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Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Connie Parent, Secretary to Short-Term Rental Advisory Committee
Date: February 24, 2026
Subject: Short-Term Rental Advisory Committee – Recommendations to North Kawartha Council

Recommendation:

That Council receive the North Kawartha Short-Term Rental Advisory Committee's Recommendations to Council document including Stages 1 to 6 and Appendices with appreciation; and further that Council schedule a Public Open House to be held on (Saturday in May) to receive public comments on the Recommendations.

Background:

Council appointed a Short-Term Rental Advisory Committee to act in an advisory capacity to Council in matters pertaining to the operation of short-term rentals in the Township.

Committee Members:

Councillor Colin McLellan, Chair
Councillor RuthAnne McIlmoyl
Janet Lambert, Shane Paquette and Ian Smith

The Committee held its first meeting in January of 2024 and met approximately once each month with the last meeting held February 10, 2026.

The Committee acts in accordance with the Terms of Reference set by Council.

Analysis:

The Committee has worked diligently and cooperatively to research, consult and prepare recommendations for consideration of Council. The final report with recommendations is now available for review and direction from Council.



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The Terms of Reference indicate that Council will hold a Public Open House once final recommendations have been received from the Committee.

Should Council deem it necessary to obtain further information or clarification regarding any of the proposed stages, either prior to the Open House or prior to Council arriving at a decision regarding short-term rentals, Council has the option to seek further comments from the Committee or reports from staff to assess the financial, operational and administrative impact of the Committee's Recommendations.

The Terms of Reference indicate that the Committee is in place until the completion of its mission or for the term of Council. Committee members have offered to remain in place for the remainder of the Council term. It is not the intent of Committee to schedule further meetings unless directed by Council if the need arises for further research, recommendations or to attend a public open house in the capacity of a member of the Committee.

Financial Implications:

Not applicable at this time.

Strategic and/or Other Plans:

Strategic Economic Development Plan – Tourism – Short-Term Rentals

In Consultation With:

Alana Solman, CAO
Edward Hilton, Economic Development Officer

Attachment:

Short-Term Rental Advisory Committee Recommendations to Council (Stages 1 to 6 with Appendices)

Planning Opinion from Laura Stone

Legal Opinion from John Ewart

Refer to links in Appendix 3 of the Recommendations