



NOTICE OF MOTION

Date: November 20, 2023
To: Mayor and Council
From: Councillors Brian Skakun and Trudy Klassen
Subject: **Short-Term Rental Accommodation Act Response**
Attachment: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/housing-tenancy/short-term-rentals#act>

The date for this motion to be considered is at the December 4, 2023 regular council meeting.

Whereas it is the will of Council to grow our city and attract much-needed personnel for industry, education and health care professionals, and to provide opportunities to grow our tourism industry, as stated in the 2023 to 2026 Strategic Plan, we believe that the Short-Term Rental Accommodation Act may not be suitable for our city.

Therefore, this motion proposes:

That Council directs staff to seek feedback from our tourism and housing sectors to prepare options for response, including the option to “Opt-Out” of the provincial Short-Term Accommodation Act so as to be prepared to respond as soon as the option to do so becomes available.

DISCUSSION:

Short-term rental housing is a vital part of the options needed to provide housing for those providing their expertise to the various projects and programs in and around our city. We must do our part to ensure the required varied housing options remain available to reduce barriers to working in our city.

Also, as we seek to grow our tourism industry, it is imperative to allow varied accommodation options to meet the needs of those visiting our beautiful city and region.

Respectfully submitted,



Councillor Brian Skakun



Councillor Trudy Klassen