



**GRAND VALLEY**

## **MEMO TO COUNCIL**

**To:** Mayor Soloman and Members of Council  
**From:** Meghan Townsend, CAO/Clerk  
**Meeting Date:** 2024-11-12  
**Subject:** Temporary Placement of Sea Container

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### **Purpose**

To notify Council of an emergency permit issued under By-law 2022-51, for the temporary placement of a sea container at 4 King Street, Grand Valley.

### **Background**

By-law 2022-51, a by-law to amend the Town's Zoning by-law for matters pertaining to sea containers, states the conditions under which a property owner may place a sea container on their property. The By-law is attached to this memo.

Generally, sea containers are not permitted in the urban area. Council granted a temporary exemption to this by-law in Section J, which states:

J) Sea Containers may be permitted on a temporary bases in the Urban Area of Town... with written approval from Council, with the following provisions:

- i) the temporary placement shall not exceed 30 days in a calendar year;
- ii) one sea container is permitted per lot;
- iii) sea container must be located in the driveway, setback a minimum 1m from any lot line;
- iv) sea container does not exceed 2.5m in height and width, and does not exceed a maximum length of 6m;
- v) Municipal Approval is required.

### **Discussion**

The owner of 4 King asked permission to place a sea container on his property to store his belongings after a flood in the house. Restoration work was starting immediately, and they estimate that work will require 60 days to complete.

Given the urgency of the situation (unplanned, property damage, contents damage), the CAO granted temporary permission for the sea container, advising the owner of the conditions under

the by-law, and advising that it must be removed by January 6, 2025. The CAO shall have By-law Enforcement monitor the situation under the governance of the Zoning By-law. This memo is presented to advise Council of the emergency permission granted by the CAO, and to give Council an opportunity to ask questions or place other conditions that they may feel necessary under the circumstances.

## **Financial Impact**

None.

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