Council Regular Meeting Agenda - February 23, 2023
Item No. 1 Regulating Short-Term Rental Accommodations

STRAs are heavily regulated or banned in most, if not all, major cities across the country. Even in Manitoba the municipality of Harrison Park has passed a resolution to adopt a bylaw that requires the licensing and regulation of STRAs. STRA owners/hosts (who may or may not reside in Winnipeg) **want you to believe that they provide a net-benefit to the city but if that were true, if STRAs truly are beneficial to communities, then why are they being banned in cities all over the globe**? The fact is that STRAs are detrimental to communities and do not benefit the citizens of Winnipeg. In fact STRAs only serve those who are living outside of Winnipeg. Your role as city council is not to look out for the interests of tourists; your responsibility is to protect the safety and livability of this city. You have heard of many citizens who are being **continually victimized by STRAs and their experience should be given much more weight than the opposition because they are fighting for their basic human rights**. I strongly encourage you to vote for the well-being of Winnipeg's citizens - **vote in favour of strict regulations**.

Kind regards,
Jasmin D.