

Short Term Rentals – What you need to know.

With regards to short term rentals (STR) the issue was brought forward at the Annual General meeting held in August 2021, by concerned residents who are having their Deanlea Beach life disrupted due to “bad” renters. The issues discussed included bad behaviour, the proposed timeline by the Township to complete work, and the role of the DBA Board.

Bad Behavior: The first issue at hand stems from the renters who have demonstrated a total disregard for those around them. They do not follow the DBA Friendly Reminders, or the Tiny Township By-laws. For example, fireworks are let off at all hours of the night; there is loud music and late night parties; loud and offensive language, etc.

Proposed Timeline to Complete Work by Tiny Township: The second issue speaks to the proposed 2-year timeline to complete the work by the Tiny Township Short Term Rental Accommodation Task Force. Members expressed their concern about the timeline and why it is going to take so long to come to a resolution when the issue of Short Term Rentals has been on the Township’s radar for some time.

DBA Board Role: The third issue addresses the role of the DBA Board. The Board does not have any jurisdiction over renting, meaning it does not have a position, one way or the other about short term rentals. If a property owner wishes to rent their property this is totally within their rights to do so. However, as per the DBA Charter, the Board can “provide support, related to issues that arise and may not fall under prescribed mandate”.

ACTIONS:

1. Bad behaviour is not acceptable nor should it be tolerated. Property owners who rent their property are asked to take more responsibility about the overall issue. This includes being kind, courteous and respectful to fellow neighbours; ensure a rigorous rental screening process is in place; and ensure that all guests (family, friends, renters) abide by the DBA Friendly Reminders, which includes By-law information.
2. If bad behaviour is a problem, DBA members are asked to contact Tiny Township By-law or OPP, depending on issue.
3. The Board agreed to:
 - a) Draft a template that speaks to the proposed timeline only. Members can use the template as provided, or adapt to add their personal concerns.
 - b) Send a letter, on behalf of the DBA, to Council and Task Team Chair, regarding the proposed timeline with the purpose of asking that consideration be given to addressing the issue of Short Term Rentals in a timelier manner.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact:
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