Dear Honourable Mayor, Executive Policy Committee

QUSTIONS UNANSWERED

- **Why in the 5 years has no one from the city reached out to the Airbnb community but has had direct contact with the hotel association**
- **Why when asked has no councilors come to view any of the Airbnb in the city**
- **What are difference in the licensing between Hotels, Bed and Breakfast and rooming houses Which licence supersedes which licence**
- **Why are hotels allowed to rent for more than 30 days**
- **Why do some of the regulations violate federal and provincial laws**

- **FORCINCING SHARING NAME AND NUMBER VIOLATES FEDERAL AND PROVINCUAL LAW**

Canadian cities or municipal governments do not have the authority to force individuals to share their personal information without proper legal justification or consent. Personal information is protected by privacy laws in Canada, and government agencies, including municipal governments, are subject to these laws.

In Canada, privacy laws, such as the federal Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) and provincial privacy laws, set out rules and requirements for the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information. These laws typically require that organizations, including government entities, obtain informed consent or have a legal basis for collecting and using personal information.

Government agencies may request personal information for specific purposes, such as taxation, public health, or law enforcement, but they must do so within the bounds of the law. For instance, law enforcement agencies may seek personal information as part of a criminal investigation, but they generally require court-issued warrants or legal authority to access such information.

Individuals have rights to privacy and data protection in Canada, and any request for personal information by a government entity should be made in accordance with applicable privacy laws and regulations. In situations where individuals believe their privacy rights are being violated, they have the option to seek legal advice, file complaints with privacy commissioners, or challenge such requests through legal channels.

The Competition Bureau of Canada is primarily concerned with promoting and protecting competition and ensuring that markets in Canada operate in a fair and competitive manner. While the Bureau does not specifically focus on comparing Airbnb to hotels, it does monitor the broader marketplace and assesses the impact of various business models, including those related to accommodations and hospitality.

The Competition Bureau's role in the context of services like Airbnb and traditional hotels is to:

1. Ensure Fair Competition: The Bureau ensures that competition in the accommodations sector remains fair, regardless of the specific business model used. It investigates and addresses anticompetitive practices that could harm competition or consumer choice.

2. Address Misleading Advertising: The Bureau may investigate and take action against false or misleading advertising practices in the hospitality industry to protect consumers.

3. Promote Consumer Choice: The Bureau aims to promote consumer choice and ensure that consumers have access to a variety of accommodation options, including those offered by hotels and short-term rental platforms like Airbnb.

4. Enforce Competition Laws: The Bureau enforces Canadian competition laws, such as the Competition Act, to prevent anticompetitive behavior and promote economic efficiency.

- **UNFAIR COMPETION PRACTICES BETWEEN HOTELS AND SHORT TERM RENTALS- THE COMPETION BUREAU IS ALREADY AWARE AND HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN**

The Bureau may engage in specific cases or investigations related to the accommodations sector if there are concerns about competition, consumer protection, or anticompetitive practices. However, it doesn't express a preference for one business model (Airbnb) over another (hotels). Instead, its focus is on ensuring that all players in the market operate within the bounds of competition law and do not engage in anticompetitive behavior.