



***Rolling Hills Estates Homeowners Association
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Mayor Letham and Members of Council
City of Kawartha Lakes
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Attn: Ron Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer and Acting City Clerk
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Subject: Licensing of Short Term Residential Rentals, Report Number LIC2017-001

Your Worship and Members of Council,

The Rolling Hills Estates Homeowners Association respectfully requests that Report Number LIC2017-001 regarding the licensing of short term residential rentals be referred back to staff to examine alternative methods of regulating short term residential rentals in the City of Kawartha Lakes, or alternatively, that the Council postpone consideration of Report Number LIC2017-001 until the next regular Council meeting to give the Association an opportunity to deputize the Council.

The Rolling Hills Estates Homeowners Association only received the subject report on Friday, September 22nd, and has not had an opportunity to fully review and digest the report. Before the Council makes any determination regarding the regulation of short term residential rentals in the City of Kawartha Lakes, the Rolling Hills Estates Homeowners Association requests that it be afforded the opportunity to meet with City Council to further review options available to the City to regulate short term residential rentals.

Mr. Hick, Senior Licensing Officer, notes in his report that “the complaints resulting from activities at short term residential rentals are valid” (i.e. noise issues, public disturbances, garbage, property trespass, disrespect for fire bans, animals running at large, traffic and pedestrian safety) however he goes on to say that “the issues are not pervasive enough in the City of Kawartha Lakes to warrant the implementation of a costly regulatory framework”.

Irrespective of the pervasiveness of the problem, it is a very real and troubling issue for those residential communities that must contend on a day to day basis with the negative impacts short term residential rentals have on their neighborhoods. There is clear and convincing evidence that short term residential rentals in low density residential neighborhoods such as Rolling Hills Estates undermine the integrity and character of the community in which they are situated. Short term residential rentals give cause to instability and significant land use compatibility issues.

Residential communities such as Rolling Hills Estates that are faced with the issue of short term residential rentals have no other place to turn but to their local elected representatives for advice and assistance. The Rolling Hills Estates Homeowners Association is confident that by working in association with both the elected and appointed officials of the City of Kawartha Lakes we can together develop an effective regulatory framework to control short term residential rentals that will not adversely impact the bottom line of the City and at the same time will safeguard the wellbeing and interests of area residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration. The Rolling Hills Estates Homeowners Association looks forward to working with the City to achieve a reasonable and viable outcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harold Bartlett', written in a cursive style.

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