vacant land in the Rural Zone.

To ensure the health and safety of the user.

To ensure responsible ownership.

To maintain the character of the neighbourhood.

To ensure environmental protection of land and waterways with a provision of proof of septic.

To prevent permanent residency in trailers.

To strike a balance between those who oppose and those who wish to use travel trailers on their vacant land.

### ***Why do we need a new by-law when the zoning by-law was amended not to have any trailers on vacant land in 2018?***

To provide flexibility with the use of trailers in the Township of Bonfield.

To allow a trailer in the rural zone.

To hold the owner accountable for their property.

To have a mechanism to deal with repeat offenders.

To maintain the character of residential areas within the Township of Bonfield.

A by-law was required to provide provisions to have a trailer on rural vacant land.

To regulate property standards with lands that have trailers.

### ***Why are trailers only allowed on Vacant Land in the Rural zone?***

To protect the lakes from grey water and septic.

To provide a recreational use for the Rural area.

To maintain the character of the waterfront.

To prevent overcrowding in subdivisions and to comply with the subdivision agreements.

### ***How did we arrive at the fee amounts?***

Benchmarked with other municipalities.

Township of Strong-\$1000.00

Township of Armour-\$545.00

Township of McMurrich/Montieth-\$600.00

Nipissing Township-\$600.00

Fees plan to be cost recovery and pay for services that cannot be collected in taxes as a trailer is not an assessed structured.

***Why are there restrictions on the number of trailers allowed on one property?***

To ensure that camping establishments remain as the first source for parking a trailer or recreational vehicle as the property is set up with site plan controls and provisions to ensure the health and safety of the user and the protection to the environment.

To support local camping establishments.

To minimize the disturbance of the neighbourhood.

***Will I still be able to have a trailer on my property with a primary dwelling?***

Yes. A trailer has always been permitted as the permanent residence provides for septic and grey water management.

120 days without a licence between May 1<sup>st</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> annually.

***Quick Facts from the by-law.***

RVs/Trailers permitted with a Licence in the Rural Zone

Cannot occupy a trailer between December 15<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> anywhere in the Municipality.

Annual Licence provides the provision to store on the same licenced vacant land.

A Licenced trailer will be permitted one mobile storage shed.

1 licence per eligible property

May have a visitor on the property with a trailer with a special occasion licence for up to 14 days.

Provides for a trailer on vacant land while building a home without a licence.

Requires a waste management plan for septic and grey water.