

Recommendation:

That the C.A.O.-2022-04 report, dated February 1, 2022 regarding short-term rentals be received and; that Council approve the public consultation process including holding a Public Meeting on Thursday, April 7th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and conducting a survey to gather feedback from the public on short-term rentals.

Overview:

On August 3, 2021, Council received a report on short-term rentals at which time Council directed staff to move forward with a public process to gather feedback to address short-term rentals in the Township.

As there are a variety of views and opinions on this topic, the public consultation process is intended to gather input from the public to assist staff in making recommendations to Council on the proposed requirements, restrictions, fees and fines, and enforcement options.

Conclusion:

Staff are recommending that a Public Meeting be held on Thursday, April 7, 2022 to allow for public engagement and feedback to assist Council in the decision-making process. A short presentation will be made followed by comments, questions and general feedback from the public.

In addition, a survey of no more than twenty (20) questions will be made available via the Township website. A variety of efforts will be made to direct people to the online survey, including but not limited to, notifications using our Twitter account and a notice on our website. The survey will be made available from Monday, February 7th – Monday, February 28th.

A dedicated web page will be created where we can provide additional information about short-term rentals, the pros and cons and how people can gather additional information.

Information collected through the survey and the public meeting will be brought together and presented to Council with recommendations on how best to move forward no later than the first meeting in May.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact at this time.

Strategic Plan Applicability:

To ensure and enable an effective and efficient municipal administration.

Sustainability Plan Applicability:

N/A