



Delegation Request Form

I wish to appear before *

☒ Council

☐ Advisory Committee of Council

Date of Meeting *

4/17/2023



Name of Delegate(s) *

Peggy Russchen-Thompson

Address *

Phone *

Email *

Capacity in which you will be attending *

☒ Attending as an Individual

☐ Representing a Group / Organization

Have you contacted Administration regarding this matter? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

Reason(s) for Delegation Request (subject matter to be discussed). If the request is in response to an item on the agenda, please specify the item's agenda # *

Short Term Rentals

If your request is in response to an agenda item, are you in favour of the recommendation? If not, please provide your reasoning below

I do not know. I do not have access to administration's recommendation.

Will a powerpoint presentation be made? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

Note: An electronic copy of the PowerPoint presentation is required to be submitted to delegations@amherstburg.ca no later than 12:00 noon on the Friday before the meeting.

Please upload speaking notes and/or presentation materials - 4 Attachments Max (10MB Each) (pdf, docx, xlsx, jpg, jpeg, gif, png, tif) *

File Name



Short Term Rental Delegate Report.docx

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Delegate Guidelines

In accordance with the Town's Procedure By-law, a by-law governing the proceedings of Council, the conduct of its members and the calling of meeting for the Town of Amherstburg:

- Delegations may address Council or Committee for the purpose of bringing a specific matter before Council. In this instance, the request form must be received prior to the preparation of the agenda, no later than 12: 00 noon on the Wednesday prior to the Monday meeting.
- Delegations may address Council or Committee with respect to an item on the agenda, to which the individual/group has a bona fide interest and verbally present information on matters of fact. In this instance, the request form must be received by 12:00 noon on the Friday preceding the Council meeting.
- There is a strict time limit for delegations at meetings. Delegations will have 5 minutes to speak, not inclusive of questions from Council or the Committee. No more than 4 delegations will be heard per item of discussion by Council.
- Delegation requests received after the deadline will not be added to the public agenda. In the event registration with the Clerk is not made by 12:00 noon on the Friday preceding the meeting, but prior to 4:00 pm on the date of the meeting, the Clerk will bring the request to the attention of Council. Council, on a majority vote, may decide to hear the delegation.
- PowerPoint presentations are permitted provided that an electronic copy of the presentation is submitted to the Town Clerk no later than 12:00 noon on the Friday before the meeting. A copy of the presentation will be distributed to Council or Committee, as the case may be, as part of the delegation submission.
- A copy of the delegations speaking notes/presentation material must be submitted with the delegation request form to comply with Section 5.11 of the Procedure By-law.

Thank You

Submission Successful

Submitted by Peggy Thompson [REDACTED]

Some communities have chosen NOT to allow Short Term Rental (STR) and unfortunately, we are not one of those communities.

If we are going to have to accommodate STR I am hopeful council will see the serious issues surrounding them and put in place tight regulations and high penalty fees in order to not erode our neighborhoods.

We would be remiss not to look at all the other municipalities experiencing very serious issues, who are now backtracking and trying to amend their bylaws to address the concerns.

Toronto, Goderich, London, South Bruce Peninsula, Lambton, Port Stanley, Red Bay Mallory & Sauble Beach and right in our own backyards, Windsor and Colchester and sadly, most recent tragedy, in Quebec with STR.

I will briefly summarize all of the concerns from the following towns, cities and municipalities, I just mentioned:

Loud music, massive bonfires, fireworks, drunken behaviour, out of control parking, absentee ownership and landlords and destroyed property in surrounding the STR and more

Some (but not all) STR are disrupting the social fabric of our close knit communities, upending our way of life and eroding the rural fabric of our neighborhoods. There is a growing movement among Ontario communities to push back against STR.

Take for instance the residents of Edgewater. Their weekends are ruined every single weekend once the nice weather comes. How is that fair to those paying their taxes and the tourist come in for the weekend and then leave. They have no respect for the people who live there.

Look at Colchester, their residents have had to form a group to get action and be heard.

I could go on and describe issue after issue, but you get my point.

What I am asking council to do tonight, is to think about the year around residents. Our homes our one of our largest investments and the possibility of that investment being de-valued by a STR moving into the neighborhood is just not fair.

I think the right move is to make the bylaws so restrictive and with such high penalties/fees it weeds out those in it for a quick money grab. It might also address the current housing issue in Amherstburg.

I would recommend the following be consider when developing our bylaw. Looking at all the other towns that are trying to re-write and fix their existing bylaws, we can learn from them and get it right the first time.

Some items to consider in the bylaw:

Fines of up to \$500 a day if any of the STR bylaw are not met. 3 strikes or fines, license evoked

Police clearance for those applying for STR status

Annual renewal fees

Proof of liability insurance

Provide proof the STR property is their primary residence

Cap on occupancy of STR

1-3 parking spot per STR. No street or highway gravel area parking.

Emergency contact list of STR owner to call – 24/7 given to all other homes within a one block radius of STR

All neighbors (within a one block radius) be notified when a STR license has been applied for and granted

Existing and new STR must adhere to the bylaw (no current STR grandfathered)

Bylaw officer do a current STR blitz to determine if there are unlicensed STR , once bylaw is put in place

More stringent restrictions

24/7 Town controlled hotline to answer any and all concerns neighbors might have

If STR owner is in violation three times, their license is revoked

Last but not least, will the town need to add additional bylaw enforcement to regulate and enforce STR under the bylaw.

Thank you for your time.

*sources of reference for summary of issues in other municipalities, town, cities -- Toronto Star, Goderich Signal Star, London Free Press, Windsor Star, South Bruce Peninsula (Warton Echo), Blackburn News, Chatham Daily News, CTV News, Port Stanley News