

This is a topic that our community has been actively advocating for well over 4 years. We absolutely agree that provincial legislation is needed in order to effectively impose some controls, however it is disappointing that the City of Burlington has taken this long to come up with this motion, all the while waiting for any kind of solution at the municipal level. Community members have offered suggestions & resources, and discussed the matter ad nauseam with City officials any chance we get.

At the March 28, 2023 CPRM Meeting, a motion was put forward to develop a short-term accommodation compliance/licensing program. The undertaking of a review for that framework is only supposed to commence this fall. Is this timeline still on track, or is that Motion being repealed in favour of this new one, in the hopes that the province will take the lead?

The devastating fire that occurred in illegal Airbnbs in Montreal earlier this year, and swift actions by the province of Quebec in the aftermath, should serve as a reminder as to why regulation is needed immediately. Why are we consistently in a reactive mode instead of proactive? This Council does not need to be reminded of the nuisance created by out of control Airbnbs. It is truly unacceptable that it has taken this long for this matter to be addressed effectively.

Sincerely,

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