Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – December 7, 2022

REPORTS

Item No. 3 Regulating Short-Term Rentals

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee granted an extension of time of up to 60 days for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the following:

1. Solicit feedback from the general public, stakeholders, and elected officials on their experiences with short-term rentals, and on potential regulatory solutions, and that the public engagement be funded from existing resources within Planning, Property, and Development.

2. Propose amendments to the Accommodation Tax By-Law No. 70/2008 to include short-term rental accommodations in the collection and remittance of the Accommodation Tax.

3. Review the Toronto licensing and registration model for short-term rentals for application in Winnipeg and implement the requirement for a primary residence as a requirement for the operation of a short-term rental.

4. Provide recommendations for a licensing framework that considers fire, safety, land-use, and other requirements.

5. Develop, in co-ordination with the Winnipeg Police Service and the UN Women Safe Cities Global Initiative Steering Committee, information on Sex Trafficking and Human Trafficking for owners of short-term rentals, similar to what is available from the City of Toronto.

6. Identify any associated staffing, resource, and cost implications; and provide a schedule for implementation, including a timeline for the drafting of any required by-laws or amendments.

7. Review Business taxes as an additional taxation model for application to short-term rentals.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That an extension of time of up to 60 days be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the matter.

Yea:	Gillingham, Browaty, Lukes, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins	6
Nay:		0

Carried

The following persons submitted communications in opposition to the matter:

- Melanie Mitchell, Président/Founder, Manitoba Short Term Rental Owners Association
- Godfrey Gottfredsen
- Jude Sanson

COUNCIL DECISION:

On June 23, 2022, Council concurred in the June 6, 2022, recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development, which included the following recommendations:

3. That the Public Service be directed to undertake the following, and report back to Executive Policy Committee in 90 days:

    A. Solicit feedback from the general public, stakeholders, and elected officials on their experiences with short-term rentals, and on potential regulatory solutions, and that the public engagement be funded from existing resources within Planning, Property, and Development.

    B. Propose amendments to the Accommodation Tax By-Law No. 70/2008 to include short-term rental accommodations in the collection and remittance of the Accommodation Tax.

    C. Review the Toronto licensing and registration model for short-term rentals for application in Winnipeg and implement the requirement for a primary residence as a requirement for the operation of a short-term rental.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

D. Provide recommendations for a licensing framework that considers fire, safety, land-use, and other requirements.

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