



**STRATHCONA  
COUNTY**

Enclosure 2



# **RV & Trailer Roadway Parking 2015 Survey Results**

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## I. Introduction and Overview of this Report

In April 2015, an online survey was created and implemented for Strathcona County residents to voice their opinions about parking regulations on residential roadways for RVs and trailers in Strathcona County. The survey was available for all residents online during the first part of April

Questions asked in the survey included:

- Where the respondent lived in the County;
- Whether the respondent owned an RV and/or a trailer;
- Questions about a potential RV parking time limit on residential roadways;
- Questions about a potential trailer parking time limit on residential roadways;

Overall, 1008 people completed the survey.

## II. Results

### A. Respondent Demographic Summary

The majority of respondents to the survey lived in Sherwood Park (94.3%). The remaining residents either lived in Ardrossan (1.8%) or elsewhere in the County (3.9%).

Overall, 57.2% owned an RV, and 30.2% owned a trailer.<sup>1</sup>

### B. RV Parking Perceptions

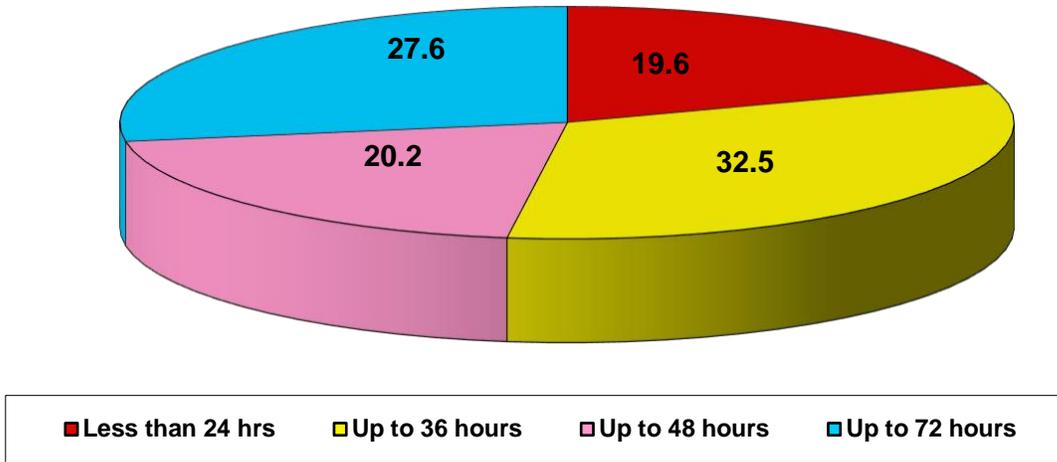
All respondents were initially informed that at the present time, RVs are permitted to park on a residential roadway for up to 36 consecutive hours, after which they must be moved elsewhere. This amount of time was set in order to allow residents to have time to load and unload their RVs after an outing, but store them elsewhere.

The new question about the time RV parking would be allowed on residential roadways included the 36 consecutive hour option, but also tested people's tolerance for longer consecutive hours, or for a shorter time period. The overall result for the entire respondent set is shown in Figure 1.

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<sup>1</sup> In addition, it was also determined that 22.7% of respondents owned both an RV and a trailer.

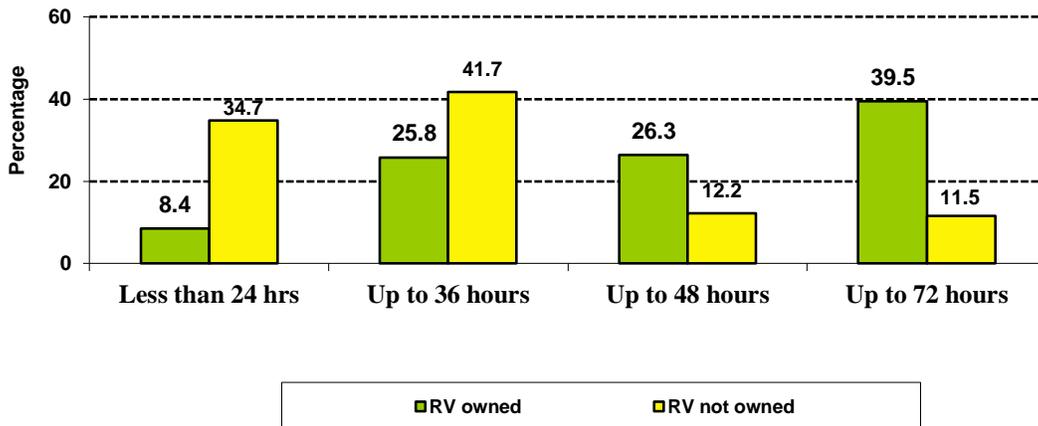
**FIGURE 1: Acceptable length of time for RV parking on a residential roadway**



It can be seen from Figure 1 that residents were divided as to what a reasonable consecutive time frame for RV parking would be, though the largest percentage sided with the existing time limit that the County presently adheres to.

However, when ownership is taken into account, a different picture emerges. It can be seen in Figure 2 that owners would prefer a longer time frame, while the majority of non-RV owners favor the 36 hour limit (or even less).

**FIGURE 2  
Acceptable length of time for RV parking on a residential roadway by RV ownership status**



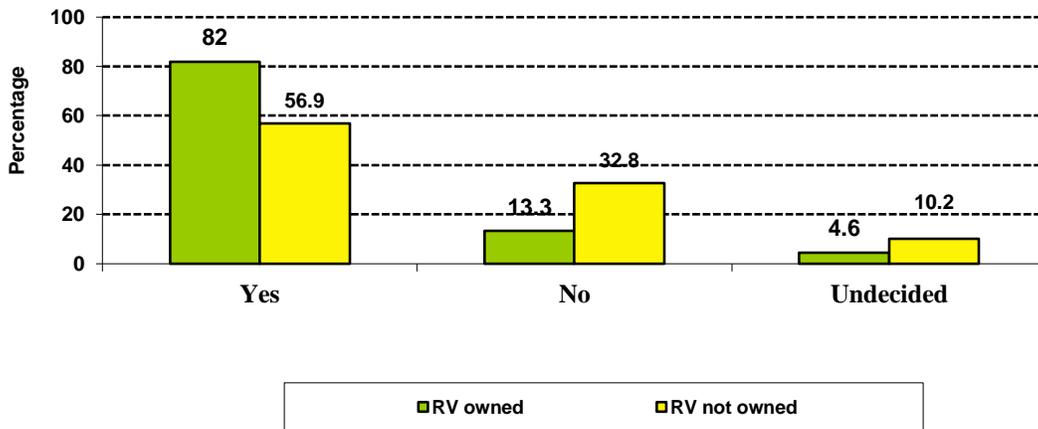
For residents that wanted 48 hours or more time, the primary reason listed was time. It was felt that 36 hours was not enough time for a family to unload and load an RV. Other reasons cited included guest parking for weekend visitors, however it's important to note that this activity is not permitted under the current bylaw.

There were several reasons residents wanted the time to remain at 36 hours or less. The majority of respondents felt that 36 hours provided enough time to load and unload. In addition, traffic safety, parking and congestion issues, and neighborhood aesthetics were the other most common concerns noted from this group.

Residents were also asked if they would support an RV parking on the same roadway twice in any give seven day time period (which would allow someone to load and unload the vehicle for a short outing). Overall, it was found that 71.2% of respondents would support this.

Looking at this from an ownership perspective, it can be seen in Figure 3 that more owners than non-owners favor this approach, though it can be seen that a small majority of non-owners would be okay with this option.

**FIGURE 3**  
**Support for RV parking on the same residential roadway twice in any give seven day period**



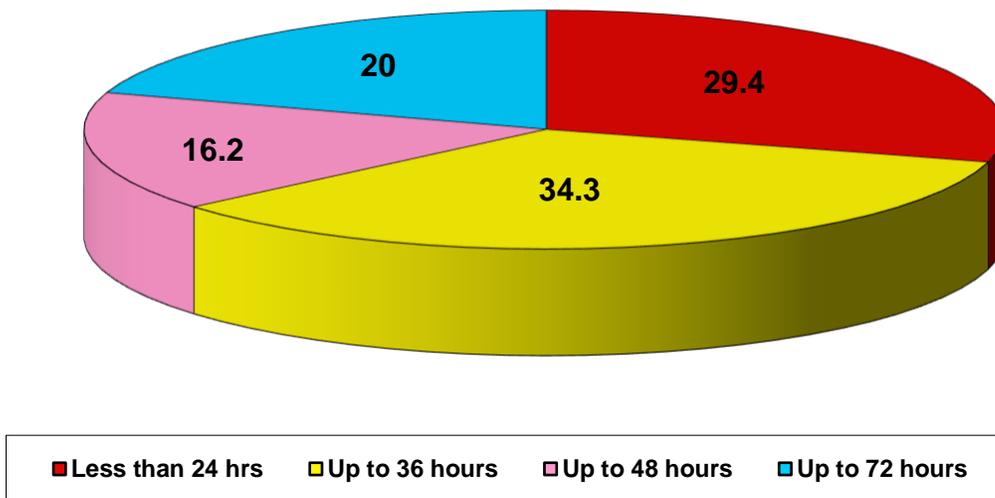
The majority of both owners and non RV owners were supportive of RV's returning with a 7 day period to the same location. Also, respondents wanted to ensure that moving away from the same location was there to ensure RV's were not moved a few feet to start a new time period of 36 hours.

### C. Trailer Parking Perceptions

All respondents were initially informed that at the present time, trailers are permitted to park on a residential roadway for up to 36 consecutive hours, after which they must be moved elsewhere.

The new question about the time trailer parking would be allowed on residential roadways included the 36 consecutive hour option, but also tested people’s tolerance for longer consecutive hours, or for a shorter time period. The overall result for the entire respondent set is shown in Figure 4.

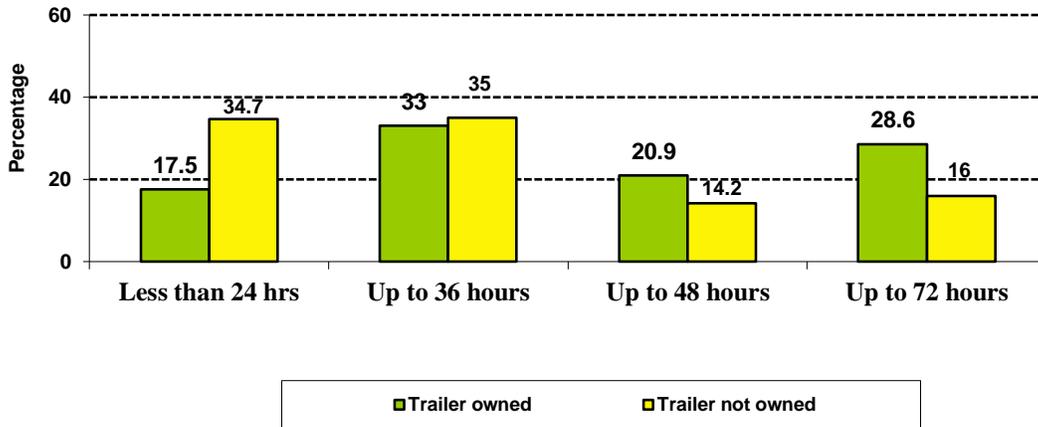
**FIGURE 4: Acceptable length of time for trailer parking on a residential roadway**



It can be seen from Figure 4 that residents were divided as to what a reasonable consecutive time frame for trailer parking would be, though most residents preferred the current time limit or even a shorter time frame.

However, when trailer ownership is taken into account, it can be seen in Figure 5 that owners would prefer a longer time frame, while the majority of non-trailer owners favor the 36 hour limit or less.

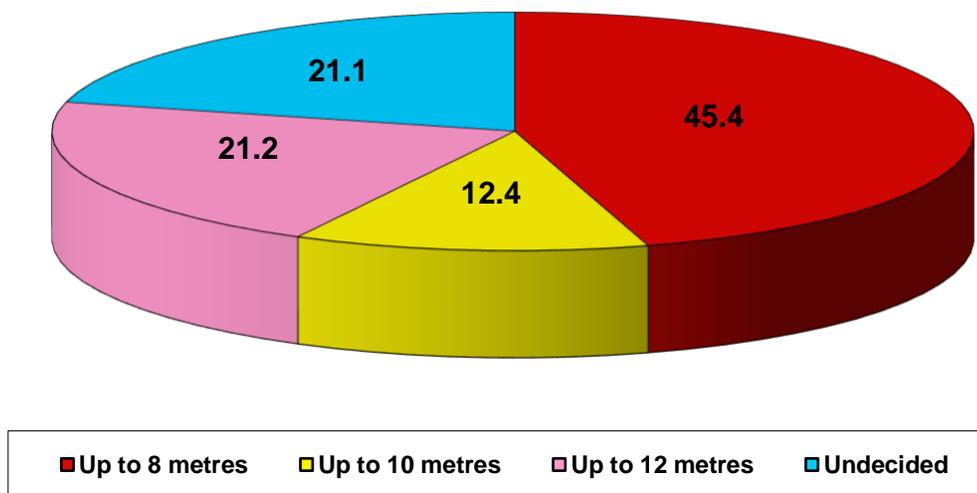
**FIGURE 5**  
**Acceptable length of time for parking on a residential roadway by trailer ownership status**



The primary reason given by residents was time. For those that wanted 48 hours or more, they wanted more time. For those that wanted 36 hours or less, they felt that was a sufficient amount of time. Again, traffic safety, parking and congestion issues, as well as aesthetics were the other reasons provided.

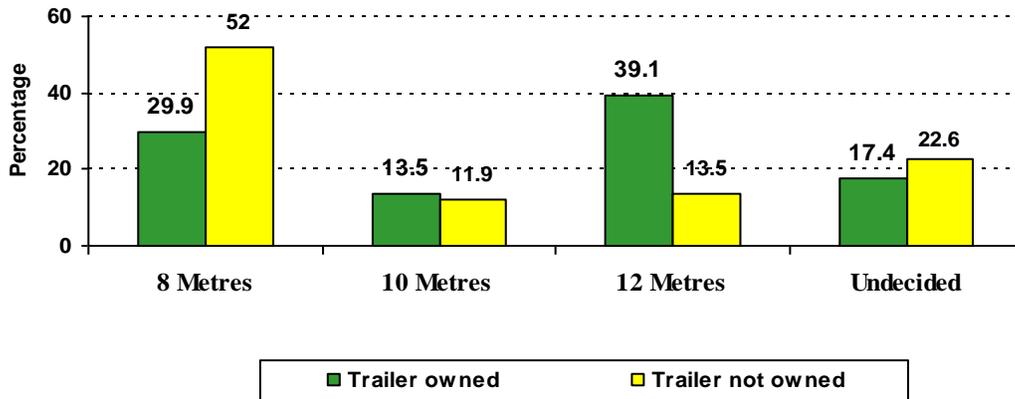
Residents were also asked about an acceptable length for a combined vehicle/trailer that is parked on a road in a residential neighborhood. It can be seen in Figure 6 that the majority would like the 8 metre limit to remain in place, though there were some who would favor a larger length. However, 21.1% of respondents were undecided.

**FIGURE 6: Acceptable length for a vehicle/trailer**



Looking at this from an ownership perspective, it can be seen in Figure 7 that more owners than non-owners would like to see the length of a vehicle/trailer combination to be relaxed and allowed up to 12 metres. The majority of non-trailer owners were not in favor of extending the length.

**FIGURE 7**  
**Acceptable length for a vehicle/trailer combination by trailer ownership status**



For non-trailer owners the primary reason listed was that parking would be impacted if vehicles/trailers were longer. For trailer owners, it was felt that 8 metres did not accommodate most vehicle/trailer units noting that most pickup trucks are 5 to 6 metres.

The last question asked in the survey was as follows:

Do you support homeowners parking trailers on roadways overnight in residential neighbourhoods (if the trailer is within the appropriate size limits) indefinitely, so long as the trailer is moved elsewhere during the day? Why or Why not?

Due to confusion on the part of many of the respondents – many thought that the question referred to recreation vehicles parked overnight and not trailers, therefore Transportation and Agriculture Services has removed this question from the survey.