



## Recreational Vehicle and All-Terrain Vehicle Restrictions Open House

*Bylaw C-1300-24 Land Use Bylaw Amendment for Recreational and All-Terrain Vehicle Restrictions*

### What We Heard

April 3, 2024



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## INTRODUCTION

The Community Standards Bylaw Project identified several proposed standards and recommendations, with some more appropriately addressed through other City bylaws. One of the recommendations was to extend and seasonally tailor the parking timeframe for recreational vehicles and all-terrain vehicles on private properties under the Land Use Bylaw.

To build on the results of the Community Standards Bylaw survey (May 7 to July 9, 2023), which included questions about recreational vehicle and snowmobile parking (summarized in Appendix 1), Administration conducted an open house on April 3, 2024. The purpose of the open house was to gather feedback on the proposed amendments to the Land Use Bylaw for the parking of all-terrain vehicles and recreational vehicles on private property (beside homes and in front driveways), including:

- Adding a definition for All-Terrain Vehicles.
- Removing snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles from the definition of Recreational Vehicles.
- Clarifying when a Development Permit is not required for all-terrain vehicles and recreational vehicles.
- Extending the parking timeframes for all-terrain vehicles and recreational vehicles, as summarized below in Table 1.

*Table 1 - Proposed changes to All-Terrain Vehicles and Recreational Vehicle parking*

| Vehicle Type   | Current Parking Regulation | Proposed Parking Regulation |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Recreational Vehicles, including motor homes, boats, campers, and travel trailers. | May 1 to October 31        | April 15 to November 30     |
| All-Terrain Vehicles with wheels, such as quads and dirt bikes.                    | May 1 to October 31        | Year round                  |
| All-Terrain Vehicles such as snowmobiles or those with tracks.                     | May 1 to October 31        | November 15 to April 15     |

## OPEN HOUSE SUMMARY

The City held an open house on April 3, 2024, at the Pioneer Centre from 4:30 to 6:30. The open house was advertised on the City's events webpage.

The open house included information boards, handouts, and a feedback form about the proposed Land Use Bylaw changes to recreational vehicle and all-terrain vehicle parking. Thirteen residents attended the open house. Input received from the discussion and feedback forms submitted are summarized below.

### Strong support

Question #1: Allowing Recreational Vehicles, including motor homes, boats, campers, and travel trailers to be parked from April 15 to November 30 on front driveways and beside homes (on private property).

- 9 participants provided responses to this question.
  - 8 participants supported this proposed change, with 5 recommending moving the parking timeframe earlier for recreational vehicles from April 15 to April 1 or earlier.
    - 1 respondent indicated that moving the date forward to April 1 would allow snowbirds to come home and empty and clean up their recreational vehicle for summer use. This respondent also recommended allowing recreational vehicles to be parked in the winter months to prepare for southern trips.
    - 1 respondent indicated that moving the date forward to April 1 would allow them to bring their recreational vehicle home from their work site earlier in the year.
  - 1 participant did not support this change, indicating that camping season doesn't usually start until May, and ends by October 31.

### Reduced Support

Question #2: Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles with wheels, such as quads and dirt bikes to be parked year-round on front driveways and beside homes (on private property).

- 10 participants provided responses to this question.
  - 5 participants indicated no concern with this proposed change.
  - 1 participant indicated no major concerns unless the property becomes unsightly.
  - 1 participant recommended having a maximum number of all-terrain vehicles that can be parked on front driveways and beside homes.
  - 3 participant indicated significant concerns with this proposed regulation, citing unsightly properties, added pressure to on-street parking, and reduced property values.

### Reduced Support

Question #3: Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles such as snowmobiles, or those with tracks to be parked on front driveways and beside homes (on private property) from November 15 to April 15.

- 9 participants provided responses to this question.
  - 4 participants indicated no concern with this proposed change.
  - 1 participant indicated no major concerns unless the property becomes unsightly.
  - 2 participants indicated this proposed change is not applicable to them.
  - 2 participants indicated significant concerns with this proposed regulation, citing unsightly properties, and added pressure to on-street parking.

### Additional feedback

- 1 participant indicated that it doesn't make sense why a recreational vehicle can be parked on a street as a licensed vehicle but cannot be parked on a driveway before May 1.
- 1 participant recommend changing the Traffic Bylaw to allow unhooked trailers to stay on the street if they are secured in place. This would allow residents to obtain a part or switch their vehicle without having to move their trailer and disrupt the neighbourhood.
- 1 participant recommended amending the Traffic Bylaw to allow trailers to be parked unattached in front of a home if they are secured. This helps resident who need to obtain parts, repairs etc.

- 1 participant indicated that the City of Spruce Grove should follow the direction of Stony Plain where recreational vehicles can only be parked on the street for 48 hours before being required to be parked off street for 72 hours.
- 4 emailed responses were received in advance of the open house. One email stated non support for the proposed changes, citing concerns with recreational vehicles overhanging the driveway, obstructing oncoming traffic, and leading to more homeowners parking on the street further increasing congestion. One email received stated support for the proposed changes to allow for more time to prepare for camping season. Two emails received requested further information about the proposed changes.

## Summary

Overall, open house participants were supportive of the proposed changes to recreational vehicle parking, with reduced support for the parking of all-terrain vehicles, including snowmobiles.

## APPENDIX 1: COMMUNITY STANDARDS BYLAW WHAT WE HEARD REPORT

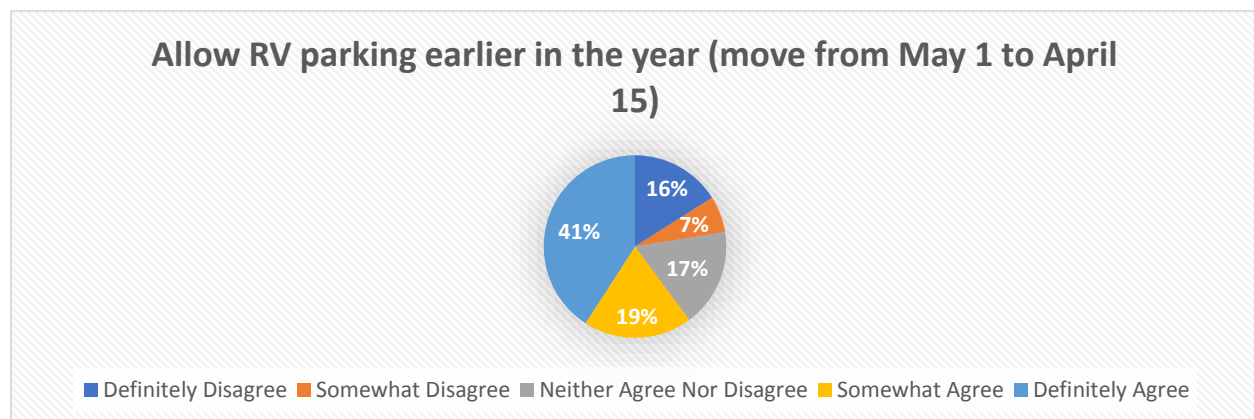
The following is the results from the Community Standards Bylaw What We Heard Report related to Recreational Vehicles and snowmobiles.

### Topic 12: Recreational Vehicles (RVs)

#### RV parking earlier in the year

A definition of recreational vehicles<sup>1</sup> was provided. The survey question noted that current City bylaws indicate an RV cannot be parked on side streets, street side, front yards or driveways EXCEPT between May 1 to October 31 in any year. Respondents were asked to rate their level of agreement with the proposed standard to begin the exception earlier in the year, on April 15.

*1,179 responses were received on this question.*



<sup>1</sup> A recreational vehicle is a “wheeled or wheel-less structure designed to provide temporary living quarters or used as a form of recreation or transportation, which may or may not be a motor vehicle itself. Typical examples include travel trailers, motor homes, boats, snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles.”

### Open-ended question responses

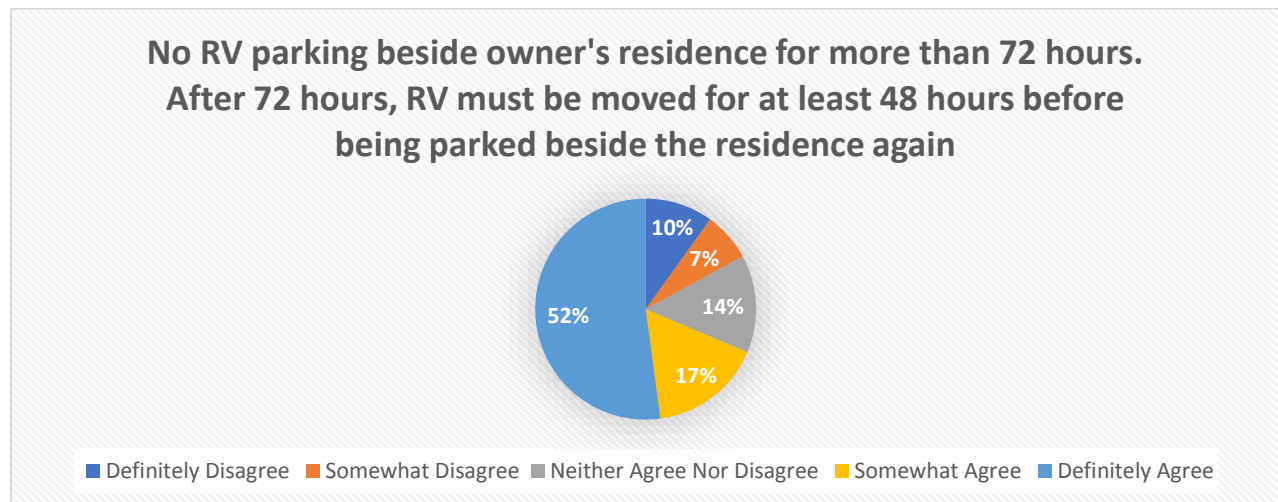
247 comments were received on this standard. Most of the comments were NOT supportive, citing concerns about the lack of neighbourhood street parking, RVs blocking safe passage, line of sight and contributing to overcrowding. This is especially an issue in newer neighbourhoods where there isn't a lot of street parking space. Others cited concerns about RVs getting in the way of road clean-up (street sweeping, snow removal).

Those that voiced support indicated that camping season is starting earlier due to the climate warming so the bylaw should reflect that. Others appreciated having the extra time to be able to get their RVs ready for the season.

### Length of time for RV parking

Respondents were asked to rate their level of agreement with the proposed standards:

- An RV can be parked on a roadway immediately beside the owner or operator's residence and for no more than 72 hours in a row.
- After 72 hours, an RV must be moved off the city street for at least 48 hours in a row before it may be parked again on the roadway beside an owner or operator's residence.



### Open-ended question responses

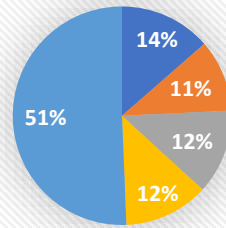
242 comments were received. The majority of the comments reflected concerns with the proposed timeline of 72 hours, in that it is either too short or too long. Several welcomed the standard as a tool to address neighbours who are already parking their RVs beside their residences for a lengthy period of time.

### Use of an RV as a temporary dwelling

Respondents were asked to rate their level of agreement with the proposed standard:

- An RV on a private property cannot be occupied as a temporary dwelling. A temporary dwelling is a place where a person lives for limited period of time (no more than 7 days in a row) and is not a permanent residence.

## A RV on private property cannot be used as a temporary dwelling



■ Definitely Disagree ■ Somewhat Disagree ■ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ■ Somewhat Agree ■ Definitely Agree

### Open-ended question responses

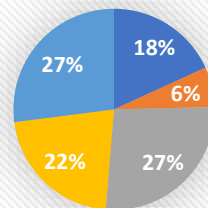
226 comments were received. Responses were mixed. Those who did not support this standard indicated a temporary RV stay is sometimes necessary (such as during the pandemic, evacuation orders, house renovations etc.). Many respondents indicated they often have family members visiting who stay in RVs on their property and would like it to continue.

### Snowmobiles

Respondents were asked to rate their level of agreement with the proposed standards:

- Snowmobiles could be removed from the definition of a RV to allow for parking options during the winter season. Summer restrictions will be put into place. For example, snowmobiles on trailers can be parked in residential area, hitched to a vehicle when parked on roadways from October 15 through to April 1.

## Removal of snowmobile from RV definition and addition of summer restrictions



■ Definitely Disagree ■ Somewhat Disagree ■ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ■ Somewhat Agree ■ Definitely Agree

### Open-ended question responses

193 comments were received. The majority of the comments did not support this standard as parking options are limited in neighbourhoods and allowing more vehicles on driveways would lead to more congestion. A few comments wanted to see a timeline attached to the summer restrictions (72 hours).





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## APPENDIX 3: OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK FORMS



**Please provide feedback on the proposed changes to the Land Use Bylaw.**

1. Allowing Recreational Vehicles, including motor homes, boats, campers, and travel trailers to be parked from April 15 to November 30 on front driveways and beside homes (on private property).

April 1st same as City of Edmonton & Town of Stony Plain.  
This will allow Snow Birds to Come Home Empty, Clean and Prepare for the Summer use. After living in RV for Month.  
Also Allow Snow Birds to Park RV on driveway in winter months to load for the South Trip.

2. Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles with wheels, such as quads and dirt bikes to be parked year-round on front driveways and beside homes (on private property).

OK

3. Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles such as snowmobiles or those with tracks to be parked on front driveways and beside homes (on private property) from November 15 to April 15.

OK

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*-Camping season doesn't usually start until May so I'm not sure why there is a need to extend the time earlier into April. Similarly, most camping ends by Halloween, so extending to November 30 seems extensive.*

2. Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles with wheels, such as quads and dirt bikes to be parked year-round on front driveways and beside homes (on private property).

*-no major concern unless property becomes unsightly.*

3. Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles such as snowmobiles or those with tracks to be parked on front driveways and beside homes (on private property) from November 15 to April 15.

*-no major concern unless the storage becomes unsightly.*

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I agree with extending the dates:

April 1 to ~~Nov~~ Nov 30 would be better

- currently allowed to park motorhome on the street ~~for~~ as a licensed vehicle - but cannot park on own driveway before May 1 (doesn't make sense!!)

2. Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles with wheels, such as quads and dirt bikes to be parked year-round on front driveways and beside homes (on private property).

Indifferent - no effect to me

3. Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles such as snowmobiles or those with tracks to be parked on front driveways and beside homes (on private property) from November 15 to April 15.

Indifferent - no effect to me.

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*Support the earlier April 15<sup>th</sup> date  
Neutral on the November 30<sup>th</sup> date*

2. Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles with wheels, such as quads and dirt bikes to be parked year-round on front driveways and beside homes (on private property).

*Do not support this in principle, ~~however~~<sup>and</sup> concerned this would put pressure on street parking. Also, concerned this would allow residents to avoid storage costs and could negatively affect neighbours*

3. Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles such as snowmobiles or those with tracks to be parked on front driveways and beside homes (on private property) from November 15 to April 15.

*Concerned this will put pressure on street parking*

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*Also/  
would like the city to follow the direction provided by Stony Plain where recreational vehicles can only be parked on street for 48 hours before being required to be parked off-street for 72 hours*

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I agree with extending the dates  
I suggest April 1st instead of the 15<sup>th</sup> - less confusing

2. Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles with wheels, such as quads and dirt bikes to be parked year-round on front driveways and beside homes (on private property).

Agreed

3. Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles such as snowmobiles or those with tracks to be parked on front driveways and beside homes (on private property) from November 15 to April 15.

Agreed

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With the current bylaw I am allowed to park my motorhome as a licensed vehicle on the street. But I cannot put it on my driveway before May 1st

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like the proposed extension and good with above ~

2. Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles with wheels, such as quads and dirt bikes to be parked year-round on front driveways and beside homes (on private property).

side of homes, ✓

3. Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles such as snowmobiles or those with tracks to be parked on front driveways and beside homes (on private property) from November 15 to April 15.

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- it's a good time frame to allow us to use our RV and have it accessible.

2. Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles with wheels, such as quads and dirt bikes to be parked year-round on front driveways and beside homes (on private property).

- it might be beneficial to have a maximum specified.

3. Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles such as snowmobiles or those with tracks to be parked on front driveways and beside homes (on private property) from November 15 to April 15.

- N/A. to us.

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2. Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles with wheels, such as quads and dirt bikes to be parked year-round on front driveways and beside homes (on private property).

NO DRIVEWAYS WILL BECOME UNSITELY WITH QUADS, DIRT BIKES, ETC.

3. Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles such as snowmobiles or those with tracks to be parked on front driveways and beside homes (on private property) from November 15 to April 15.

NO SAME REASON AS ABOVE FOR ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES.

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*SPRING IS IN MARCH, At least put the start date to April.*
2. Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles with wheels, such as quads and dirt bikes to be parked year-round on front driveways and beside homes (on private property).  
*My concern is that this will allow people to have junk parked in their front yard, depreciating the value of the neighbourhood.*
3. Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles such as snowmobiles or those with tracks to be parked on front driveways and beside homes (on private property) from November 15 to April 15.

~~OTHER CONCERN~~

~~— Amend TRAFFIC BYLAW TO ALLOW TRAILERS TO BE PARKED UNATTACHED IN FRONT OF MY HOME IF I NEED TO LEAVE TO GET PARTS, REPAIRS, ETC.\* PERHAPS INCLUDE USE OF CHOCKS TO PREVENT ROLLING.~~

~~\* Currently I cannot leave the trailer unattended so if I HAVE TO GO SOMEPLACE FOR A QUICK ERRAND, I HAVE TO TAKE THE TRAILER BACK~~

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⇒ to Storage, unhook it, go run my errands, then  
go back to the Storage yard to hook up the  
TRAILER AGAIN and then take it back to my  
Home so I can continue preparing to  
leave.



Please provide feedback on the proposed changes to the Land Use Bylaw.

1. Allowing Recreational Vehicles, including motor homes, boats, campers, and travel trailers to be parked from April 15 to November 30 on front driveways and beside homes (on private property).

I'm in support of this extension. And would support it being opened up to April 1st. Many use recreation homes for work living and would benefit from being able to bring it home sooner for the year.

2. Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles with wheels, such as quads and dirt bikes to be parked year-round on front driveways and beside homes (on private property).

No Concerns

3. Allowing All-Terrain Vehicles such as snowmobiles or those with tracks to be parked on front driveways and beside homes (on private property) from November 15 to April 15.

No Concerns.

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Additionally changes that would benefit the Camping Community would be to change the parking bylaw. Allowing a safe way to secure an unhocked trailer on the street. If there were specific tools and rules in place allowing us to safely hobble our trailer on a street so that we could leave for reasons of obtaining parts or switching vehicles. This would minimize

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the amount of movement we have with our trailers in our communities.

This would benefit the traffic we disturb while parking units.

And the concerns neighbours have with the trailers moving in and out.

Eliminating this hassle for trailer owners would also benefit the neighbours in the communities the a regularly being parked in.