Lakeshore Council is reviewing Short Term Rentals throughout Lakeshore. Lakeshore defines Short Term Rentals (STR) as the use of a dwelling unit, or any part thereof, that is operating or offering a place of temporary residence, lodging or occupancy by way of concession, permit, lease, licence, rental agreement or similar commercial arrangement for any period of 30 consecutive calendar days or less, throughout all or any part of a calendar year.

Regulation can include, but is not limited to, instituting a set of rules and conditions for short term rentals such as:

* Fire inspections
* Mandated insurance limits
* Licensing, including the possibility of fees payable to the municipality
* Location and types of facilities that could be rented

This survey has been created to obtain your feedback and comments on Short Term Rentals in the municipality. We appreciate your time in completing this survey. Results of this survey will be submitted to Council during a future Council Meeting.

Paper copies of the survey may be placed in Lakeshore’s after hours drop boxes located at the municipal building at 419 Notre Dame in Belle River.

**Questions**

Please circle your response.

1. Are you a resident of Lakeshore? Yes No
2. Do you know your Ward number? 1 2 3 4 5 6
3. Do you work in Lakeshore? Yes No
4. Do you own or rent your home? Own Rent

Details:

1. What is your age?

Under 18 18 – 24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+

1. Do you think Short Term Rental (STR) properties (AirBnb, VRBO, etc.) should be regulated in the Municipality of Lakeshore? Yes No

Comments:

1. Tell us how you feel about STR in Lakeshore. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
   1. They make it harder for people to find quality, affordable housing that is available to rent long term.

Agree Disagree

Agree Disagree

* 1. They make Lakeshore a more appealing destination.

Agree Disagree

* 1. They bring tourist spending to neighbour shops and restaurants.

Agree Disagree

* 1. They are an important source of income for residents.
  2. They reduce safety in buildings and neighbourhoods.

Agree Disagree

* 1. They increase noise, on-street parking and property damage.

Agree Disagree

1. Who should be allowed to offer short term rentals?

Yes No

Choose all that apply.

* 1. Homeowners, in their primary residence.

Yes No

* 1. Renters, in their primary residence.

Yes No

* 1. Investors or people who own property they do not live in.

Yes No

* 1. Owners of entire rental apartment buildings.

Yes No

* 1. Property managers for a housing corporation.

1. In what type of dwelling should short term rentals be allowed?

Yes No

* 1. Apartment / condominium

Yes No

* 1. Single detached house

Yes No

* 1. Semi-detached or Townhouse

Yes No

* 1. Secondary suite or Granny suite

1. In what areas should STR be permitted?
   1. Main street communities, i.e. Belle River, Comber, Stoney Point, etc.

Yes No

Yes No

* 1. Commercial Areas

Yes No

* 1. Mixed Commercial/ Residential areas

Yes No

* 1. Throughout the municipality (except industrial areas)

Yes No

* 1. RV campgrounds
  2. Waterfront properties

Yes No

1. What type of space should be allowed for a STR?

Yes No

* 1. One room

Yes No

* 1. Two or more rooms

Yes No

* 1. Basement/secondary suite

Yes No

* 1. An entire residential unit

1. Should there be a limit on the total nights per year?

What do you think would be fair?

Yes No

* 1. STR should not be allowed.

Yes No

* 1. Up to 30 nights per year.

Yes No

* 1. Up to 60 nights per year.

Yes No

* 1. Up to 90 nights per year.

Yes No

* 1. Up to 180 nights per year.
  2. No limit on the number of nights per year.

Yes No

Yes No

1. Are you a Short Term Rental provider?

Yes No

1. Are you a Short Term Rental user?
2. What type of space do you list / use?

Yes No

* 1. Entire unit.

Yes No

* 1. One or more rooms in a unit.

Yes No

* 1. Other (please specify).

1. A Municipal Accommodations Tax (MAT) is a 4% tax applied to the cost of the room rental on any short term accommodation including hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, or online booked short term rentals for stays under 30 days. If imposed, revenues from the MAT would go directly to supporting tourism development in Lakeshore and the surrounding region. The imposition of MAT is quite commonplace as most cities in Ontario charge a MAT to visitors. These cities include, but are not limited to: London, Sarnia, Toronto, Ottawa, Sudbury, and many more. Additionally, smaller Municipalities such as Prince Edward County, Kenora, the Town of Marathon and Huntsville also charge a MAT to visitors.

Yes No

Do you think that Lakeshore should impose this MAT on tourists/visitors to our Municipality to help support additional tourism into our area?

1. Do you have any comments or concerns about the Municipal Accommodations Tax (MAT) or any further comments on Short Term Rentals??

All information is collected in accordance with the **Municipal Act, 2001** and will be kept confidential and protected under the **Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**and will only be used anonymously to obtain feedback and ideas relating to short term rentals. The information that you provide will be published in a public Council report in an aggregated and anonymized manner. If you make comments that identify you and/or other persons and submit them in this survey, you are consenting to the collection, use and disclosure of this personal information.

Questions about the collection of information should be made to the Manager of Legislative Services at 519-728-2700 ext. 235 or email [clerk@lakeshore.ca](mailto:clerk@lakeshore.ca)