



## **The Corporation of the City of Stratford Planning and Heritage Committee MINUTES**

Date: Monday, February 22, 2021  
Time: 5:26 P.M.  
Location: Electronic Meeting

Committee Present in Mayor Mathieson  
Council Chambers:

Committee Present Councillor Ritsma - Vice Chair Presiding, Councillor Ingram -  
Electronically: Chair, Councillor Beatty, Councillor Bunting, Councillor Burbach,  
Councillor Clifford, Councillor Gaffney, Councillor Henderson,  
Councillor Sebben, Councillor Vassilakos

Staff Present in Joan Thomson - Chief Administrative Officer, Tatiana Dafoe -  
Council Chambers: City Clerk, Chris Bantock - Deputy Clerk

Staff Present Ed Dujlovic - Director of Infrastructure and Development  
Electronically: Services, David St. Louis - Director of Community Services, John  
Paradis - Fire Chief, Kim McElroy - Director of Social Services,  
Alyssa Bridge - Manager of Planning, Jodi Akins - Council Clerk  
Secretary, Jeff Leunissen - Planner

### **1. Call to Order**

The Vice-Chair called the Meeting to Order.

### **2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

The *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* requires any member of Council declaring a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, where the interest of a member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence

from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and otherwise comply with the *Act*.

Name, Item and General Nature of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures of pecuniary interest were made by a member at the February 22, 2021 Planning and Heritage Committee meeting.

**3. Delegations**

None scheduled.

**4. Report of the Manager of Planning**

**4.1 Update on Proposed Short-Term Rental Accommodations (STRA) Regulations (PLA21-006)**

**Committee Discussion:** The Planner advised the purpose of this report was to provide an update on recent consultations that have taken place with Destination Stratford. The City currently permits short term rental of an entire dwelling unit and refers to it as an Inn. Inns in Stratford are currently permitted in mixed-use zones and Commercial C-3 zones.

Staff have received correspondence from Destination Stratford to incorporate provisions, similar to that found in Niagara-on-the-Lake and Prince Edward County, that would allow short term rentals in all places with the exception of newly constructed residential or an approach that sets a maximum number of rentals allowed in the entire municipality. These approaches are different than what Council previously gave direction on. Committee members were advised staff do not recommend changing the approach from the previous recommendation but wanted to bring forward this information to Council regarding conversations held with Destination Stratford.

A question and answer period ensued between members and staff with respect to:

- the report being provided for information purposes only and following previous Council direction unless new direction provided;
- Council having already considered similar options as proposed by Destination Stratford;

- the Comprehensive Zoning By-law being considered at an upcoming Planning and Heritage Committee meeting with notice provided for members of the public for review and comment; and,
- short-term rentals as currently included in the draft by-law being applicable in residential zones.

**Motion by** Councillor Vassilakos

**Seconded by** Councillor Sebben

**Committee Recommendation: THAT the report regarding consultation with Destination Stratford on proposed Short Term Rental Accommodation regulations in the new Comprehensive Zoning By-law (PLA21-006) be received for information.**

**Carried**

## **5. Adjournment**

**Motion by** Councillor Henderson

**Seconded by** Councillor Burbach

**Committee Decision: THAT the Planning and Heritage Committee meeting adjourn.**

**Carried**

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Meeting End Time: 5:35 P.M.