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I understand that the people from the city like to come to the cottage country to enjoy the beauty we have the pleasure of seeing every day. But, to what and at whose expense? Short term rentals are an ongoing issue and nuisance for full time residents. These concerns are not just seasonal but yearly as we have the same problem in winter for ice fishers and snowmobilers who drive all over residential properties off the trail.

Every weekend we have new renters, 20 to 30 per house in a 3 bed room home on one small septic. Which brings loud noise, extreme drinking, even some in the nude without caring for those around to see them (including children) They steal wood, Vandalize and trash the private beach area. So we ask who is liable in case of accidents. Whose insurance will cover any damages or injuries? The problem, issues and concerns are not with family renters but with teenagers and young adults, that will typically not go to a resort or campground because of the enforced rules.

Previously, you mentioned that those visitors spend an average of 6 to 8 million a summer, we full time residents spend more each Summer, each Spring, Winter and each fall. We are the ones who invest in our community and ensure our businesses survive, year-round. If we use the statistic you provided, then please explain how they spend that much money when they are dropped off by bus with 25 to 30 on the Friday and pick up on Sunday late afternoon? When they do not leave the cottage or street how do they spend money for the City of Kawartha Lakes? They bring funds to just the owner of the cottage not the City.

A few weeks ago the City of Kawartha Lakes had a fire band, we as an association posted signs to warn our residents of said band. Yet the renters had to be visited by our Local Fire Department because they had a camp fire 8 feet high. I personally went to go speak to the fire fighters and to my surprise no fines were given, because it was the first visit to these renters at that address. So, I ask you, what happens when visitors are educated on bylaws and fire bands and an accident occurs? They have a home to go back to in the city while our community is at risk of losing their forever home and left with nothing.

Yes, the owners of these residences that are rented out should be educated but who will enforce this so-called education and ensure it is enforced? Those owners are not here when the issues occur and do not even respond to calls from our association to discuss our concerns. Rules of speeding, garbage and recycling regulations need to be enforced. The only way to do so is to enforce high fines and fees the first time. This way we won't have a second time.

This past weekend was one of the worst one, at 3:00 in the morning on a boat, drinking, with no life jackets. On Sunday the neighbor had to scream at them to get off the roof as they climbed the hydro pole and were just sitting there. Also, the speeding was crazy doing 80 back and forth on a road with 25km speed limit. Other neighbor took photos to prove to the police, he was told you can be charged on the privacy act as you cannot take photo without their permission but was also told he cannot do anything without proof.

Being the president of McGuire Beach Property owner's Association, all complaints come to me. Our residents are putting sale signs on their property because of the short-term rental. This is not only on McGuire Beach other association in Mitchell lake, Balsam lake, Dalrymple, Canal Lake and more our

contacting me regarding short term rental, while some residents are also thinking to take this matter on their own hands.

We are encouraged and told to bring our concerns to the bylaw offices. Which ironically closes on Fridays at 4:30 PM and do not re-open until Monday at 8:30 AM. Where is the help and support when the issues are taking place and need to be resolved at that time not after the fact? I have personally tried to call and left message to have a concern addressed and when Monday come we get told this will take weeks as they are short staffed. By the time they get around to our concerns or even the Monday, we have new people renting and we are left to repeat history with a new set of renters.

If the city would like to have short term rental then the full-time residents need to be given full time support, I suggest looking to give us 24/7 support. Such as a call center to dispatch the complaint – Live resolution as the issue occurs.

Here is my subjection: Those owner are operating a full time business they should have a license and pay taxes according to the business with an inspection to be done prior to the licensing at owner expense (the same as they do for bed and breakfast) Smoke alarm fire installed and carbon monoxide also be to code. They should always not exceed the amount of person per bed and a full inspection of the septic system and a pumping of the system more than one per year with valid proof of insurance.

Furthermore, as we are in the mist of a municipal election, the short-term rental situation and voting should be preponed until the new council is in place, as the new council members are who will be dealing with the benefit or backlash of the decisions being made.

I really think that the situation is a lot bigger that some think and more work needs to be done, the survey that was done can be done from anyone on any computer. Is there proof that these are only filled out by Kawartha Lakes residences? Also, to avoid biased opinions anyone on council who may be involve in short term rentals or landlords should not be in the voting position as this is a conflict of interest.

Suggestion on fines:

Licence for 3 years \$250.00

First inspection: \$150.00 (if the house pass inspection and that no complaint get lodge against the owner the \$150.00 fill be apply to the following license renewal.

First offence: \$250.00

Second offence \$350.00

Third offence \$550.00

Fourth offence the license with be withdraw

If fire truck has to be dispatch they owner will be invoice for the cost of the truck

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