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Park your
Tiny House
Make it Legit



Apply for a
Temporary Permit
to legally park
your Tiny House
in Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal...



PILOT with US !

We help Tiny House owners
apply for a *permit to legally
park their tiny homes*

Rent out a
Parking Spot
in your backyard
or driveway



Pilot with us: we connect
Home owners willing to offer
a *parking spot in their
backyard or driveway*

Join the
2017 Tiny House Festival
in Vancouver, Toronto... *everywhere*




Get Involved in the
*2017 Tiny House Festival in
Vancouver* to Make tiny
homes Legit



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The Tiny House Festival Foundation: Non-profit Organization

The Tiny House Festival Foundation is a non-profit organization. It was established in October 2016 by its founder Lisa Chessari with a vision of making tiny houses legal. Visit: www.thetinyhousefestival.com

Vision

Tiny houses on wheels being accepted as a safe, affordable, and sustainable housing option.

Mission Statement

We want a regulatory framework that legalizes tiny houses in order to:

1. Create consistency across municipalities for permits
2. Allow affordable tiny homes, including owner-built
3. Assure quality and safety for tiny house owners and buyers

Objectives

Our movement “Park your Tiny House, make it legit”:

- Supports tiny house owners who want to legally park their tiny houses
 - Assists with writing pilot applications for tiny house owners
 - Provides sample permit applications based on previous pilots
- Supports land owners who wish to allow tiny houses to be legally parked on their land
 - Assists with writing pilot applications for land owners and RV parks
 - Provides sample permit applications based on previous pilots
 - Summarizes which municipalities require what type of site (zoning, flood plain, driveway, etc.)
- Supports people building tiny houses
 - Educates about applicable standards, including simple construction guidelines
 - Works to streamline the inspection and certification process for tiny house builders
 - Creates a committee that can participate in standards bodies
 - Lobbies municipalities to apply consistent rules
 - Summarizes which municipalities require what type of construction
 - Offers hands-on sessions on how to build tiny houses
- Organizes jamborees and festival events to raise awareness
- Tracks complaints related to tiny house builders’ misconduct etc.
- Matches tiny house owners with land owners via an interactive “tiny-map” online tool



History and Development

Our movement is a network for tiny house owners and land owners interested in offering a parking spot to them. Since we started October 2016, the network has grown across Canada from coast-to-coast through tiny house owners organizing events (jamborees, tiny house tours, apprentice meet-ups, etc.), and starting pilot applications.

On December 11, 2016 the movement hosted a jamboree at a Maple Ridge farm that was interested in starting a tiny house village. 10 different workshops were run, a tiny house was displayed, and nearly 100 people attended. This is documented on the web site.

What are Tiny Houses?

Tiny houses are classified as under 400 square feet, most popularly are found built on wheels although several are built on a traditional foundation.

Some tiny houses are completely off grid and others are equipped with the latest technology. As a whole, they are set out to have one of the lowest carbon footprints of all modern living options without giving up the comforts and ideals of today's culture.

Much of the tiny house community is strongly geared towards minimalism and living without excess.

Why do we need Tiny Houses?

Land-use changes and fossil fuel burning are the two major sources of the increased CO₂ in the atmosphere that is changing the global climate. Overall, land use and land-use changes account for some 31 percent of human-induced greenhouse gas emissions.

With Canada's commitments under the Paris climate change agreement, creative ways to reduce CO₂ emissions, due to construction and operation of residences, are needed.

There is a need for affordable housing, but much of today's so-called affordable housing has many hidden costs in terms of off-gassing building materials, high repair expenses, rising energy bills, and vulnerability to service interruptions, water shortages and severe weather.



Programs, Activities and Projects

This movement will focus on offering education programs on how to:

- build tiny houses within the applicable standards
- schedule an inspection to be approved for a parking permit
- understand the permit application with a municipality

This movement will create activities to:

- share a warehouse space to build tiny houses within the applicable standards
- organize and collaborate in workshops for knowledge exchange
- launch the 2017 Tiny House Festival in Vancouver

This movement will also offer projects on how to:

- find reclaimed materials
- choose a builder
- build tiny houses for charities
- promote tiny house builds on Kickstarter
- live off-grid