

Summary of Concerns re: Short Term Rentals in Little Britain (Summer Drive/Ballpoint)

- The homeowners of these rentals **do not** reside in City of Kawartha Lakes (CKL)
- These homeowners generate income from these rentals, therefore should be considered a business
- 2 of the 4 known short term rentals in the area advertise on kijiji (6 Summer Drive) and Canada Stays (107 Ballpoint Rd)
- Because of that, the zoning, taxation and associated fees and the meeting of the building and fire codes need to be revisited
- At times there are a large number of occupants at these short term rentals and concerns about the ability of the septic systems to accommodate those numbers needs to be addressed as the septic systems are on the water side of the properties and may pose environmental concerns- (the septic at 6 Summer Drive had been “repaired” prior to its sale in Spring 2016)
- Noise complaints (partying, loud music and voices carrying over the water when large numbers of people present)- the OPP have been called but not good use of Emergency Service and costly to CKL
- Fire complaints (leaving large fires unattended, smoke blowing into neighbouring home requiring the homeowners to shut their window/doors)- Fire services have been called but again, not a good use of Emergency Service and costly to CKL
- Unkept property- tall, sometimes noxious weeds in gardens and grass not cut- health issues to those in close proximity to the rentals with allergies, depreciates the value of neighbouring homes and makes resale difficult, not good use of CKL Bylaw time and there is a cost to CKL and residents of CKL associated with bringing in services to ensure these properties follow CKL bylaws and safety standards set out for CKL residents
- According to the advertisements, pets are welcome but excessive barking is noted as well as the need to pick up dog feces on the neighbouring properties
- The people who do rent these short term rentals are strangers to our quiet, tight knit community. There has been property that has been stolen in the area and recently there was a drug overdose at 6 Summer Drive in which the young lady died (requiring investigation and 2.5 full days of 24h police service- very costly to CKL)
- Water safety- reckless driving of water vehicles is often noted close to shore in which no lifejackets are worn by the drivers and this writer would question whether they possessed a boat license (last week one drove a rented wave runner onto a large rock on shore smashing its hull)
- Other concerns voiced by community members about their experience with short term rentals- witnessing public drunkenness and urination, finding used baby diapers on their lawns and general garbage that has not been picked up

We understand for documentation purposes that calling the Police, Fire and Bylaw to address our concerns is emphasized, however not all concerns experienced by the neighbours of these short term rentals require those service interventions and as mentioned it takes away from the ability of Emergency Services to attend the Emergency calls and becomes costly to CKL which is reflective on our taxes.