

**STAFF REPORT:**                      **Planning**



**REPORT TO:**                      **Mayor and Members of Council**

**MEETING DATE:**                **September 17, 2007**

**REPORT NO.:**                    **PL.07.110**

**SUBJECT:**                        **Short Term Accommodation Meetings**

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#### **A. Recommendations**

**THAT Council does receive Staff Report #PL.07.110, “Short Term Accommodation Meetings” for information purposes.**

#### **B. Background**

On June 20, 2007, the Town of The Blue Mountains held a facilitated public meeting regarding short term accommodation. At the meeting draft principles of Official Plan Policy dealing with short term accommodation, new Zoning By-law definitions and standards and a new Licensing By-law were introduced. The public was asked to provide comments regarding these documents and submit them to the Planning Department.

Nineteen submissions were received to date. In total there were 17 concerns identified in the submission. Of these concerns, the most common ranged from dealing with short term accommodation legal non-conforming uses, the enactment of a licensing by-law by the municipality, parking concerns and zoning issues. Further information is attached for review.

Planning staff have reviewed these comments in preparation of the short term accommodation draft Official Plan policy and Zoning By-law Amendment policies. These documents are now being drafted and will be made available to the public and Council by Friday, September 21, 2007, prior to the open house and the statutory public meeting, in accordance with *The Planning Act*. The purpose of the open house will be to allow the public to ask questions and seek clarification from staff, one on one. The statutory public meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 13, 2007. An outline of the meeting schedule along with location and start times is included.

## Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, October 9, 2007 - Public Open House, Beaver Valley Community Centre, Small Hall, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 13, 2007 - Statutory Public Meeting, Beaver Valley Community Center, Large Hall, 10:00 a.m.

### **C. Strategic Plan**

The development of short term accommodation policies continue to be consistent with Strategic Plan goal:

1. *Managing growth to ensure the ongoing health and prosperity of the community.*

### **D. Budget Impact**

There will be future associated municipal costs regarding this program dealing with implementation of licensing and enforcement.

### **E. Attachment**

1. Chart - Short Term Accommodation Summary of Concerns, June 20, 2007, Public Open House Meeting.
2. Public comments received after June 20, 2007.

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