

The Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Short Term Rental Advisory Committee held on August 6, 2024 in the North Kawartha Council Chambers

Meeting held in hybrid format (in-person and electronic)

Regular Session 2024 – 08 – 06

Members Present: Colin McLellan, Chair
RuthAnne McIlmoyl, Co-Chair
Janet Lambert
Shane Paquette
Ian Smith

Staff Present: Connie Parent, Clerk
Kelly Picken, Deputy Clerk
Edward Hilton, Economic Development Officer

(all attendees participated in-person)

Others Present:

Call to Order and Welcome

Chair McLellan called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m., welcomed everyone and informed those in attendance that the meeting will be recorded and uploaded to the Township YouTube Channel for public viewing.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

No declarations.

Land Acknowledgement

Chair McLellan recited the Land Acknowledgement.

Adoption of the Agenda

24 - 40

Moved by – RuthAnne McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Ian Smith

That the agenda be adopted, as amended, to add a deputation from Molly Moldovan. Carried.

Presentations / Deputations / Petitions

Molly Moldovan presented her written response to John Lovatsis's deputation to explain the reasons why she felt the "good neighbour" approach to short term rentals may not be feasible or appropriate for everyone. She identified various concerns regarding short term rentals such as noise, impact on septic systems, storage rooms used as bedrooms with no egress, garbage and dogs.

24 – 41

Moved by – RuthAnne McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Shane Paquette

That Committee receive the deputation from Molly Moldovan. Carried.

Short Term Rental Survey Data Results

The Committee worked through the responses to the survey questions one question at a time providing comments. The number of survey respondents was 560.

An interest was expressed for staff to review options to filter the survey results to obtain more specific details. For example, remove the responses submitted by renters in order to view the results from non-renters.

Ms. Moldovan was provided with an opportunity to comment on the survey.

It was suggested that a news release be provided to the public to summarize the survey results and to thank the survey respondents and inform them that the survey results will continue to assist the Committee as they work through their deliberations.

24 – 42

Moved by – RuthAnne McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Ian Smith

That Committee receive the survey data results and that members communicate to the Deputy Clerk within the next two weeks any specific information they would like to be drawn from the survey; and further that Committee recommend to Council that a summary of the survey results be provided to the public. Carried.

Adoption of Minutes

24 – 43

Moved by – Janet Lambert

Seconded by – Shane Paquette

That Committee approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Committee held on June 11,

2024. Carried.

Personal Information of Responsible Persons and Privacy Legislation

24 – 44

Moved by – Ian Smith

Seconded by – RuthAnne McIlmoyl

That Committee receive the report regarding Personal Information of Responsible Persons and Privacy Legislation. Carried.

Commonalities and Variances Amongst Municipalities

24 – 45

Moved by – Shane Paquette

Seconded by – RuthAnne McIlmoyl

That Committee receive the Commonalities and Variances Amongst Municipalities document; and further to include the document in its present form on each agenda going forward. Carried.

Mechanisms for Addressing Specific Issues, Ranked Mild, Moderate and Stringent in Terms of Options

24 – 46

Moved by – RuthAnne McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Shane Paquette

That Committee receive the Mechanisms for Addressing Specific Issues, Ranked Mild, Moderate and Stringent in Terms of Options document. Carried.

Short-term Rentals in the Canadian Housing Market

24 – 47

Moved by – RuthAnne

Seconded by – Ian Smith

That Committee receive the Short-term Rentals in the Canadian Housing Market from Statistics Canada document. Carried.

Suggestions for Future Agendas

- Review the municipalities that have done a phased approach
- Review the top quality of life by-laws (Animal Control, Noise, Fireworks etc....)
- Consider to how fines should be levied and by-law enforcement mechanisms
- Review zoning, the fire code regulations
- Processes for handling of complaints and site inspections

- Invite the Fire Chief and Building / Planning representatives to attend the next meeting.

Next Meeting

24 – 48

Moved by – Janet Lambert

Seconded by – RuthAnne McIlmoyl

That the next Committee meeting be rescheduled to Monday, September 9, 2024, at 1:00 pm.
Carried.

Adjournment

24 - 49

Moved by – RuthAnne

Seconded by – Ian Smith

That Council adjourn proceedings. Carried.

Council adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Colin McLellan, Chair

Connie Parent, Clerk