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SEEKING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL POLICY REVIEW

Welland, ON – The City of Welland is reviewing short-term rentals to establish appropriate policies, regulations and licensing as per Council's request.

A short-term rental is all or part of a dwelling unit that offers short-term accommodation in exchange for payment and where the owner does not reside in the same dwelling. These dwellings include those advertised on various online platforms like Airbnb, VRBO and Flipkey, but excludes hotels and motels.

Short-term rentals are currently not permitted in the City of Welland; however, Bed and Breakfasts are, as they are accessory apartments. Bed and Breakfasts are similar to short-term rentals. They offer short-term accommodation; however, owners/operators remain on-site during the rental period, renting individual rooms to patrons.

Despite not being permitted, staff are aware of several short-term rentals operating in the City, with complaints raised about only a few particular properties.

To date, staff have done extensive background research on the issues surrounding short-term rental accommodation in cities and the different ways they are regulated. A project webpage and online survey have been created to ensure all voices are heard.

We ask all to visit YourChannel <https://yourchannel.welland.ca/> to **HAVE YOUR SAY** by providing feedback, completing the survey and sharing your experiences with short-term rentals.

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