

**City of Port Colborne
Council Meeting Addendum**

Date: February 22, 2022
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

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8. Staff Reports

8.3. Short-Term Accommodations, 2022-44

- *a. Delegation material from Douglas W. Lockyer, resident**

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From: Doug Lockyer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: February 18, 2022 1:11 PM
To: City Clerk <cityclerk@portcolborne.ca>
Subject: Short term accommodations (report #2022-44 planning and development department)

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Amber I have reviewed the report that has been put together regarding “short term rentals” that you and I discussed on the telephone on Tuesday the 14th.

Following my read of the report I would like to make the following comments and also concerns:

We have witnessed what happens when a single story home designed for and constructed as a single family dwelling is rented out as a short term or weekend rental and owned by absentee landlords.

The rental is arranged with the landlord, with the understanding that there is a maximum number of people that are allowed in the rental. These numbers mean nothing to the person renting the premise if the landlord is of the absentee type.

It is my understanding and I could be wrong that occupancy is normally based on two(2)adult people to a bedroom. So for a two bedroom home maximum occupancy should be four (4) people and additionally two (2) more for every recognize bedroom (bedroom as identified in the Ontario building code).

Any room used as bedroom in the basement of a said rental must comply with the requirements of the Ontario building code or the Ontario fire code for egress or egress from the basement.

It is my belief that to show that the municipality is doing due diligence in the allowing of short term accommodations then there definitely needs to be a means to identify said premises so that the corporation can show due diligence should a situation develop where a renter or occupier not come back on the corporation. If something happens in this day and age the insurance companies along with the legal profession have no problems including any and all in law suits.

As to identifying where an existing or future short term rental is located a information flyer could be included in a water bill or tax bill .

As to the number of complaints received by the different city departments, residents next to or close by a rental are not or will not complain because of harassment as did happen in our neighbour to a widow living alone and starting to get her life back together after losing her husband. She could not handle the stress so she sold and relocated due to the harassment.

Your residents are here because this is where they want to be, stress free ,relaxed and able to do whatever without stress in their long time neighbour hood.

I sincerely believe even though some may not agree “licencing of so call short term rentals is the proper way to go.”

When the word gets out that these establishments need proper licencing you will be surprised how many neighbour will be willing to advise of one in their immediate area.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration and without prejudice Douglas W Lockyer
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