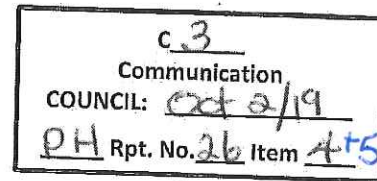


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Good day:

I attended the public hearing last night (Tuesday, September 17, 2019), specifically for items 4 and 5 on the agenda. In the interest of keeping the issues independent of each other, even though they are somewhat related, this email will only speak to item number 4 with respect to suggestions for how to deal with the matter of short-term rentals in Vaughan. I do intend to express my concerns regarding the proposed amendment/project at 4101 Rutherford Rd in a separate correspondence.

I have been a resident of Vaughan for three quarters of my life, and while I love many of the changes and growth that have happened over those years, I am extremely concerned about the increasing number of bad-news stories that come out of airbnb-style rentals. I don't believe they add any value or benefit to the streets and neighbourhoods in which they are located. In fact, they detract from them, causing decreases in property value, and robbing nearby residents of their feeling of peace and safety.

While ideally, I would like to see an outright ban on short-term rentals, I think it would do very little, if anything at all, to curb the activity from continuing. I believe we would have a much better chance of keeping it under control through strict policies and enforcement such as:

- 1) Owners of airbnb-style and/or vacant homes must be registered with the City.
- 2) Owners must pay an annual licensing fee of no less than \$500.
- 3) Owners must limit the number of guests in accordance with fire safety rules.
- 4) Owners must provide adequate security for events intended for more than 20 guests.
- 5) Owners must ensure the exterior of the property is consistently and properly maintained at **all times**.
- 6) Owners must obtain written permission from at least 60% of their neighbours, whether beside, in front of, or behind, when the premise is being rented for the purpose of holding an event.
- 7) Owners found not adhering to the rules, regulations and by-laws of the City should be fined and have their registrations revoked, especially if there are multiple infractions or are found to encourage illegal activity. **Enforcement will be key!**

The majority of people I have spoken with are very worried about what will happen to our communities if we do not nip this in the bud. As far as I know, there are numerous venues and facilities such as hotels and banquet halls that were purpose-built to accommodate short-term stays and events. Why should we allow this to happen in residential neighbourhoods and not have the owners be held accountable? Like

attracts like, and whether we hold ourselves to high standards or low ones, we will attract others with similar mindsets. I am strongly in favour of holding ourselves to the high standards we are accustomed to, and keeping Vaughan the place we are proud to call home.

Thank you,
Ramona Vella
Woodbridge