Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development - June 15, 2022
Item No. 7 Regulating Short-Term Rentals

I wanted to thank the committee for acknowledging the need for regulations of short-term rentals in our city. I agree with the proposed by-laws and strongly encourage council to add primary residency requirements to the by-laws. I'd like to point out that although STR owners/operators who have presented to council on this matter all agree that regulations should be put in place to ensure STR are operated in a responsible manner; none have come forward with a solution. Whereas Winnipeg residents who have been adversely affected by these STR have stated loud and clear that a primary residency requirement would eliminate the issues they are faced with. **The STR owners/operators are doing a disservice to city council by acknowledging that a problem exists but oppose the very solutions proposed; without offering up any solution themselves.** They dismiss and minimize our concerns without having ever been in the situation themselves.

As another Winnipeg resident pointed out: city council has no obligations to protect the investments of STR owners but it does have the responsibility to protect the well being of Winnipeg residents.

Patrick Friesen