



ISSUED: APRIL 30, 2020

## NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP VOTE ON SEASONAL RESIDENT STATUS TO BE HELD WHEN PARK RE-OPENS

*Green Acres Campers Group is a **not-for-profit recreational park** and as such is **not** an essential service. Pursuant to the Provincial Order issued by the Premier of Ontario on March 23, 2020<sup>1</sup>, the park was closed beginning 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 and has remained closed to the general membership.*

*On April 4, 2020, a Joint Letter from the Province provided clarification around Seasonal Operation of Seasonal Trailer Parks and Recreational Campgrounds confirming that although Seasonal trailer parks and recreational campgrounds are not listed as essential businesses, “...**For Ontarians whose only Canadian residence is at one of these seasonal trailer parks** or campgrounds, they are permitted to continue their occupancy and complete their mandatory self-isolation as required by the mandatory isolation order made by the federal government under the Quarantine Act which took effect on March 25, 2020.”<sup>2</sup>*

*As indicated in the first newsletter to the Membership, an exception was made for Snowbirds returning to Canada based upon direction from the York Region Department of Health, and this exception was later expanded in consultation with the Township of Georgina to include members of the park who make a claim for seasonal residence status as they have no where else to go. However, as the Township By-law which governs our park specifically specifies that the Park may not be used for residential purposes, the Township expects the Corporation to remedy this irregular use of the park upon re-opening.*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200082>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-PDFs/Letters/2020/Joint-Ministers-Letter\\_HOC\\_Campgrounds-English-202.aspx](https://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-PDFs/Letters/2020/Joint-Ministers-Letter_HOC_Campgrounds-English-202.aspx)



## *LEGAL IMPACT OF A SEASONAL RESIDENT APPLICATION*

### **For the Corporation**

The Letters Patent provide that the 'object' of the *not-for-profit* status of the corporation is to provide recreational services to its members. Claims for essential residential use by irregular members place our not-for-profit status in jeopardy and could result in the loss of the revenue taxation exemption we currently enjoy.

The Town of Georgina Zoning By-Law No. 500 specifies that the Park may not be used for residential purposes but does permit the Park to be used as a recreational park.

### **For the Camper**

The Lease signed by the member states:

The Camper covenants with the Company and agrees as follows:

(a) Not to use the Site except for non-residential use as a recreational vehicle park as permitted under the Town of Georgina Zoning By-Law.

### **Remedy**

The Board proposes to put the decision of the termination of all seasonal resident members to a general membership vote at a special meeting convened for this purpose when the park re-opens.

In the alternative, should members be interested in forming a interim working group to research and propose another model for the park, please indicate your interest by emailing [gacg.info@yahoo.ca](mailto:gacg.info@yahoo.ca).