

2 November 2009

To Public Hearing
Date: <u>Nov 16, 2009</u>
Item # <u>3</u>
Re: <u>Zoning Bylaw</u> <u>8500</u>

TO: MAYOR & EACH COUNCILLOR
FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

cc: Volger Burke for response

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Re: NEW RULES MULLED FOR RV PARKING

With reference to the article in the Richmond Review 22nd Oct, we have a few concerns regarding this proposal.

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We have resided at this address since 1971 and have parked our RV on our property. There is a lane running down the side of the property and initially there was a 6 ft high fence along the lane and the back of the property & up to the back of the house. In the early 1980's the "break-ins" were rampant in the Shellmont area, we had a break-in two years in a row. The RCMP advised at the time that fences and shrubbery should be kept low, enabling neighbours a better view of properties. We followed that advice and lowered the complete fence to 5 ft & shrubbery to 4 ft. This new proposal is contradicting this security measure by stating that a fence/trees/shrubs must be either 1.8 meters or 2 meters high depending on whether the parked vehicle is front yard or side yard, & a 2 meter high fence does not hide an RV. This would again be an opportunity for vandalism and/or attempted break-ins of RVs not to mention appearance of properties. Visualize turning into a lane where one property has a two meter high fence and the rest of the fencing down both sides of the lane are 1.5 meters or, should there be another property or two further along with a 2 meter high fence it would look like a roller coaster track. Considering the last tree by-law the city came out with, it will make people think twice about planting any trees on their property.

Providing the parked objects look maintained and don't make the property fall into the "unsightly premises" bylaw, these new rules mulled for RV parking need a lot more thought .

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