

SCHEDULE 1: TO THE MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR  
PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD ON MONDAY,  
NOVEMBER 16, 2009.

## MayorandCouncillors

**From:** Burke, Holger  
**Sent:** November 13, 2009 4:01 PM  
**To:** 'm.arnis@shaw.ca'  
**Cc:** MayorandCouncillors  
**Subject:** RE: rv bylaw  
**Categories:** UCRS CODE / FILE NUMBER: 12-8060-20-8500

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

Dear Melanie Arnis:

The proposed new screening provisions are Section 6.4.5 on page 6-3 of the proposed new Zoning Bylaw.

Travel trailers are defined in Section 3 on page 3-33.

There is no definition for boat.

It is proposed that existing travel trailers and boats located on private property prior to the adoption of Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500 would be grandfathered from the proposed new screening provisions.

The other issues you raise are covered by other bylaws not the zoning.

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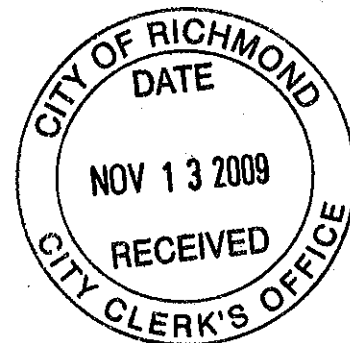
Holger - can you please respond to the writer? Thanks.

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**From:** m.arnis@shaw.ca [mailto:m.arnis@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** November 11, 2009 4:39 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncillors  
**Subject:** rv bylaw

November 11, 2009

Dear Mr. Brodie and Councillors,



11/13/2009

I have tried to find the proposed bylaw regarding RVs and boats in the multi hundred page document on the web and after a half an hour only got a headache. So I must rely on the newspaper accounts of this bylaw.

I understand that RV and boat owners are to install shrubbery and or fencing if they park them on their property not on a driveway.

I have a few questions regarding this issue.

**1. Is this bylaw easily enforceable by having the offending items clearly defined?**

If I park my pick up truck of any size (and some can be quite large) and my camper right next to it, I haven't breached the bylaw. But if I put my camper on my truck, it then becomes a RV and breaches the law? If I have a raised roof van, that is ok but not if I have a stove in it? Or a sink? If I store my cartopper type aluminum boat, kayak or canoe on the ground it is fine, but not if I put it on my vehicle as my vehicle becomes a boat trailer?

Have you defined Boat? Are Sea-Doos and Jet Skis allowed to be stored on a trailer? They are not actually boats, but Personal Watercraft.

If I put down some crushed rock, or pave more of my lawn, can I call it my driveway and circumvent the bylaw?

**2. What is the purpose of this new bylaw?**

Is it to cover up the RV or boat so it can't be seen? Many RVs and large boats on trailers can be over 12 feet high. So a 1.8 metre shrub or 2.0 metre fence really covers only 50 % or less of the vehicle. So if you can see 50 % of the RV or boat, have you covered it?

**3. Is this bylaw congruent to other wheeled vehicles?**

I see everywhere all around Richmond people parking pick up trucks, vans, panel vans, moving vans, flat bed trucks, semi trailer trucks, trucks with Hyabs, filthy commercial trucks with ladders and other things hanging off them, utility trailers, dump trucks some with loads, buses, utility trailers made of the flat deck of an old pick up, and many other types of wheeled vehicles. Plus there is no cap on the number of these vehicles. Many properties are full of cars. They could be the cars of extended family, guests, B and B guests, renters, or whoever. All of which are OK with the new bylaw, but not one 20 ft. RV or one 10 ft boat?

**4. Is this bylaw congruent with other types of storage?**

Again all over Richmond people are storing old hot tubs, appliances, junked swing sets, campers, pick up canopies, lawn furniture, construction materials, scrap metal, gardening items, rocks, large toys and other kind of storage of any other kind of material. All of which are again OK with new bylaw, but not one 20 ft. RV?

In conclusion I don't see how it has been defined, or that it has a purpose, and it is outright unfair to RV/boat owners compared to any other owner of a wheeled vehicle, or any other resident storing junk.

I am also offended when I walked by Mr. Steves' property and counted at least 12 vehicles not on his driveway. Many of them are not drivable and are hulks of rusty metal leaching into the soil. He also has a truck canopy sinking into the ground, and a rusty oil tank on his property, all visible. Yet my 22 foot fully insured, drivable RV has to be covered up.

Owning a boat or recreational vehicle shouldn't be a crime in Richmond.

Yours truly,

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