Short Term Rentals We need your input







Why we're here

To get your input on STRs

City reps here to listen









How today's meeting will flow

- Context: setting the scene (10 min)
- Engagement process (5 min)
- Q & A (15 min)
- Your input (80 min)
- Review next steps (5 min)



But first, some background

What is a short term rental?

Commonly referred to as "Airbnb", "home sharing", or "vacation rental", short-term rental (STR) refers to the commercial accommodation of guests in a private residence – a room, apartment, secondary suite, or house – on a temporary basis (31 days or less).

Regulation??

- Currently STRs are unlicensed and unregulated
- Bed & Breakfasts are regulated under Business Licence By-law No. 3451 and Zoning By-law No. 4404



Status Across Canada

Cities across Canada are struggling to address STR:

- Most recently City of Toronto administration brought forward regulations and they are being put before Council for approval
- Vancouver's regulation of STR will be effective as of April 2018
- Calgary has no rules yet but as of November 17, 2017 a motion is being put forward by a City Councilor



Why is the City looking at STR?

As demand is growing the City needs to ensure policies are in place to address STR:

- Safety concerns
- Fairness ('level playing field')
- Transparency
- Preservation of residential character
- Ensure adequate supply of housing and tourism lodging options are available



Process Timeline

- November: Stakeholder engagement, survey
- January: Summary of input available
- Mid January: Meetings to report out on engagement
- Late January: Recommendations to City Council



Questions?



YOUR TURN:

What do you think about short term rentals?

Thank you For your input



