



TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL INFORMATION ITEM

Committee: Committee of the Whole – Community Development

Date: November 1, 2021

Department: Community Development

Topic: Short Term Accommodations

Background: At the August Committee of the Whole – Community Development Meeting, Members discussed Short Term Accommodations in Edwardsburgh Cardinal. Members discussed benefits and detriments to the Tourism Industry; a lack of health and safety regulations for Short Term Accommodations; how the use will evolve where additional residential units are permitted; and impacts to housing availability and pricing.

After a fulsome discussion, the majority of Committee members agreed that there was a need to manage Short Term Accommodations within the Township. Staff were asked to investigate ways to manage this use, which may include provisions added to the Draft Zoning Bylaw.

Consultation with neighbouring municipalities has revealed challenges to implementing policies for Short Term Accommodations. Municipal planning partners have shared that permitting requirements have been an exhaust on resources and that policy changes have uncovered many historic uses. Accommodation owners and neighbouring property owners alike have shared concerns with policy changes. All Planners that commented agreed that public consultation was of utmost importance when addressing Short Term Accommodations.

In consultation with Novatech, Staff have determined that how to best manage Short Term Accommodations should be addressed separately from the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw Review and should include a third-party report and recommendation, with public consultation separate from the zoning bylaw review. The project will be included in the 2022 budget considerations for Council approval.

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Community Development Coordinator