



MEMBER MOTION

Section 5.4.4(b) of Procedure By-law

Meeting:	Committee of the Whole X Council
Meeting Date:	March 18, 2019
Subject/Title:	Regulation of Airbnb and Short-term Rentals
Submitted by:	Councillor Chan

Whereas Section 151 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* authorizes the Council of the Town of Richmond Hill to pass by-laws for licensing, regulating and governing of any business wholly or partly carried on within the municipality;

Whereas Airbnb and short-term rental properties in residential areas have proliferated in Richmond Hill and these types of business have resulted in nuisances such as excessive noises, and concerns about fire safety and the alleged mischief conduct;

Whereas a number of Canadian municipalities such as the Cities of Richmond, Toronto and Vancouver have taken steps to regulate the Airbnb rental businesses in view of the proliferation of such short-term rental market; and the City of Calgary has proposed to introduce business licenses for short-term rental platforms such as Airbnb;

Whereas the Airbnb company stated in its submission to the House of Commons' Finance Committee in 2018 that the company "want to be regulated" as reported;

Whereas Airbnb and short-term rentals are not subject to the licensing and regulation by the Town of Richmond Hill at this time;

Now therefore the Council of Richmond Hill resolves the following:

That staff be directed to examine the feasibility of passing a by-law to licence, regulate and govern Airbnb and short-term rental accommodations in the Town of Richmond Hill, and to report back to Council no later than November 18, 2019; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the York Regional Council, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, local Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament, Richmond Hill Board of Trade and Toronto & Region Board of Trade.

Moved by: Councillor Chan

Seconded by: