



Re: Tiny Homes

Whereas the Tiny Home Movement is the architectural, sustainable and social movement that advocates living simply in small homes. While there is not yet a specific definition, a tiny home is generally considered a smartly designed small residential building usually under 500 square feet, which can either be permanent or portable on wheels. The lack of available affordable housing continues to be an issue in most municipalities in Canada. Costs of materials, land and construction continue to increase, pushing the cost of new home ownership ever higher. Young adults entering the workforce and empty-nesters leaving the workforce are facing costs that make home ownership difficult. The concept of Tiny Homes could expand available home ownership options and provide a practical and affordable solution for people in Chatham-Kent where living space is not required to accommodate more than 1 or 2 people.

Therefore, be it resolved that Administration further investigate the pros and cons of potential tiny home development in Chatham-Kent and report back to Council in the fall of 2018. As part of the review, Administration consider such aspects as private sector interest, zoning, current building code restrictions, other applicable laws and both mobile and fixed foundation options.

Signed: Councillor Darrin Canniff

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