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Could we please get this on the agenda for Dec 4 2023?

Attention Mayor and Council:

I'm writing this to ask for our city to opt out of the new regulations surrounding airbnbs.

Here are my reasons:

- I have 3 companies who bring in travel nurses who book regularly in my units. If there are no airbnbs moving forward they will not be bringing in nurses. This will hurt our hospital even more.
- I run mostly larger homes that accommodate large families and are true vacation rentals, they do not encroach on hotel users and are not at all in the same ballpark. Although I don't provide breakfast I do provide wifi, all utilities, lawn care and snow removal, cleaning, coffee, all toiletries and a fully stocked kitchen in each as well as 24 hour on call service. This is not the same as hotels. It's a niche market more like the old fashioned B and Bs
- Sports teams and coaches book lots. So do large companies and work crews.
- Large families book and they pay 200-500 instead of multiple rooms in hotels that would cost double or triple. They simply would not come to PG.
- All of my guests are given recommendations to our local businesses including crossroads and white goose bistro as two of the favorites. They spend money here and enjoy our city. Many of them come on shopping trips from within our province, but I've also had many tourists from Europe and from all over the world.
- I believe that all Airbnb owners/operators would be happy to come up with a plan and policy moving forward. To work with the city and TPG to incorporate our STRs into part of what our city has to offer. They are absolutely as asset.

Please look through my airbnbs and see that they are absolutely nothing like hotels and not in competition. These will also not be turned into long term rentals...if this does not proceed they will be sold. The buyers of these will also not rent them...investors are making more money on interest and our investor market died last year. This law is only hurting small business owners. This is a business like any other. I pay all taxes including gst and pst...plus hotel tax!

Please opt out!

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