



November 20, 2020

Horseshoe Valley Property Owners Association,  
Bass Lake Oro-Medonte Ratepayers Association,  
Shanty Bay Residents' Association,  
Oro-Station Ratepayers' Association,  
Barrillia Park Ratepayers' Association,  
Parkside Ratepayers' Association,  
Hawkestone Ratepayers' Association,  
Eight Mile Point Cottagers' Association,  
Maplewood Ratepayers' Association,  
Moon Point Ratepayers' Association,  
AWARE Oro-Medonte,  
West Oro Ratepayers' Association,

### **Short Term Rentals (STRs) - Zoning Enforcement**

Please accept this letter in response to correspondence dated August 30, 2020 and November 4, 2020. Township Council and staff acknowledge the communications received from the resident associations; this communication has been reviewed and shared with legal counsel.

The August 30<sup>th</sup> communication was considered at the September 9, 2020 Council meeting during Closed Session, with Council and Township legal counsel, at which time, the following resolution was adopted:

Motion No. C200909-19:

Be it resolved

1. That the confidential correspondence dated September 8, 2020 and presented by Andria Leigh, Director, Development Services and Chris Williams, Aird & Berlis LLP re: Solicitor-client privilege (Short Term Rentals (Airbnb)) be received.
2. That staff and legal counsel proceed as directed by Council.

In response to further communication on behalf of the Joint Resident Community Groups dated November 3, 2020 pertaining to Short Term Rental zoning enforcement, the following resolution was adopted at the November 12, 2020 Council meeting:

Motion No. C201112-8:

Be it resolved

- 1) Correspondence dated November 3, 2020 from Joint Residents' Associations re: Illegal Short Term Rentals in the Township of Oro-Medonte.
- 2) Be received and refer to staff for a response.

Addressing problems associated with STRs has been challenging, costly and time consuming for the majority of municipalities across Ontario. Managing enforcement associated with STRs is a lengthy process, made even longer by delays due to the global pandemic.

Several municipalities have opted for licensing, which although expedient, in most circumstances has resulted in additional challenges with benefits of licensing not outweighing issues associated with community impact, costs and required resources associated with implementation.

It is important to note, with the appeal of the Township's Zoning bylaw, that Township staff & legal counsel continue to follow the direction of Council, post the Closed Session meeting on September 9, 2020, and a plan of action that follows advice received from the Township's legal counsel - Aird & Berlis.

Council members are sympathetic to concerns raised by the community. However, given the By-law appeal process, Council and staff are adhering to the advice provided by the Township's legal counsel, received under solicitor-client privilege. As a result, Township of Oro-Medonte Council and staff are not in a position to disclose components of legal advice received pertaining to STRs.

Township Council and staff acknowledge each of the Residents Associations for their continued commitment regarding STR matters. Collectively, we look forward to resolution through a favourable Local Planning Appeal tribunal decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'RD', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robin Dunn,  
Chief Administrative Officer

cc. Mayor Hughes & Members of Council  
A. Leigh, Director, Development Services  
C. Shelswell, Manager, Municipal Law