TO: Mayor George Cornell
        Deputy Mayor Steffen Walma
        Councillor John Bryant
        Councillor Cindy Hastings (STRA Task Force member)
        Councillor Gibb Wishart (STRA Task Force member)
        Robert Lamb, Staff Resource/Chair of Short Term Rental Accommodation Task Force (STRA Task Force)

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DEAR:

I am writing to express my concern, as a member of this community, with the Township's current timeline to review and address the growing issues impacting our community as a result of short-term rentals.

As I understand it, Council has committed to review the issues arising from short term rentals and the impact on your tax paying residents through the establishment of a Short Term Rental Accommodation Task Force, with a mandate to have this work completed in two (2) years.

While I support the process and recognize the work involved to come to a resolution, what I am most concerned with is the proposed timeline. It is unclear as to why it is going to take the Township of Tiny 2 years to find a solution while municipal Council's across Ontario are proactively addressing what is impacting people's quality of life and for many, the value of their properties.

As an example, The City of Newmarket has implemented the requirement that all short-term rentals are licensed. The homeowner is responsible for addressing complaints. These licenses will be revoked after a set number of complaints and penalties. The municipality has engaged platforms (AirBnB and other short term rental platforms) to remove those who have lost their license. The platform providers have been eager to support this approach as they understand poor behaving clients do not reflect well on them.

Now is the time for Council to show leadership. I would ask that consideration be given to expedite the process in order to reach a resolution in a timelier manner. Council has shown great leadership with other bylaws and their recent changes – the issue of short term rentals deserves the same leadership and immediate attention.

Sincerely,

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