



**To: Municipality of Barrington Planning Advisory Committee**  
**From: Chris Millier**  
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**Re: Draft Amendments to the Land Use By-law, Personal Recreational Vehicle Use**

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## **Background**

On May 27, 2021 the Committee review a report concerning recreational vehicle use within the Municipality, in particular focusing on “personal” and “commercial” activities.

In keeping with the Committee’s discussion the following proposed amendments to the Land Use By-law are provided for the Committee’s consideration.

### Draft Amendments to the Municipality of Barrington Land Use By-law

1. Amend Part 4.4, Automobile, Truck, Bus, Coach Body and Beached Vessel to read:

“Other than for seasonal occupancy associated with a Campground or Personal Recreational Vehicle Use no automobile, truck, bus, motor home, travel trailer or coach body, whether or not the same is mounted on wheels or a solid foundation or a beached vessel shall be used for human habitation within the Municipality.”

2. Amend Part 4.20, Temporary Uses Permitted to read:

4.20 Nothing in this By-law shall prevent the following temporary uses:

- (a) The use of a building, structure or portable equipment incidental to a main construction project provided that a development permit has been issued for the main construction project and the temporary use is discontinued and removed 30 days following completion of the main construction project; and no development permit shall be reissued for a temporary use unless the main construction project is substantially in progress;
- (b) The location and use of a recreational vehicle for a maximum of fourteen (14) consecutive days in association of a festival, holiday, reunion or civic event.

3. Amend Part 5.1 Residential General (RG) Zone, Permitted Developments by including the following use:

“Personal Recreational Vehicle Use”

4. Amend Part 9.1 Mixed Use (MU) Zone, Permitted Developments by including the following use:

“Personal Recreational Vehicle Use”

5. Amend Part 10.1 Rural Residential (RR) Zone, Permitted Developments by including the following use:

“Personal Recreational Vehicle Use”

6. Amend Part 11.1 Rural Development (RD) Zone, Permitted Developments by including the following use:

“Personal Recreational Vehicle Use”

7. Amend Part 18 Zone Standards by adding the following new subsection:

18.12 Personal Recreational Vehicle Uses permitted in the RG, MU, RR and RD Zones:

Lot Area	- 1 Acre
Lot Frontage	- 100 ft.
Front Yard	- 25 ft.
Rear Yard	- 25 ft.
Side Yards	- 20 ft. on both sides

8. Amend Part 19 definition of “Campground” to read:

“**Campground** means an area of land under single ownership used or intended to be used for a commercial purpose through the provision of temporary, seasonal or year round accommodation (rental sites) of motor homes, park model trailers, travel trailers, tents and tent trailers used for travel, recreation and vacation purposes together with accessory commercial services and recreational facilities but does not include a camp, mobile home park or personal recreational vehicle use.”

9. Amend Part 19 definition of “Tourist Accommodation” to read:

**“Tourist Accommodation** means a building or buildings, structures or use of land which is used to accommodate the travelling public for gain or profit by supplying them with sleeping accommodation (rental units or sites) with or without meals and shall include hotels, motels, guest homes, resorts, tourist cabins and hostels.”

10. Amend Part 19 definition of “Recreation Use” to read:

**“Recreational Use** means the use of land for parks, playgrounds, tennis courts, lawn bowling greens, indoor and outdoor skating rinks, athletic fields, golf courses, picnic areas, swimming pools, day camps, community centres and similar uses but not including a Campground, Personal Recreational Vehicle Use or a track for the racing of animals or any form of motorized vehicles.”

11. Amend Part 19 to include the following new definition:

**“Personal Recreation Vehicle Use** means:

- a) the placement and occupancy of a maximum of six (6) recreational vehicles on a lot for a period not exceeding 180 days within a calendar year for non-commercial purposes and not available to the travelling public.
- b) the placement of a recreational vehicle may extend beyond a period of 180 days provided that confirmation of Nova Scotia Department of Environment onsite septic approval is received notwithstanding however occupancy shall not exceed 180 days within a calendar year.”

12. Amend Part 19 to include the following new definition:

**“Recreational Vehicle** means a motor home, trailer or tent trailer intended to be used for short term or seasonal occupancy.”

13. Amend Part 19 by deleting the definition of “Travel Trailer”;

14. Amend Part 19 by deleting the definition of “Travel Trailer Park”.