



Oro-Medonte Good Neighbours Alliance

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES SHORT-TERM RENTALS

18 September 2022

The Oro-Medonte Good Neighbours Alliance's role is to inform the public on the issue of Short Term Rentals (STRs) and to represent concerns on this matter to government. Consistent with our role, the questions presented here are intended to assist all voters in becoming better informed. We do not endorse individual candidates. We strongly encourage all constituents to become informed and to vote on October 24 for candidates that will ensure that our existing zoning by-law that prohibits STRs in residential zones is not weakened, but enforced and all disruptive STRs removed from our residential neighbourhoods. We suggest that the following questions about STRs can be used to help you find out where individual candidates stand on the issues related to STRs.

1. Would you want live next to an STR? Yes or No?
2. Do you agree that STRs are the biggest threat our neighbourhoods have faced in the last 30 years?
3. Short-term rentals are currently prohibited in residential zones. Are you in favour of legalizing STR's in residential zones? Yes or No?
4. Do you believe short-term rentals should be permitted outside of the V1 Zone at Horseshoe Valley?
5. Do you know that the Oro-Medonte Good Neighbours Alliance supported by 13 resident associations representing 2500 people is opposed to legalizing STRs outside of the V1 Zone?
6. Did you know that more than 35 of about 200 (or 16%) disruptive short-term rentals have been reported to the Township? Yes or No?
7. Did you know that in 6 years, despite receiving 100's of complaints, the Township has not prosecuted one short term rental operator for zoning infractions? Yes or No?
8. Do you know why the Township spent \$30,000 for a Tourism Gap Report that claimed STRs were good for tourism when this conclusion is contrary to hundreds of observations by homeowners living near STRs?
9. In 2014, Council used a 'balanced approach' and limited STRs to the V1 zone at Horseshoe Valley. This same approach was used in The Town of The Blue Mountains and was called 'good planning'. Do you agree that limiting STRs to higher density residential zones is good planning?
10. Would you be prepared to put your answers to these questions on the record on your Facebook/ Website?

Be sure to vote on October 24, 2022