



# OPEN HOUSE CONCERNING SHORT TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATION

With the growing popularity of online platforms such as Airbnb, VRBO, and many other rental accommodation websites there has been an increasing concern that these rentals be operated in a responsible manner that does not detract from the character of the areas in which they operate, or the lake quality which many of these rentals capitalize upon. Accordingly, the Township is reviewing regulatory mechanisms for short-term accommodations which would minimize the conflict between uses, while recognizing the valuable contribution of Short Term Rental Accommodation on the local economy and property values.

## **What is a short-term accommodation?**

The term "short-term accommodation" typically describes rentals that occur over a short period of time (e.g. less than 30 days). Popular online platforms, such as Airbnb, Flipkey, Homeaway, VRBO and Roomorama facilitate bookings and payments for short-term rentals.

## **What are some of the unique issues associated with short term rental accommodation?**

Traditionally cottages have been used in a manner not unlike the short term rental accommodation which has now evolved there are however significant differences, and challenges associated with short term rentals. The Township, and many residents, are concerned with the noise, parking, and trespass issues associated with the more fluid tenure of short term rentals. Added to this is the grave concern that septic systems be sized (and used) appropriately for the extent of the buildings use. These concerns, and many others illustrate the Township's interest in both recognizing this common practice, and regulating it in a manner which addresses the associated concerns.

## **How would you regulate short-term accommodations?**

Come in! Tell us what you think!

**Date:** **Saturday, July 21, 2018**

**Time:** 9 AM – 12 PM

**Location:** Minden Community Centre (Room 2)  
55 Parkside Street  
Minden, ON

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