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Chair and Members of the  
Community and Protective Services Committee

Re: Short Term Accommodations

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Previous concerns were raised with respect to use of properties in the city for short term accommodations. The Civic Administration previously reported on April 25, 2017 and again on May 1, 2018 with respect to this matter. At the May 8, 2018 meeting of Municipal Council, the following resolution was passed:

“That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Development and Compliance Services and Chief Building Official, the following actions be taken with respect to Short Term Accommodations:

- a) the staff report dated May 1, 2018 BE RECEIVED;
- b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report back to the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) with respect to the potential administration of transient tax on short term rentals; and,
- c) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to report back to the CPSC with respect to an update on the status of short term rentals in London, in approximately one year;

it being noted that communications from C. Keeling, C. Robichaud and T. McBride were received with respect to this matter. (2018-S11)”

This direction was subsequently removed for the Community and Protective Services Committee Deferred List by Municipal Council in January 2019.

Since that time, the prevalence of short term rentals (reserved via platforms such as Airbnbs, HomeAway and others) has increased warranting a further review, which may include a recommended course of action to address the concerns raised by the public with respect to short term rental accommodations.

I am therefore seeking support of the following recommendation:

“That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to report back to the Community and Protective Services with respect to potential regulatory options that could be put in place to address short term rental accommodations in London.”

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Hopkins,  
Councillor, Ward 9