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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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**Re: Advocacy– Short Term Rentals**

Please be advised that the following resolution was adopted by Committee of the Whole at its meeting held on November 27, 2023 and subsequently ratified by City Council on December 11, 2023:

WITH RESPECT to the memorandum dated November 6, 2023 from Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, Vice Chair of Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, we recommend in support of the request to the Government of Ontario to establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO to:

- Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licensing regulations; and
- Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality; and
- Provide a contact with the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials;

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay call upon the Province of Ontario to work with municipalities to address situations in which long term housing stock has been lost to corporate ownership of short-term rental properties;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra, MPP Lise Vaugeois and MPP Kevin Holland, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Northern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) and all municipalities in Ontario;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to Council for ratification.

CARRIED

Should you have any further questions relative to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,



Dana Earle  
Deputy City Clerk

Cc:

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra  
MPP Lise Vaugeois  
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