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My email is in support of short term rentals in the City of Winnipeg.

I have traveled through Canada, the US, Europe, South Africa, and Brazil and Peru and have always sought out short term rentals from VRBO, Airbnb or other local services.

I love being able to stay in a neighbourhood rather than a hotel district. I like exploring small neighbourhoods and being able to see things like local residents do, shop at small local stores, eat at small neighbourhood restaurants, walk through parks with local people, and have playgrounds nearby to go with my child.

These short term rentals allow me to stay at a place with character, with amenities of a home, and often with more than one bedroom which is lovely when traveling with a child!

I've been following the debate about whether these should only be allowed in primary residences. While I can see some benefits, I think the negatives outweigh them. I've had good experiences staying in rentals located in the home of the renter, but I've also had some uncomfortable experiences as a solo female traveler with the male owner just next door. I far prefer when the host is offsite but can be readily reached if needed.

When friends or family have come to visit Winnipeg for an extended period I'll usually point them to a reputable Airbnb - those are ideal when staying for more than a few nights. I'd hate to have that option lost. The best way to see and experience Winnipeg shouldn't be taken away due to the pressure of the hotel monopoly.

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