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MINUTES

PUBLIC MEETING RE: SHORT TERM RENTAL BY-LAW

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9th 2022 – 6:00 P.M.

1. Chairperson (Mayor) calls meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gail Degagne, in Council Chambers at 6:04 p.m., with Councillors Nunzio Scarfone, Jim Gauthier, Bernadette Kerr and David Coombs. Staff member present were CAO Jenny Leblond and OS Shawn Hughes. Members of the public in attendance by teleconference was Kathy James, Tracy Operman, Paul Girard, Anna Wright, Alvin and Lisa Krause, Denise Howe, Samira Rose, Nancy Karr, Eric Prevost, Larry Bayliss, Travis Young, Bryan Brookes, David James, Lisa and Pierre Bouchard, Matthew and Lori McEwen, Claire Riley, Satvinder Grewal and Devin Snoddon.

2. Chairperson explains reason for meeting to those in attendance.

3. Chairperson asks CAO to speak. CAO discussed with Council a summary of the comments received that have not been addressed yet in the Draft 2 of the STR By-law.

4. Chairperson asks if any members of the public in support or opposed to the By-law wish to speak. The following members of the public spoke: Lisa Krause, Samira Rose, Nancy Karr, Eric Prevost, Larry Bayliss, Travis Young, Bryan Brookes, Pierre Bouchard, Matthew McKeown, Satvinder Grewal, and Devin Snodden. They raised the following Comments/questions/concerns

- concerns of the properties that just have septic holding tanks and the effects that could have on the lake.

- concerns of private roads, partying, noise. Fees/fines are too high. Would like by-law to be applicable to all. No exceptions.

- in support of a by-law to regulate the Short Term Rentals.

- comments on the operation of their rental. Feels Staff and Council are not allowing a full discussion as there is no back and forth. Feels that Council does not have a need at this time to pass a by-law and feels that it is not much of an issue here. Feels an STR by-law will not have any impact. Doesn't feel it is necessary to be able to respond to the rental within 1 hour.

- Feels that the STR's could have impact on the environment and the lake and that this should be further looked at.

- Not enough notification of this by-law was given to the residents. Would like to see the revenue and expenses tracked for the STRs to prove that the fees and fines are appropriately set.

- Suggestion that a committee be formed with both renters and non renter residents to help with forming the wording of the by-law.

-Questioned the purpose of doing a site plan. Complainers should be making sure the details of the complaint are more accurate.

- Feels that a by-law is necessary. How many other municipalities have or are working on an STR By-law.

- Limited amount of owners on lake. They cause the same traffic whether it is owners or renters. - There are other by-laws in the township that need to be enforced. Also does not agree that they would have to have a responder within one hour of the rental and that everything can be handled by phone.

- Feels that STRs should not be permitted as they are taking away long-term housing options.

- Raised questions on using accessory buildings as STRs.

- Parking and winter parking to be shown on site plan. Trespassing. Agrees with other Townships allowing for only 3to 5 months rentals.

5. Chairperson asks Council to give their comments on the matter.

Council raised the following comments:

- STRs are affecting housing availability
- Homeowners are able to make money on STRs for affordability.
- Properties on the lake vs other properties in the township.
- Municipal Roads vs the rest of the properties
- Explained that the original draft was just a starting point.

6. Chairperson thanks the public for attending.

7. Chairperson declares the meeting closed.

Mayor, Gail Degagne

CAO Clerk Treasurer, Jennistine Leblond