

## **Draft Script for Cottage Association Meetings**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a public member of the North Kawartha Short Term Rental Advisory Committee, appointed by Council.

The Committee acts in an advisory capacity to Council in matters pertaining to the operation of short-term rentals (STRs) in the Township and is responsive to the needs of the Township, the Community and property owners. It is not the mandate of the Committee to ban short-term rentals.

The Committee has been meeting approximately once each month since January, 2024 and will remain in place until the mission is accomplished or until the next term of Council.

The Committee is striving to be thorough in the research being undertaken to facilitate a final report with recommendations to North Kawartha Council. We welcome and encourage comments from cottage associations and its members.

The Committee has been active with respect to:

- Reviewing the activities of other Townships related to STRs such as strengthening by-laws, implementing licencing or registration etc...
- Reviewing capacity limitations, enforcement approaches and costs
- Preparing and presenting a public survey
- Hearing delegations from: a neighbouring Township, the Ontario Provincial Police, Doug Wellman of NORKLA, STR operators, property owners, Granicus, a company that offers solutions for local government, the General Manager of Tourism and Communication, for Peterborough County
- Receiving legal opinions and staff reports

The majority of issues people have with STRs in North Kawartha are addressed by existing by-laws. Overall complaints received by the Township have been minimal and the Committee is aware that some issues are not exclusive to STRS and infractions are not limited to STR properties.

The survey results highlighted the disparity of responses between those owning STRs and those that don't own STRs with the majority of those who completed the survey expressing some concerns regarding STRs.