

Short-Term Rental Advisory Committee Minutes

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.
Electronic Meeting Site

Members Present: Harold Nelson, Chair
Richard Clark
Suzanne Coros
Nina Janosick
Dave Koch
Jeff Martin
Doug Owens

Guests Present: Ajay Garjaria, Aird & Berlis LLP

Staff Present: Elana Arthurs, CAO
Tara Lember, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1 :06 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Suzanne Coros
Seconded by: Richard Clark

That the Short-Term Rental Advisory Committee approve the meeting agenda for February 22, 2023.

Carried

4. Other Business:

4.1 Township of Douro-Dummer Short-Term Rental Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Elana Arthurs, CAO provided the Terms of Reference to committee members.

She provided an overview of the purpose of the Committee and the requirement for a recommendation to be made to Council.

The Committee discussed timelines and it was noted that should additional time be required that request would be made to Council with an updated timeline to complete the mandate.

Appointment to the committee is a one (1) year term.

4.2 Committee Discussion on Current Legal Environment regarding Short Term Rentals

Lawyer Ajay Gajaria with the firm Aird & Berlis, LLP provided examples of court cases from other municipalities in Ontario, noting some of the cases that were represented by his firm.

He discussed different approaches that have been implemented on how to manage short term rental properties, including intervention and private law, an increase to noise/nuisance by-law enforcement, licensing and regulation of land use planning and zoning in specified areas.

The Committee members each had an opportunity to discuss the topic and their individual experiences. Discussion about the options provided by Mr. Gajaria were further discussed as members offered their opinions on the appropriate approach.

The next meeting will include the Township Planner to review the existing Zoning By-law and the Official Plan as well as the proposed Official Plan which is currently awaiting approval.

Ms. Arthurs will review the report that went to Council in Closed Session to determine if it can be released to the Committee or work toward a similar document to provide some direction on next steps in achieving a recommendation.

5. New Business:

There was no new business.

6. Next Meeting:

Township of Douro-Dummer staff will send out a few options to the advisory committee to establish the next meeting date

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Moved by: Nina Janosick

Seconded by: Jeff Martin

Carried