

Short Term Rental Committee Meeting

September 6th, 2022

6:30pm

In person & Via Zoom

Committee Members Present (In person & Via Zoom): Peter Hopkins, Erik Holmberg, Leanne Armano, Vanessa McBride, Leslie Rich, Don Gallagher, Doug Moore, Owen Lennox, Tony Best, Wanda Muirhead, Howard Sproxton, Dave Murray, Chris Everitt

Committee Member Regrets: Douglas Hunt, Kim TenHoeve, Eric Klimstra, Brian Johnson, Axy Leigh

Chair: Peter Hopkins

Secretary: Vanessa McBride

Introductions: The Chair welcomed new member David Murray Committee Members Introduced themselves

Approval of Agenda: Motioned by [REDACTED] Seconded by [REDACTED]

Business Arising:

Committee Status; terms of reference; members and advisors:

- Next council meeting terms of reference will be submitted for approval; will make committee legal
- Membership list was reviewed for accuracy and will be sent out

Draft FAQ's a work in progress

- Draft FAQ's: Looking to get as much input as possible. Recommendations made for amendments regarding "prohibited use" "this is problematic, looking at actual numbers. Planning and legal reports that were not verified. Lack of clarity "permitted" "not permitted." Questions on public opinion, quoting BLO report. 95-12 not a permitted use. Did not get far on legal report after 5 years.
- Circulated a format for our final report
- What was/is not accurate & needs fixing. Law regarding STR's is evolving.
- Chris/Peter: Not a permitted use as per current bylaw

Draft Table of contents/Report & PowerPoint presentation:

- Report is a general format
- PP Presentation will be simplified and straightforward

Next meetings: September 20th, 2022, 6:30pm Council Chambers

October 2nd, 2022, 9:00am Public Meeting Community Centre

October 4th, 2022, 6:30pm Council Chambers

Presentation to council if ready, may need a special meeting at end of October to present PPP and recommendations

Committee Reports:

Group 2: Leanne, Douglas & Howard:

Committee is reviewing their draft and will be sent to the entire committee in the next week. Looked at Noise, Fire, general respect, Septic, Pets, Boating, Fireworks etc.

Chris noted that current noise bylaw is anytime not specific hours.

Looking at information packages that can be sent to ratepayers. Additions to website for easy to find materials.

Group 1: Other municipal rental policies Erik, Leanne, Doug, Owen, Brian, Jaspreet & Don:

Erik presented on behalf of the group. PowerPoint can be shared. Looked at workable solutions, approaches, pros & cons, STR restrictions, Code of conduct, Licensing, Quick win opportunities, data analysis, sources, sample content for rentals

Consider what North Bay Mattawa suggests for septic inspections

Consider what defines a commercial rental versus a Short-Term Rental

Group 3: Policies Vanessa, Leslie, Wanda, Leanne, Tony & Axy:

Presentation done at last meeting. Additional suggestions include look at existing bylaws, amendments if required, outcome of legal action regarding noise at a rental property (owner plead guilty, determined fines were consistent with infraction), simplify bylaws, ensure township website is up to date.

Read Axy's synopsis of the Oro Medonte decision

Maintain a guideline for future bylaw officers to share lessons learned (could be used in onboarding of future staff)

Creation of an educational product to summarize fire and noise bylaws

Simplify the bylaws with more detailed prohibitions based on time and place. Consider including decibel readings for stronger evidence in court

Make the bylaws easy to understand to assist with compliance.

Ensure bylaws number is easily located for complaints

New fire chief is reviewing bylaws: We should be consistent within the district. High means something different.

Mike Kekkonen: C2 zoning, owner operated, one site, regulated and reporting to oversight agencies. Highly regulated.

Bed and Breakfasts permitted at waterfront properties: Owners on site, permits given, not within eight hundred metres of each other.

Look at Tiny Township and use their resources. They have the budget and have put in the work; we should use their resources to our benefit.

Related Correspondence: Shared in emails

- Educational Package for Haliburton
- Ontario Land Tribunal: Oro Medonte
- Tiny Township

Q&A on agenda items:

N/A

Action Items:

N/A

Meeting Adjourned