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Illegal Truck Depots Facing Charges

HALTON HILLS, ON – The Town of Halton Hills has been cracking down on illegal truck depots following complaints regarding the improper use of land.

“We’re finding that the offences (which contravene Zoning By-law 2010-0050), have been primarily along Steeles Avenue” said Marina Booton, Supervisor of Enforcement Services. “Basically, the By-law states that people cannot store or park commercial motor vehicles on residential properties.”

Offences can yield hefty fines with a first conviction of up to \$25,000 and subsequent convictions of up to \$10,000 per day. Potential by-law offenders should note that the Town has proven successful in the Provincial courts and secured large fines against property owners in violation of the Zoning By-law, as well as court orders directing them to cease the activity.

“While I like to see the Town generating revenue, making it on the backs of offence charges isn’t my preferred scenario.” said Mayor Bonnette.

“The Zoning By-law is in effect to protect the integrity and proper use of land”, added Booton, “Purchasing property that is not zoned for storing or parking commercial vehicles is an offense and we want people to understand this.”

Questions about the by-law can be referred to the Town’s Zoning Officer at 905-873-2601, ext. 2320.

About the Town of Halton Hills

The Town of Halton Hills, with a population of approximately 60,000, consists of two urban centres, Georgetown and Acton, the Halton Hills Premier Gateway employment area, three hamlets – Glen Williams, Stewarttown and Norval – and several smaller settlements. Halton Hills has long been recognized for its natural beauty, active agricultural community, high quality of life and proximity to major centres, including Brampton, Mississauga and Toronto. The Town is ranked as one of the top small communities in Canada by a national magazine.

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