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Owners, Oasis RV Park 2615 Lakeshore Drive Lot A DL 100 KAP 67585 Folio: 1334.010, & 1335.001 – 1335.105

Owners, Island View RV Park 5005 Lakeshore Drive Lot 111 DL 100 KAS 2830 Folio: 1323.000 – 1323.220

Society Members, Paradise Park RV Park
Paradise Park Lessee's Association
5901 Main St.
Lot 2 DL 43 PL 12670
Folio: 295.000, 295.005 & 70295.030 – 70295.660

Osoyoos Waterslides and RV Park Tona Corporation Holdings 5003 Lakeshore Drive P.O. Box 800, Osoyoos Lot 2 DL 100 PL 43338

RE: ALTERATIONS TO RECEREATIONAL VEHICLES INCLUDING PARK MODEL TRAILERS

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter will advise the owners of recreational vehicle lots within the boundaries of the Town of Osoyoos of the development of policies and bylaws concerning alterations or additions to recreational vehicles of any description, including Park Model trailers.

Historically, the Town may have issued permits for alterations in the form of sunrooms or covered porches, however this practice will cease immediately, as per the date of this letter. There are safety concerns that have been brought to our attention with altering or adding on to a recreational vehicle as follows:

According to the authority having jurisdiction for the installation of natural gas, propane & electrical systems in B.C., (The B.C. Safety Authority), alterations to any RV will void the certification of the unit. Modifications to any gas or electrical system will require a permit and approval from the B.C. Safety Authority.

- Additions and alterations to RV's cause safety issues concerning the spread of fire. Additions have been built too close to neighbouring units and a fire could easily spread throughout from one lot to another. Additions make it not practical or impossible to tow an RV unit away from a fire scene to permit emergency response or limit fire spread, should it become necessary.
- Alterations to recreational vehicles may not be in conformance with the Town of Osoyoos Zoning Bylaw.
- Unauthorized additions or alterations may not be in conformance with applicable codes or standards.

Existing RV units that have been physically altered without benefit of a valid building permit will be addressed individually once an official policy and bylaw is in place. Owners of RV units that have undergone alterations under a building permit will be responsible to ensure that alterations to the gas or electrical system is inspected by a licensed gas or electrical contractor under a permit issued by the B.C. Safety Authority.

In addition to addressing the alterations to recreational vehicles and their systems, the Town will develop some new regulations affecting the general use and operation of campgrounds and RV Parks that are long overdue. A public information meeting will be held prior to adoption of any bylaw. Please contact the following persons regarding the process:

Town of Osoyoos:

Neil Pagett, Senior Building Inspector: (250) 495-4601

Phil Armstrong, Planning Technician: (250) 495-4615

B.C. Safety Authority:

Gas Safety Officer:

(250) 487-4488

Electrical Safety Officer: (250) 487-4453

Sincerely,

Neil Pagett

Senior Building Inspector, Town of Osoyoos

cc: Alain Cunningham, Director of Planning & Development Services
Phil Armstrong, Planning Technician
B.C. Safety Authority
Barry Romanko CAO