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HALTON HILLS
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council

FROM: Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk & Director of Legislative Services

DATE: September 21, 2022

MEMO NO.: ADMIN-2022-0018

SUBJECT: Seasonal Trailer Parks in Halton Hills

PURPOSE OF THE MEMORANDUM:

The purpose of this memo is to advise Council that the temporary exemption to the Business Licensing By-law which allowed Seasonal Trailer parks to remain open the past two winters will not be an option for them this year.

BACKGROUND:

For the past two winters the Town received requests from the Seasonal Trailer Parks in Halton Hills to be allowed to remain open during the winter months to provide living accommodations for park residents who normally flew south for the winter. During those times the Canada/U.S. border was closed for all non-essential travel due to the COVID-19 pandemic, leaving residents with no choice but to remain in Canada. Council approved reports ADMIN-2020-0042 and ADMIN-2021-0044 which allowed the parks to remain open between November 30th and March 1st of the following year; a time regulated by Licensing By-law 2005-0067, Section 7j which stipulates Seasonal Trailer Parks can only "open for business between March 1st and November 30th each year.

During this timeframe, the Reopening Ontario Act, 2020 (formerly under Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act) provided rules for areas in shutdown. It described business which were allowed to remain open including Seasonal campgrounds which were being used by individuals who were in need of housing. That legislation was taken into consideration in the staff reports while recommending the Seasonal Trailer Parks be allowed to remain open during that timeframe. As the Emergency Declaration for Covid in Ontario has ended, the Reopening Ontario Act was

revoked in March, 2022. The municipality has no legislation to back up a request for the Seasonal Trailer Parks to remain open this year.

COMMENTS:

Staff received requests from two of the Seasonal Trailer Parks to remain open once again this winter. Staff have advised the owners that the temporary extension granted to them the previous two winters would not be extended again. That information will be passed on to the current park residents.

CONCLUSION:

Now that all travel restrictions have been lifted between Canada and the U.S. and the Reopening Ontario Act has been revoked, staff have no reason to support Seasonal Trailer Parks to remain open this winter.

Reviewed and approved by,

Chris Mills, Chief Administrative Officer