



**Special Meeting of Council  
Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6:00 PM  
Council Chambers, City Hall, 199 Queen Street**

**Mayor Philip Brown presiding**

**Present:**      **Deputy Mayor Jason Coady**                      **Councillor Mike Duffy**  
                         **Councillor Greg Rivard**                                      **Councillor Julie McCabe**  
                         **Councillor Terry MacLeod**                                      **Councillor Terry Bernard**  
                         **Councillor Kevin Ramsay**                                      **Councillor Alanna Jankov**

**Also:**            **Peter Kelly, CAO**    **Alex Forbes, PM**  
                         **Robert Zilke, PDO**    **Ronnie McPhee, CLO**  
                         **Cindy MacMillan, AA**

**Guests:**        **Short Term Rental Association of Charlottetown – Terry Hennessey,**  
                         **Mark Belfrey, Terry Williams, Lori Kays, Dave Toombs & Don McLean**

**Regrets:**        **Councillor Mitchell Tweel**    **Councillor Bob Doiron**  
                         **Tracey McLean, RMC**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order.

**2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts were declared.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

It was suggested that Agenda item to Move into a Closed Session be removed as the matter within the Closed session is to be deferred. Moved by Councillor Rivard and seconded by Councillor Ramsay that the agenda be amended. Carried.

**4. Discussion Items**

**a. Short Term Rental Group Presentation**

Mayor Brown welcomed the group to the meeting and asked them to begin their presentation. Mr. Hennessey provided Council with a handout titled 'Myths and Truths – Short Term Rentals (STR's) in Charlottetown' and spoke to it. The other association members also provided input of their own personal involvement and experiences with regard to STR's. The Association supports and recommends the following:

- Only licensed properties should be permitted (and grandfathered).
- New construction should not be newly built for the purpose of STR without approval.
- STR properties should be taxed commercially similar to B&B's and hotels, but only for the months the property is operated as a STR as most operate as LTR 6-8 months.

- The Tourism Levy should also apply to STR's, to be collected, if possible, through online registration platforms.
- If STR policies are adopted that make the existing businesses no longer viable, a grandfather clause be put in place for existing units as the investments have already been made.

In a response to a question raised, the Association agreed that there should be a cap/limit on the number of STR's permitted in Charlottetown and that the City should approach the Provincial Government to discuss the matter of issuing permits for STR's.

The Mayor thanked the group for their presentation; the members than left the meeting.

### **b. Data for Canadian Cities Pilot Project**

**Moved by Councillor Alanna Jankov  
Seconded by Councillor Terry Bernard**

#### **RESOLVED:**

Whereas, The Toronto based World Council on City Data (WCCD) and the Government of Canada recently launched the "Data for Canadian Cities Pilot Project" in July 2019 and the WCCD is now in the initial stage of inviting 15 Canadian Cities to lead on this project;

And Whereas, the World Council on City Data has invited the City of Charlottetown to be a part of this new project and obtain its' ISO 37120 Designation;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City of Charlottetown enter into a three-year agreement with World Council on City Data (WCCD), whereby the Government of Canada shall pay the City's certification and registration fees of \$10,000 USD per year for the first two years,

And further that the City shall pay to the WCCD \$10,000 USD for its' ISO 37120 certification and registration in Year 3.

**CARRIED 8-0**

### **5. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Duffy and seconded by Councillor Ramsay to adjourn the meeting.  
Carried.

**The meeting concluded at 7:45 PM.**