

**City of Port Colborne
Council Meeting Addendum**

Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

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8.2. Short-term Rental Follow-up Report, 2022-208

*a. Delegation material from Donald LeBlanc, resident

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*a. Delegation from Jesse Boles, Downtown BIA

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Port Colborne City Council,

I would like to provide comment on Short Term Rentals in Port Colborne.

First off. my personal experience.

In the fall of 2021, my next door neighbour's home was purchased by a "few" people from GTA although it is registered in the name of only one person.

This short term rental went into operation by the new year and the real problems started to escalate in the springtime when the nice weather arrived.

I then went on to experience the most horrendous summer of my life. Since early May, I have been unable to sleep in my master bedroom due to the constant noise and lighting coming from that property.

I've had to try and sleep in a guest room at the other end of my home. And still, I've had to use earplugs to try and get some sleep. You see, the location of my home is on the west of the short term rental house and that is the "party side" of the house which makes my home the most affected by this.

And believe me, it is a "party house" as my neighbours can and have attested to.

Myself and at least one other neighbour have had to put up with trespassing on our properties, using our staircases to get down from "our" yards down to the beach even though the rental has its own staircase. The renters act as if it's all public property.

Our beaches are private property and on more than one occasion I've had renters from the short term rental establishing themselves on my beach like it's a public beach rather than stick to the one they rented.

Also have experienced having to clean up garbage being discarded on my property. Renters, as well as guests of the owners have actually just tossed garbage over the fence onto my property.

I've had to pick up beer cans, disposable plastic beer glasses, cigarette butts being flicked over the fence, busted balloons and lots of confetti from "events" that are constantly being held at this short term rental.

I've even had to pick up articles of clothes that the partiers hang over the fence when they remove them to use the pool until the wind gets a hold of them and blows them off the fence and onto my property.

The parties apparently forget about the clothing as they don't even come looking for them. It's just left behind for me to clean up.

All the reasons I purchased this property 18 years ago are now 100% gone. The quiet neighbourhood, being able to have the windows open during the summer and getting the breeze from the lake, and hearing the sounds the water specially at night when going to sleep, all gone. Basically, I've lost the use and enjoyment of my home.

The short term rental industry in Port Colborne needs to be regulated. Most of the cities have regulations in place now, and Port Colborne will eventually have to do it anyway. Let's not kick the can down the road.

Thank you,

Donald Leblanc