

## **Committee Of The Whole Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 8, 2020**

### **Agenda Item: 12.14 SRCS.20.03 - Short Term Rental Accommodations**

To the Mayor and Members of Council.

I am a long time resident of Richmond Hill, residing at 8 Castleridge Drive.

It appears that 10 Castleridge Dr. is Airbnb and not private rental. I asked an occupant today as he was coming out and he confirmed he rented the room via Airbnb. Example, yesterday was 1st of the month, they all moved in. Who knows how many came and went. There was 3 police cruisers already on the premises for a domestic fight. Is this what we will be subjected too? There was a party on the deck with a bottle being passed around from one person's mouth to another! There will be wild parties, parking issues, noise issues, garbage issues... The list goes on and on.... As homeowners and residents we CANNOT LIVE UNDER THESE CONDITIONS! Would any one of your council members want this next door? I have daughter who has special needs and is very vulnerable who requires extra attention and care, do I need this next door and in our neighbourhood. Is this what Richmond Hill is coming too?

What happened to the zoning bylaw for this neighbourhood? Isn't it zoned for family dwelling? Did this change? These short term rentals have been nothing but problems as we have seen in the media in Toronto. I do not want my neighbourhood to get to that point so we need to take action now.

Please note, that we have nothing against rentals in general. This home used to be a single family rental for years until it became Airbnb. We totally understand the need for home rentals as many families face circumstances that require renting a home. However, short-term/Airbnb is not the same! These are known for crime, wild parties, drugs and disturbances in the neighbourhood. This is a residential neighborhood with kids and families! Airbnb are comparison to motels, this is not what we signed up for when we bought our home 33 years ago! We are the homeowners and we deserve to live in a neighbourhood and feel safe and secure.

Yesterday we had another problem, yes we will continue to call the police and report any disturbance and violations to the city. However that is just a bandage on the problem. At the end of the day, we will be forced to sell our home, which we love, and move to a jurisdiction that prohibits short term rentals. The City of Markham has prohibited these types of rentals, I don't understand why Richmond Hill allows it. Pretty soon you will have everyone moving and the majority of your population will be this type of dwelling.

This is completely unacceptable to me and my neighbours. Nothing, good comes out of Airbnb short term rentals! We don't feel safe, comfortable in our homes and don't know who is coming and going?

Please, please, council please do not allow this in our beautiful neighborhood that we've lived and raised our families in. I urge you to please re-consider and prohibit these types of rentals to continue.

Sincerely,

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