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Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Edward Hilton, Economic Development Officer
Date: June 2, 2026
Subject: STRAC Final Recommendations – Public Feedback Summary

Recommendation:

That Council receive this report regarding public feedback on the Short-Term Rental Advisory Committee (STRAC) Final Recommendations; and

That Council provide direction to staff regarding the recommendations submitted by the Short-Term Rental Advisory Committee.

Background:

The Township of North Kawartha's Short-Term Rental Advisory Committee (STRAC) completed its review of short-term rental accommodations within the Township and submitted a series of recommendations for Council's consideration.

To support Council's decision-making process, the Township invited residents, property owners, businesses, and other interested parties to provide comments on the Committee's final recommendations through an online feedback form available from March 17, 2026, to May 31, 2026, on the Township's Engage platform (engage.ptbocounty.ca), which is provided through Peterborough County.

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the feedback received through the public consultation process. Individual responses have been anonymized and are attached as an Appendix to this report.



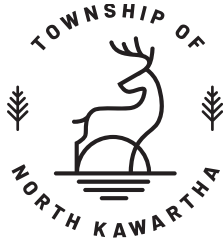
Analysis:

Staff received feedback from members of the public regarding the STRAC recommendations. Responses reflected a range of perspectives, including support for increased regulation and oversight, concerns regarding neighbourhood impacts, as well as comments emphasizing the economic benefits of short-term rentals to tourism, local businesses, and property owners.

To ensure transparency and protect privacy, all responses have been anonymized and compiled the Appendix without alteration, except where necessary to remove identifying information.

The feedback provided is intended to assist Council in evaluating the recommendations submitted by STRAC and determining the appropriate next steps. Staff have not undertaken a detailed analysis of individual comments within this report and are presenting the submissions for Council's consideration alongside the Committee's recommendations.

In addition to the online feedback opportunity, an open house was held on May 23, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the North Kawartha Community Centre. Members of the STRAC Committee were present, along with the Economic Development Officer (EDO), to answer questions from the public. Printed copies of the STRAC recommendations were available for review, and paper feedback forms were provided to allow attendees to submit written comments. To provide additional opportunity for public input, the online feedback period on the Township's Engage platform was extended to May 31, 2026. No additional written feedback was received either at the open house or during the extended engagement period between May 23 and May 31, 2026.



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Financial Implications:

There are no immediate financial implications associated with receiving this report. Financial impacts associated with any future implementation of STRAC recommendations would be identified through subsequent reports to Council.

Strategic and/or Other Plans:

- Township of North Kawartha 2023-2026 Strategic Economic Development Plan Tourism - 2. A by-law to regulate Short Term Rentals (STR)
- Township of North Kawartha 2023-2026 Strategic Plan Governance – 1. Establish an Advisory Committee of Council regarding Short Term Rentals.

In Consultation With:

Kelly Picken, Clerk

Attachment:

- 2026 Township of North Kawartha STRAC Final Recommendations Feedback Report (PDF).

Feedback was collected using the Granicus Sentiment & Feedback platform (formerly EngagementHQ/Bang the Table), which is licensed to Peterborough County, with the Township of North Kawartha participating as an authorized user.

- North Kawartha Short-Term Rental Advisory Committee (STRAC) Recommendations to Township of North Kawartha Mayor and Council.