

Memo

To: Mayor and Council
From: Renée Mask, CAO
Date: January 2, 2024
Subject: Short-Term Accommodations Update

The purpose of this memo is to provide Council with an update on the progress of the Short-Term Accommodations regulatory process.

In September, the Draft By-law for Licensing, Regulating, and Governing Short-Term Rental Accommodations (STA) was presented to Council. Subsequently, Council directed Staff to engage the community and residents through a Short-Term Accommodation Survey and to organize public meetings to gather feedback from the public and current operators of Short-Term Accommodations on the proposed regulations and the Draft By-law.

In October, the community survey was initiated and remained open until December 15th. The survey ran concurrently with the Strategic Plan process and open houses, providing an opportunity for the community to discuss the Strategic Plan objective at the open houses and contribute more extensively to the survey. A total of 383 participants took part in the Short-Term Accommodation survey, sharing their insights on the regulation of Short-Term Accommodations and the draft by-law. The survey results, along with comments from the Public and from the Public Meetings, will be compiled and presented to Council in March.

Next Steps

- Public Meetings
- Report to Council with recommendations

Respectfully Submitted,
Renée Mask, CAO